

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
December 19, 2016

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; A. Rothe;
N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

Guest: John Vander Weg, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of December 19, 2016.

1. Selection of Committee Members: 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 and the members of the faculty and academic staff they would like to serve on the Sabbatical Leaves Committee.

[Provost Whitfield and Associate Provost Vander Weg joined the meeting.]

- *2. Selection of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee and the Sabbatical Leaves Committee: Provost Whitfield and the Policy Committee jointly selected the members of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee and the Sabbatical Leaves Committee. Mr. Vander Weg participated in the selection process.

[Mr. Vander Weg left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Marquita Chamblee, the Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, will conduct a campus climate survey on diversity in March or April. The survey will be sent to all students, faculty, administrators, and staff. The Provost will give the Policy Committee the list of the people who are developing the survey.
 - b. At the request of the Provost, Mathew Ouellett, the Associate Provost and Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning, created a series of videos on strategies to improve student success. The topics include belonging, study skills, and financial literacy. Policy Committee members discussed how to get students to watch the videos. The Provost wants the University to develop videos on additional topics.
 - c. Provost Whitfield noted that there were inconsistencies in the language in Article XVIII, Selection Advisory Committees, in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT that governs the selection of the Dean of the University Libraries and the selection of the Director of Archives. Policy Committee members suggested that all of the constituencies (the faculty and academic staff in the School of Library and Information Science, the Archives, and the librarians) participate in the selection process for the new Dean. The Bylaws of the University Library System may clarify the process. The Provost will work with the AAUP-AFT to resolve the questions and they will inform the PC of the solution.

- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of December 5, 2016, as corrected.

5. Procedure for Merging, Moving, Separating or Terminating an Academic Unit(s): Board Statutes do not provide a procedure for merging, moving, separating or terminating units. Two members of the Policy Committee drafted language. The Provost will consider the drafts. Policy Committee would like to see the proposed Statute before it is submitted.
6. Student Code of Conduct: The Policy Committee had recommended to the Provost that the Student Code of Conduct be modified to include a specific prohibition against re-using the work product from a prior course in a subsequent course. The recommendation was on the agenda of the December 2, 2016, Board of Governors Student Affairs Committee. The Board Committee tabled the motion to amend the section of the Student Code of Conduct for further discussion. Policy Committee will write a memo clarifying the proposed change.
7. Draft University Policy: Honorary Degrees: The Policy Committee received a draft for a University Policy to govern the awarding of honorary degrees. It had no comments for changes.
8. Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee: renee hoogland, who served as the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee in the fall term, is on sabbatical leave in the winter term. Policy Committee selected Krista Brumley to chair the Committee. She accepted the appointment.
9. Non-Senate Member of the Budget Committee: The Policy Committee may appoint a member to the Budget Committee from outside the Senate membership. That person should be eligible to serve on the Academic Senate. Joseph Artiss served in that position in the fall term. He has retired from the University. Policy Committee selected Sudip Datta (Finance, Mike Ilitch School of Business) to serve in the winter term.
- *10. Student Life Working Group: President Wilson is assembling a group to examine the leadership and the structure of student services and student life at the University. Policy Committee was asked to name two faculty to serve on the group. Victoria Dallas and Brad Roth were nominated and were selected to serve.
11. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda that had been drafted for the January 11, 2017, Academic Senate meeting.
12. Report from the Liaison to the Research Committee: Mr. Kessel mentioned that Vice President for Research Stephen Lanier gave a favorable report regarding research funding. Linda Hazlett, the Interim Vice Dean of Research and Graduate Programs in the School of Medicine, told the Committee how the indirect cost recovery money is used. The result is that no money is being spent on research infrastructure in the Medical School and she has no budget.