

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 7, 2016

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth;  
N. Simon; W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 7.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Medical School Retreat: Provost Winters, Mr. Romano, and Mr. Parrish attended the second retreat the central administration held with administrators in the School of Medicine (SOM), members of the Board of the University Physician Group, and Board members of the Fund for Medical Research and Education. The Dean of Medicine, working with the Department Chairs in the School, has identified unproductive faculty as measured by the number of grants received or the number of grants for which faculty applied in a certain number of years. The Dean will notify the faculty who have been identified as unproductive. The participants at the retreat discussed the role of the Chairs in the process. Both the SOM and the UPG provided updates on their budgets.
- b. Medical School Appointment: Linda Hazlett, who is currently the Chair of Anatomy and Cell Biology, has been appointed the Vice Dean for Research in the Medical School.
- c. Higher Education Policy: On March 7 Chelsea Clinton met with members of the administration, members of the faculty, and students to discuss higher education policy and the needs of college students.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Provost Search: Mr. Romano reported that all of the candidates for the Provost have visited campus.
- b. Capital Outlay Request: The State of Michigan has authorized funding of the University's top priority in this year's Capital Outlay Project Request, the STEM Innovation Learning Center. The project is the renovation and repurposing of the Science and Engineering Library.
- c. Commencement: Mr. Roth and Mr. Volz volunteered to address the graduates on behalf of the faculty at the commencement exercises on May 5.
- d. Emeritus Policy: Mr. Romano asked the Provost about the status of the changes in the policy for the conferring of emeritus status to which she and the Policy Committee had agreed. The Provost said that, although the wording on the website has not been updated, the changes are in effect. The website will be updated soon.

- \*3. Proceedings of February 8, 2016: After the Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of February 8, an error was found. Policy Committee approved the Proceedings as corrected.

- \*4. Proceedings of February 15, 2016: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of February 15 as submitted.
- 5. Dual Enrollment: When Ahmad Ezzeddine, the Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs, met with the Policy Committee on February 8, they requested additional information: the cost of running the program, the number of students who participated in the program, the number of participants who were eligible to apply to WSU, and the number who enrolled here. The Committee received Mr. Ezzeddine’s response. For the 2015-2016 academic year, the dual enrollment program generated \$435,652.00. After subtracting the instructional costs and staff time, the net return is \$382,000.00. Of the 335 students who were eligible to apply to WSU, 202 applied and 55 enrolled. Mr. Romano recommended that more effort be made to increase the number of students who enroll at WSU. Mr. Ezzeddine also listed the steps they are taking to increase the number of students in the program to enroll at Wayne State.
- 6. Gardner Grant: The John N. Gardner Institute submitted a proposal to the Kresge Foundation, which awarded Wayne State \$70,000 to “collect and analyze data to craft and then implement a plan for enhancing student learning and success in gateway courses that historically resulted in high rates of Ds, Fs, Withdrawals, and Incompletes.” Policy Committee is interested in how the University will use the money to meet the goals. The administration has not yet determined what will be done. Provost Winters will keep Policy Committee informed.
- \*7. Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws: The Policy Committee received a proposal to amend Article VI, Section 4 of the Senate’s Bylaws and approved placing it on the agenda for the April 6 Senate meeting. As stipulated in the Bylaws, proposed amendments may be discussed at the Senate meeting at which they are introduced, but the vote shall be taken at the next regular meeting.
- 8. Selling Class Notes: A member of the Senate brought to the Policy Committee’s attention a request from the faculty in his department. The faculty were concerned that students were selling their class notes and asked what action might be taken to prohibit their doing so. Provost Winters recommended that if faculty in a particular department or college did not want students to sell class notes, to include a statement in their class syllabi.
- 9. Suggested Amendment to the Student Code of Conduct: A Policy Committee member raised another concern. The Student Code of Conduct does not explicitly prohibit students from submitting the same paper for different courses. Policy Committee will submit a memo to the Provost request that the issue be addressed.
- 10. Reports from Liaisons:
  - a. Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Dallas reported that Leo Savala, the Director of the Office of Multi-cultural Student Engagement, met with the Student Affairs Committee. The goal of his office is to support students of diverse racial, ethnic, gender, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, international students, and veterans.

- b. Research Committee: Mr. Kessel reported that representatives from the schools and colleges have been making presentations about research in their units to the Research Committee.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of March 21, 2016