

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

December 15, 2014

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

Absent with notice: V. Dallas; R. N. Frank; D. Kessel

Guest: John Vander Weg, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of December 15, 2014.

1. Article XXX Committees: Prior to the regular meeting, the Policy Committee met without the Provost to identify the members of the faculty and academic staff whom they would like to serve on the university-wide committees formed according to Article XXX in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT.

[Provost Winters and Associate Provost for Academic Personnel Vander Weg joined the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. The administration has been orienting the newly-elected members of the Board of Governors, Marilyn Kelley and Dana Thompson. They have met with Deans and with members of the Cabinet.
 - b. One of the Board of Governors meetings is scheduled during spring break. It will be rescheduled.
 - c. Provost Winters sent to Mr. Romano the membership of the General Education Development Committee (GEDC). The Committee has met and has sent to the Provost a list of questions that she will address when she meets with them. The Committee will look at the general education program to determine what changes might be made. Members of Policy Committee expressed their concerns that members of the GEDC be aware of the political nature of general education programs. Provost Winters said that the Committee would communicate its progress to the Deans, Chairs, and the Academic Senate during its review process.
3. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Romano was asked to serve on the organizing committee that will write a proposal for an NIH grant to diversify funding based on race.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of December 8, 2014, were approved as submitted.
- *5. Selection of the Members of the Article XXX Committees: At this point in the meeting, Provost Winters and the Policy Committee jointly selected the members of the Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, the Academic Staff Professional

Development Committee, the Sabbatical Leaves Committee, the General Education Oversight Committee, the Educational Development Grant Committee, and the University Research Grant Award Committee. Mr. Vander Weg participated in the selection process.

After the meeting, it was learned that a faculty member on the slate for the University Research Grant Award Committee would be on sabbatical leave and could not serve; a replacement will be selected. The members of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee were not selected because one of the nominees was serving on his school committee; he had to be replaced on the slate of nominees. Serving on the school/college committee and the University committee is not permitted in departmentalized schools. The Provost's Office had not yet received all of the nominations for the Academic Staff Tenure and Promotion Committee. The selection of the members of these committees will take place in January or by email in December.

[Mr. Vander Weg left the meeting.]

6. Reports from Liaisons:

- a. Faculty Affairs Committee: Ms. Beale reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee discussed the status of several projects on which they are working.
- b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. Artiss reported that James Sears, Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management, and Donald Wrench, Custodial Services Director, met with the FSST Committee. Mr. Sears reviewed the capital expenditures and prioritized the list. He commented that he liked faculty input on the renovation projects. Mr. Artiss asked that faculty be involved in the prioritization of projects. The Provost thinks this is a subject that could be raised with the new Vice President for Finance and Business Operations. Mr. Wrench and the FSST Committee talked about ways in which WSU could increase the amount of materials that are recycled. Two computers have been given to students through the Helping Individuals Go Higher (HIGH) Program.

Approved as submitted at Policy Committee meeting of January 12, 2015