WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
February 14, 2011

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz;
A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown; R. MacArthur

In the absence of Provost Brown, Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the
meeting.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of February 14, 2011.

*1. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee
meeting of February 7, 2011, were approved as amended.

 2. How the University Supports Research: Policy Committee received the report of the
Research Committee "How the University Supports Research." The report will be
submitted to the Board of Governors, President Gilmour, Provost Brown, and Vice
President for Research Ratner. A Policy Committee member pointed out that the
report mentions business practices that have a negative impact on research
productivity.

 3. Agenda Items for the Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee revised the
drafted agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of March 2, 2011. On the agenda
are the report of the Parking Task Force, a presentation on the new effort reporting
system for external grants, and the proposal to transfer the Department of Computer
Science.

 4. Transfer of the Department of Computer Science: Policy Committee discussed the
status of the review of the proposal to transfer the Department of Computer Science
from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the College of Engineering. They
discussed the actions taken by faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
and in the College of Engineering. They also discussed issues that the various
groups are considering and the need for more information about the consequences
of such a transfer. It was suggested that the Policy Committee list the questions
that have been raised.

 5. Changing the Way Students Pay for Parking: Policy Committee discussed the plan
to change the way students pay for parking from their paying per entry to paying a
one-time fee at the time of registration. A concern is whether there are enough
parking spaces for the increased number of students expected to drive to campus.
Some members want to run a pilot, allowing students to park free, to get an idea of
how many people would park on campus if the method of payment were changed.

 6. Items for the Agenda for the Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Members
suggested items they would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet at the
meeting of February 25, 2011.

7. Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee (CIAC-II): The Policy Committee reduced its list of nominees for the CIAC-II to seven. They will meet with the Vice President for Research or her representative to complete the selection of the committee members.

8. Post Doctoral Advisory Council: Provost Brown is establishing a Post Doctoral Advisory Council, which would set regulations for post doctoral positions. He has asked the Policy Committee to nominate faculty for the Council. The Policy Committee will make nominations next week.

9. Parking Business Plan: The Parking Task Force submitted its report *Parking Operations: 5-Year Business Plan.* Mr. Romano and Mr. Woodyard, who served on the Task Force, reviewed the Plan. Policy Committee asked the Budget, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Affairs, and Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committees to provide feedback on the Plan.

10. Amendments to the Bylaws: In the process of amending the Bylaws as discussed last week, Mr. Woodyard, the Chair of the Elections Committee, contacted Dean Yee of the Library System about the representation of faculty and academic staff members of her unit. The Library System is composed of two groups: (1) the School of Library and Information Science and (2) the Libraries. The two groups will revisit the question of whether to remain as one group or whether to separate for the purpose of representation on the Senate.

11. Student Evaluation of Teaching: When the Policy Committee discussed the student evaluation of teaching (SET) form last week they had an old form. The current form was distributed. The Interim Director of the Office for Testing, Evaluation and Research Services will attend the February 21 Policy Committee meeting to discuss the recommendations that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee made last year and that Policy Committee made last week.

12. Report from the Liaison to the Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Woodyard reported that the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) met on February 9. The Chair of the Committee was asked to contact Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky to find out if students' photographs can be made available electronically to instructors. The SAC also discussed the survey of students about the transfer of Computer Science. Dean of Students David Strauss made a presentation about the Student Update and Information Team, which monitors student behavior. When conduct is an issue the Student Code of Conduct comes into play. The result is usually an interim suspension. Members of the SAC were concerned that suspension might exacerbate a student's problem, and a lively discussion ensued. The point was made that faculty control the classroom and may dismiss people from the classroom. Faculty may call Public Safety if they need assistance. SAC will continue the discussion at a future meeting.

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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of February 28, 2010