

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 7, 2011

Present: L. Beale; R. Brown; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano;
A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. MacArthur

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 7, 2011.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Provost Brown updated the Policy Committee on the searches for the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Dean of Social Work.
 - b. Provost Brown has reallocated money to the schools and colleges for instructional needs, such as laboratories and start-up funds based on the needs. This money was recaptured by the Provost's Office from unfilled faculty positions. The Deans identified what their colleges needed. A Policy Committee member asked the Provost if he could provide a summary of the reallocations, and he agreed.
 - c. Stephen Calkins, Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel, is taking a leave of absence from the University, and the Provost will appoint a new Associate Vice President.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Dean of Nursing Barbara Redman met with the Senate Budget Committee on November 7 about the Nursing Practice Plan (NPC). The Dean was questioned on the finances of the NPC, but refused to provide this information and could not provide a justification for this refusal. The Budget Committee formed a subcommittee to study the issue further.
 - b. Policy Committee discussed with the Provost the faculty's frustration with the proposed travel policy requirement that travelers turn in receipts for meals rather than using a per diem amount. Policy Committee will ask that the issue be discussed at a meeting with the President's Cabinet. The Provost volunteered to discuss the issue with Vice President Nork.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 24, 2011, were approved as corrected.
4. Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee: Policy Committee nominated faculty to serve on the Committee, which reviews applications for new charters and requests to renew charters of large multi-disciplinary centers and institutes that engage primarily in research and report to the Vice President for Research. Mr. Romano will check if the nominees are able to serve. At a later meeting, Associate Vice President for Research Gloria Heppner and the Policy Committee will make the final selection of members.

5. Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics: Policy Committee received the report of the Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Subcommittee that reviewed the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics. The list of grants held by the Center was not included with the materials sent to the Policy Committee. Mr. Romano will request the information from the Office of the Vice President for Research. Members discussed the use of general fund money to support centers. They asked Mr. Romano to write a memo that general fund support to centers should not exceed the indirect costs brought in by the center.

6. Research Incentive Plan: During the 2009-2010 academic year, a committee chaired by Associate Vice President for Research Joseph Dunbar developed a research incentive plan. Recently Mr. Romano inquired of Vice President for Research Hilary Ratner the status of the incentive plan and the possibility of waiving tuition for Ph.D. students who are supported by grants. Vice President Ratner recommended that a committee be formed to study how to cover tuition for graduate students so faculty could support more students on their grants. Policy Committee agreed with the Vice President's suggestion and nominated faculty for the Committee.

7. Criteria for Graduate Faculty Appointment: Mr. Romano has been corresponding with the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council and Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School Ratner about the revised criteria for appointing graduate faculty. The Policy Committee believes the criteria should be strengthened but that the departments and schools/colleges should determine the criteria for their disciplines. The Policy Committee has invited Dean Ratner to Policy to discuss the Graduate Faculty status proposal. Policy Committee discussed with the Provost how the departments and the central administration might handle the development of the criteria. The Provost indicated his support for the position of the Policy Committee regarding the proper way to decide upon the criteria for Graduate Faculty Appointments. The Provost will discuss the issue with Dean Ratner.

[Provost Brown left the meeting.]

8. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee identified issues it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet at their meeting of November 17.

Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of November 21, 2011