

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2014

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; L. Romano; A. Sankar; W. Volz; M. Winters;
A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: R. N. Frank; D. Kessel; C. Parrish

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 17, 2014.

1. ATEC Tour: The Policy Committee was given a tour of the Advanced Technology Education Center that is adjacent to the Macomb Community College South Campus and met with James Jacobs, the President of MCC, and with Ahmad Ezzeddine, Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs.
2. University Re-accreditation: Provost Winters asked the Policy Committee to nominate faculty to serve on the steering committee that is preparing for the re-accreditation of the University by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The re-accreditation will take place during the 2016-2017 academic year. Members were asked to provide names for the steering committee. The item will be on the agenda for Policy Committee's next meeting.

There are three main parts to the re-accreditation. One is continuing quality improvement, for which the University has to submit a project on which it will be judged. We submitted the training of advisors. The second is compliance. This will be handled mostly in the administrative offices. The third piece is the self-study.

- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 3, 2014, were approved as submitted.
4. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Provost Winters reviewed the town hall meeting at which the strategic plan was presented to the University community. The colleges now have the task of aligning their strategic plan with the University's plan or developing their own plan.
 - b. The Provost updated the Policy Committee on the status of searches for Deans.
5. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Romano reported on the recent meeting of the revenue incentive committee that is discussing how to disperse the summer tuition revenue, the extension center tuition, and the tuition from online courses. Policy Committee talked about the need to incentivize departments to offer more courses at the extension centers and to offer more courses in the spring/summer term. That would help students complete their degrees sooner. They believed that more senior faculty and full-time faculty should teach the courses. Another suggestion was to market Wayne State as the place where students who attend other universities could take courses when they are home for the summer.

Mr. Romano said that most of the committee's discussion has been about the formula for dispersing the tuition revenue.

6. Agenda for the December Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed possible items for the agenda for the December 3 meeting. They will finalize the agenda at their next meeting.
7. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee received the materials for the Graduate Council meeting of November 19, 2014. On the agenda is the discontinuance of the graduate certificate in analytical toxicology that has been dormant since 2010. Proposals to establish graduate certificates are approved by the Graduate Council and are discontinued by the Council. Provost Winters and Mr. Romano will present the strategic plan to the Council at the November 19 meeting.

Approved as revised at the Policy Committee meeting of November 24, 2014