

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

December 13, 2010

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

Absent with notice: L. Romano

Guest: R. Sokol

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of December 13, 2010.

1. Department of Clinical and Translational Science: Robert Sokol is leading the University's effort to secure a Clinical and Translational Research Award from the National Institutes of Health. He met with the Policy Committee in August 2010 to seek support for the establishment of a Department of Clinical and Translational Science. Policy Committee endorsed the proposal. He returned on December 13 to update the Committee and to seek advice on structuring the department.

Mr. Sokol said that the application for the award was submitted on October 24, 2010. The University now has the opportunity to send an addendum to clarify information. He informed the Committee about changes that have occurred in the last few months that should support the University's efforts to secure an award.

Issues related to the governance of the new Department were discussed. The Department is unusual in that it reports directly to the Provost. The Policy Committee discussed the participation of other institutions. Issues regarding tenure for faculty housed in the Department have to be resolved. The AAUP-AFT, Mr. Sokol, and Stephen Calkins, the Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel, will work on the issues. They will report back to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Sokol stated he would send copies of the CTSA proposal to Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Parrish.

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Rick Nork has accepted the position of Vice President for Finance and Business Operations and Treasurer. He will join the University on January 3, 2011.
 - b. Vice President Ratner and the Provost continue to work to find funding to cover the tuition to support those graduate research assistants supported on grant funds.
 - c. Provost Brown met with the staff of the Office of Student Financial Aid to help resolve problems.
 - d. The Provost will meet with James Barbret, the Controller, to discuss issues faculty have raised about travel reimbursement.

- e. Provost Brown will hold focus groups with junior faculty to discuss the areas on which they did not rate Wayne State well in the survey conducted by the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education.
 - f. The Provost asked Policy Committee members for their impressions of the mathematics general education requirement. Members discussed what they thought the requirement should include and the problems that students experience with the current requirement.
 - g. Provost Brown said that the Board of Governors is interested in the effectiveness of teaching and scholarship, and he is developing questions to measure them.
3. Admission/Readiness-for-Wayne Committee: Policy Committee provided the names of faculty and academic staff to serve on the Admission/Readiness-for-Wayne Committee, which will look at students' readiness for the University.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of December 6, 2010, were approved as submitted.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of December 20, 2010