

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 2, 2015

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth;  
W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: N. Simon

Guest: John Vander Weg, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 2, 2015.

1. Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee: Prior to the regular meeting, the Policy Committee met without the Provost to identify the members of the faculty they would like to serve on the university-wide Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee.

[Provost Winters joined the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair: Stephanie Brzuzy, our faculty liaison from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), visited campus last week. She met with the Steering Committee for the accreditation, the Council of Deans, and the Board of Governors and the President's Cabinet. The faculty liaison works for the HLC and helps guide us through the accreditation. After the site visit she is an advisor to the site visitors. Our self-study is due December 2016 and the site visit is in March 2017.

[Associate Provost John Vander Weg joined the meeting.]

- \*3. Selection of the Members of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion: Provost Winters and the Policy Committee jointly selected the members of the Tenure and Promotion Committee. Mr. Vander Weg participated in the selection process.

[Mr. Vander Weg left the meeting.]

4. Report from the Chair: Provost Winters continued her report.
  - a. She mentioned that the University received its largest donation in its history, i.e., \$40 million, from Michael and Marian Ilitch for the construction of a new building to house the School of Business. The School is now the Mike Ilitch School of Business.
  - b. The Provost reported that the mathematics competency package is very close to being completed. The General Education Oversight Committee will have to approve the course and the test that are proposed to meet the requirement. A statistics course has been proposed to satisfy the math requirement.
  - c. Provost Winters set a deadline for the General Education Reform Committee to submit its recommendations to revise the gen ed program.
  - d. The early warning system is being beta tested in Engineering. It should be sent to the rest of the campus before the end of this semester with training for advisors.

- e. The Provost will talk with the Deans about the recommendation that students declare a major in their first year.
  - f. A report about the APEX Program is on the agenda for the December 4 meeting of the Board of Governors. Provost Winters will respond to the questions Policy Committee asked about the Program when the report for the Board is completed.
  - g. The editorial board and board of advisors (about 40 people) of the journal *Lingua* resigned because the publisher Elsevier would not talk about access or online publishing and continues to increase the price. The members of the editorial board believe they should be involved in decisions about the cost to linguists around the world. After January 1, the editors plan to start an open-access journal.
  - h. Policy Committee had recommended that the University increase financial support for students who are close to completing their degrees and need that financial assistance. Provost Winters reported that we have the HIGH Program, Crossing the Finish Line, the Board of Governors Completion Grants, and the WSU Opportunity Grants. The Berman Foundation supports Crossing the Finish Line. The Board of Governors grants are awarded to students who entered as freshmen and are in their fifth or sixth year. The WSU Opportunity Grants are for students who have one year remaining to complete their degrees. Students learn about these programs from advisors and from the Financial Aid Office's website.
5. Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies: The reporting lines for these Centers have been transferred from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Office of the Provost. The change requires the Centers to be rechartered as University Centers. The Board of Governors Statute on centers and institutes states that a center can have a temporary charter for one year. Ordinarily, they would submit a request for permanent status. Next year the Centers will undergo their program reviews. The Provost sought agreement from the Policy Committee to combine the rechartering and the program reviews to be completed next year. Policy Committee agreed.
6. Centers and Institutes Advisory Committees: The Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee I and the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee II were charged with writing new budget forms for centers and institutes. Provost Winters will check the status of their work. A Type II center is a large, multidisciplinary center that is engaged primarily in research activities and reports to the Vice President for Research. All other university centers are Type I centers.
7. Capital Outlay Request: Mr. Romano distributed the most recent copy of the documents the University is submitting to the State seeking funding for capital projects. Mr. Artiss and Mr. Romano served on the committee that prepared the request. Our first request is for the renovation of the Science and Engineering Library into a STEM Laboratory Classroom Building.
8. Reports from Liaisons:
- a. Ms. Beale, the Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that, at its meeting of November 2, the members primarily discussed Development. At the Committee's request, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs Chacona Johnson

updated the Committee on the work of the Office in response to the recommendations of the fundraising consulting firm Marts & Lundy (report of 2011) and the December 2012 Report of the Academic Senate's Development Budget Review Committee. Concern continues about productivity versus the amount of money spent. Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur also discussed the Capital Outlay Request with the Budget Committee.

- b. Last year the members of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee donated eight laptops to the HIGH Program. Melissa Crabtree in Computing and Information Technology has arranged a program with Resource Partners to clean the best of the computers that the University disposes and donate them to the HIGH Program. Five laptops and five desktops have been donated. A portal will be put on the University's website where people can link to Resource Partners from which they can buy cleaned reformatted laptops and desktops at discount prices. Policy Committee asked about the status of the Childcare Committee, and Provost Winters will check.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 9, 2015