

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 22, 2010

Present: R. Brown; V. Dallas; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos;
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 22, 2010.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Work continues on changing the system so that nine-month faculty may receive their salary over twelve months, if they so choose. An issue concerning some tax implications that needs to be worked out has slowed the process. The administration also is looking into paying for graduate assistantships on grants.
- b. The website Help@wayne.edu will be out in January 2011.
- c. Instructors will decide whether or not to use the lecture capture system in their classes. The faculty member has intellectual property rights and would have to give permission to use the recording. A Policy Committee member was concerned that the recording might be distributed outside the University. Mr. Parrish, the AAUP-AFT President, said that the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT protects the faculty's copyright. Faculty have to be informed of their rights and to be careful not to sign over their copyright unless they understand the implications of doing so. Another issue is that faculty may use copyrighted material from other sources. It may be appropriate to use the material in a class but there may be limitations on streaming the material or archiving it. Nardina Mein, Director of New Media and Information Technology, will make a presentation about the lecture capture system to the Academic Senate on December 1. Senate members need to take the information about the system to their colleagues. Mr. Wolfson distributed the Report of the 2N Committee on Distance Learning dated February 2, 2001.
- d. All Deans have been notified of the decisions allocating new faculty positions to the schools and colleges. The Provost said that focus was on the areas where undergraduates were most affected. Searches are underway. There are not enough funds for start-up packages. Some Policy Committee members questioned the Provost about the decisions of some of the approved positions. He will look into one of the questions raised.
- e. The Provost's Retention Committee is nearing the completion of its work. Provost Brown expects the Committee's report to be available in January. Implementation of the recommendations will cost money, but it is the University's responsibility to provide access to excellent education.
- f. The Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair of Urban Affairs has been vacant for some time. Provost Brown has convened a group in the University who have interests in urban issues to inform him about the types of urban endowed chairs in the U.S. The Provost hopes to fill the position after a nationwide search.

2. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Wolfson and Mr. McIntyre, the Chair of the Academic Senate Budget Committee, interviewed one of the candidates for the position of chief financial officer. Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Woodyard interviewed the second candidate. The persons who interviewed the candidates submitted their comments to President Gilmour.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 15, 2010, were approved as submitted.
- *4. Committee to Review the Applications for the Enrollment Management Position: Policy Committee selected two faculty members to serve on the committee that will review the applications for the position of Associate Provost for Enrollment Management.
5. Purchasing: Mr. Wolfson sent an e-mail message to all faculty and academic staff asking if they had issues related to purchasing that could be addressed by Director of Purchasing Joan Gossman at the Academic Senate on December 1, 2010. Mr. Wolfson removed identifying information from the responses. Policy Committee agreed that Mr. Wolfson should send the list of issues to Ms. Gossman, President Gilmour, Provost Brown, and Vice President Davis.
6. Classified Research: A committee of faculty and administrators reviewed the Board statute that prohibits classified research except under national emergency. The committee recommended a change in the statute and a process for requesting a waiver that would allow the University to accept research awards with certain restrictions. The Provost submitted to the Policy Committee the proposed changes to the statute, the proposed waiver process, a table with information about policies and processes that some other universities follow, and a summary of the process used to review the statute and provide the recommendations. A member of the Policy Committee reformatted the proposed change to the statute, which Policy Committee supported. Policy Committee recommended that a committee be established to review and make the recommendations on the requests for waivers. The committee, they believe, should include the Vice President for Research or his/her designee, several faculty selected by the Policy Committee, and a representative from the Office of the Provost. The Policy Committee will submit its recommendations to the Provost.
7. Travel While on Sabbatical: Mr. Wolfson mentioned problems that a faculty member is experiencing in getting reimbursed for travel while on sabbatical. The faculty member was told that the University had a policy that did not allow reimbursement for travel while on sabbatical. Provost Brown asked Mr. Wolfson to forward the e-mail correspondence to him.
8. Academic Senate Meeting of December 1: Policy Committee approved the drafted agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of December 1, 2010.
9. Committee Minutes: The Policy Committee received the minutes of the Budget Committee meetings of September 13, 2010, and September 27, 2010, the

Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee meeting of October 20, 2010, and the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of October 5, 2010.

10. Reports from Liaisons:

- a. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Ms. Dallas reported that Veronica Bielat from the University Libraries told the FSST Committee members about connecting to the Library in Blackboard and that Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky told the Committee about problems with forwarding of e-mails. Sometimes the forwarding account will block e-mails from Wayne State because they think a virus is being forwarded.
- b. Research Committee: Mr. MacArthur took to the Research Committee the issue of the lack of accounting support for clinical researchers. The Research Committee will discuss the issue at its next meeting. The Executive Committee of the School of Medicine is also looking into the issue and brought it to the attention of the Chair of the Research Development Committee at the School of Medicine. The Policy Committee discussed the need for a stronger research structure in the schools and colleges.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of December 6, 2010