

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 13, 2017

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

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of February 13, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Whitfield reported recent actions the administration has taken relative to international students and scholars. President Wilson signed the Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. The administration looked into the policies that define a sanctuary campus and found that the designation would not provide any more protection than students now have. There have been a few incidents of anti-Islamic graffiti on campus. The incidents are under investigation.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. The tuition task force met last week. Dawn Medley, emphasized the decrease in the demographics for the state of Michigan and the need to expand our marketing efforts to attract students from other states. Ninety-eight percent of our students live within 100 miles of the University. Mr. Romano noted that our non-resident tuition is high and that the Great Lakes Tuition Policy is not marketed well. Under that Policy undergraduate students who reside in a state or Canadian province that borders a Great Lake are eligible to pay a rate that is equal to 110% of the Michigan resident fee. The University has to attract more students and to retain those who do enroll. An impediment to some students' completing their degrees is the increase in tuition when students attain junior status.
  - b. Dean of Students David Strauss notified students of the revision to the Student Code of Conduct that specifically states that the re-use of work from one course in a subsequent course without the permission of the second instructor constituted academic misbehavior.
  - c. Ms. Beale and Mr. Romano will meet with Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur, Vice Dean of Fiscal Affairs in the Medical School Robert Kohrman, and Associate Vice President for Budgets and Planning Diana Goode to discuss the charging of salaries of Medical School employees to the Fund for Medical Research and Education (FMRE) when it was understood that practice would be eliminated. Retroactively, the salaries were charged to the University Physician Group or to the Medical School's budget.
  - d. Ms. Beale is a member of the policy and procedure task force that is examining the revenue and expenses for the summer programs and how the charges for the schools and colleges are calculated. It is, she said, arbitrary. All expenses of the educational outreach programs are charged to the summer programs.

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4. Responsibility-Centered Management Committees: Policy Committee appointed faculty and academic staff to serve on the RCM Task Forces. When Mr. Romano forwarded the names of the appointees to Associate Vice President Diana Goode, she informed him that Vice President Decatur did not want people serving on the task forces who also are serving on the budget planning council. Ms. Beale and Mr. Romano were appointed to both bodies. Mr. Romano questioned the decision, but Mr. Decatur and Ms. Goode did not provide the rationale for the decision. Provost Whitfield offered to communicate with Mr. Decatur to provide the rationale.
5. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee mentioned topics that it might discuss with the President's Cabinet when they meet in March. The question will be on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.
6. Enrollment: Policy Committee reviewed enrollment reports for the period from Fall 2012 through Fall 2016 comparing headcount, credit hours generated, ethnicity, enrollment from the 50 states, online course section by course college, and extension center enrollment. PC members told the Provost about the history of online courses at Wayne State and the faculty's concerns about oversight and quality control of online courses.
7. Subcommittees of the General Education Reform Committee: Mr. Romano reported the changes in the appointments of faculty and academic staff to serve on the subcommittees of the General Education Reform Committee. The following are serving: Brad Roth (Political Science, CLAS) – Signature Courses; Kypros Markou (Music, CFPCA) – Quantitative Experience; Mark VanBerkum (Biological Sciences, CLAS) – Inquiries Courses; Krista Brumley (Sociology, CLAS) – Diversity Courses; Naida Simon (Undergraduate Programs and General Education, Academic Affairs) – Student Community Courses; Andrew Fribley (Pediatrics, SOM) - Engagement Courses.
8. Education Advisory Board Engagement – WSU Strategic Plan Outcomes: Provost Whitfield explained the University's involvement with the Education Advisory Board (EAB). The components are (1) Academic Performance Solutions, (2) Executive Partnership, and (3) Student Success Collaborative/Advising Works. The data provided by Academic Performance Solutions will assist Deans in making financial decisions. The Student Success Collaborative/Advising Works will provide additional information to students about their progress toward their degrees. The Executive Partnership program paired Wayne State with the University of Colorado Denver to work on issues of student success. CU Denver has the same percentage of African American students as WSU has Hispanic students and vice versa.
9. March Senate Meeting: Policy Committee discussed issues that might be on the agenda for the March 1 meeting of the Senate. The agenda will be finalized next week.

10. Financial Aid Reform: Policy Committee discussed the need for changes in the awarding of financial aid both for merit and for need.
11. HERI: At the request of the Policy Committee, Provost Whitfield will request the data in the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) Faculty Survey in which the University participated.
12. Childcare Committee: Provost Whitfield appointed Diana Goode, Associate Vice President for Budgets and Planning, to chair the Childcare Committee. Ms. Rothe recently was appointed to the Childcare Committee and will report on that Committee's progress to the Policy Committee.
13. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee received the agenda and supporting documents for the Graduate Council meeting of February 15, 2017.
14. Reports from Liaisons:
  - a. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Dallas reported that members of the General Education Reform Committee met with the CIC on February 8. The GERC subcommittees have preliminary reports posted on the website <https://wayne.edu/engaging-gened/proposal-updates/>. Ms. Dallas told Policy Committee the recent changes the GERC made in its proposal for a new general education curriculum.
  - b. Faculty Affairs Committee: Ms. Beale reported that the FAC, at its meeting of February 8, discussed online courses, general education, and the student evaluation of teaching.

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Approved as corrected at the Policy Committee meeting of February 20, 2017