

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 26, 2012

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; L. Romano; W. Volz;  
A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown; C. Parrish; A. Vlasopolos

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 26, 2012.

1. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Romano reported that the Graduate Council has a slate of candidates for the search committee for the Dean of the Graduate School. The Council will elect two faculty and Provost Brown will select two faculty or administrators to serve on the search committee. Policy Committee members thought the search committee was too small. The Policy Committee supported Mr. Romano's suggestion that they ask the Provost if he would accept a faculty member selected by the Policy Committee to add to the search committee. The Provost then would select another person to meet the requirements of the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT that the committee be a 2N committee.
- \*2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 19, 2012, were approved as submitted.
3. Student Academic Success: Mr. Romano combined the recommendations of the Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty Affairs, and Student Affairs Committees into one report for the April 4 Senate meeting. He forwarded the document to the Provost.
4. Strategic Focus Committees: The President's Cabinet and the Policy Committee are forming strategic focus committees to cover the areas of teaching and learning, research, budget, and community engagement. Last week the Policy Committee named faculty to serve as co-chairs of the committees, but three of the four selected declined. Policy Committee members suggested looking to faculty who have served on other committees, particularly in the areas of teaching and research, for co-chairs. They will also ask the full Senate for nominations.
5. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee developed a list of topics to discuss with the President's Cabinet at their March 30 meeting.
6. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee received the second draft of the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of April 4, 2012. Changes will be made in the draft.

7. Research: The Huron Consulting Group is reviewing the Division of Research. Representatives from HCG are meeting individually with the members of the Policy Committee to discuss research.
  8. Reports from Liaisons:
    - a. Mr. Kessel, the liaison to the Research Committee, reported that representatives from the Huron Consulting Group met with the Committee. The Research Committee provided feedback to the HCG about the services from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Sponsored Program Administration and within their schools/colleges.
    - b. Ms. Dallas, the liaison to the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee, reported that Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky reviewed the initiatives within the Division of Computing and Information Technology. An upgrade of Blackboard is coming.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 2, 2012