

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 30, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard; R. Yamazaki

Absent with notice: V. Dallas

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 30, 2009.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. In response to a question, the Provost said that she met with the members of the LCME, the organization that accredits medical education programs, during their visit to campus last week. The visitors expressed concern about the debt Medical students incur to finance their education. The administration expects to make its recommendation for Medical School tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year to the Board of Governors in April.
 - b. A search committee is being formed to select the new Director of the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ann Schwartz, who has been Associate Director, will assume the position of Interim Director.
2. Director of Online Programs: Associate Vice President Ahmad Ezzeddine asked for a faculty member to serve on the search committee for the director of online programs. Policy Committee named Robert Reynolds (Computer Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences) and Albert Spalding (Accounting, Business Administration) to the committee.
3. Telephone Services Study: The Division of Computing and Information Technology has received the consultants' report on the telephone services study. Policy Committee agreed that Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Woodyard, who participated in a meeting with the consultants, should meet with Associate Vice President Joseph Sawasky to review the report. They will then report back to the Committee.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 23, 2009, were approved as submitted.
5. Recapturing Indirect Cost Recovery Funds: Policy Committee discussed whether ICR funds in department accounts in the Medical School were recaptured by the Dean's Office. Policy Committee members will try to get more information.

[Provost Barrett left the meeting to attend to other University business during the discussion of item 5.]

6. Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting: The drafted agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of April 8, 2009, was approved as submitted.

7. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of February 18, 2009.

8. Reports from Liaisons to Committees:

- a. Smoking Survey: Mr. Woodyard said that the Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, and Elections Committees are moving forward with surveying the University community about smoking on campus. The committees are working with StudentVoice. Policy Committee gave the committees a deadline of April 28 to report their recommendations.
- b. Mentoring of Junior Faculty: Ms. Vlasopolos noted that the minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of February 18 mentioned that a member thought it was important to have a representative from the AAUP-AFT at the mentoring sessions for junior faculty conducted by the Office of the Vice President for Research.
- c. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. Yamazaki reported that at the meeting of March 25, Thomas Duszynski from Computing and Information Technology presented the results of the 2008-2009 IT survey. Patrick Gossman said that the Division is consolidating servers to save energy. The FSST Committee also discussed the problem of students sending text messages and using cell phones during class.
- d. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Vlasopolos reported that James Moseley made a subcommittee report on how a student gets on academic probation and the steps he or she takes to continue taking classes.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 6, 2009

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