

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 15, 2010

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; M. Sengstock; H. Tse; A. Vlasopolos;  
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: J. Whittum-Hudson

Guests: John Davis, Vice President, Finance and Facilities Management; Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President, Budget, Planning and Analysis

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of February 15, 2010.

1. President's Budget Work Group: Mr. Kohrman distributed the memorandum and the questions President Noren sent to the Vice Presidents in preparation for meetings about possible reductions in their budgets. In response to questions, Mr. Kohrman mentioned provisions of the budget proposal Governor Granholm submitted to the legislature for fiscal year 2011. Members offered their theories on how the budget might affect higher education, but there is much debate and compromise likely in state government before the budget is finalized.

[Mr. Davis and Mr. Kohrman left the meeting.]

2. WSU and the DMC: Policy Committee discussed the implications of the new agreement between Wayne State and the Detroit Medical Center that goes into effect in June 2010.
3. Meetings with the President's Cabinet: Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Romano meet with the President's Cabinet once a month. They discussed with the rest of the Policy Committee what issues they might bring to the attention of the Cabinet.
4. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett reported on the success of Scholars Days held the first two weekends in February. One thousand one hundred students and their parents attended. Students who attended Scholars Day and attend Wayne State receive \$8,000 in scholarships over four years if they maintain a GPA of 3.5.
5. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Mr. Wolfson updated the listserv of voters for the member-at-large election. The call for nominations was sent to the faculty and academic staff last week. The deadline to submit nominations is February 26.
  - b. The smoking survey will be on the agenda for the March 10 Senate meeting.
  - c. The Student Affairs Committee has tentative results from the survey of faculty and students about the changes in the academic calendar. Mr. Woodyard, the Policy Committee liaison to the Student Affairs Committee, gave a brief report of the results. Ms. Simon, the Chair of the SAC, wants to release the results to Associate Vice President Shapiro to use in setting the calendar for future terms.  
Mr. Woodyard recommended that a summary be written and sent to Mr. Shapiro and the full Senate. The full report would be disseminated at a later date.
  - d. Mr. Wolfson will invite Associate Vice President Shapiro to a meeting to discuss implementation of the new end date for registering for classes.

- \*6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of February 8, 2010, were approved as submitted.
7. Parking Committee: Mr. Woodyard served as the faculty representative to the University Parking Advisory Committee for two years, from 2008-2009. He recently resigned from that position but Policy Committee asked him to continue to serve. He is willing to do so but only if the administration meets certain conditions. He will have that information for the next Policy Committee meeting.
8. May Commencement: Ms. Wisniewski informed Policy Committee of the schedule of May Commencement exercises.
9. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee received the agenda and supporting documents for the Graduate Council meeting of February 17, 2010.

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Approved as modified at the Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2010