

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2015

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Sankar; W. Volz; M. Winters;
A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: J. Artiss; R. N. Frank; D. Kessel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 9.

- *1. Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee: A faculty member resigned from the University-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee because scheduling conflicts prevented him from attending most of the meetings. As required by the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT, the Policy Committee and the Provost jointly selected a replacement from the original list of nominees.
2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Provost Winters is attending the meetings of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee. In reading the applications and listening to the discussions, she is evaluating how dossiers and the process could be improved. There are 69 candidates.
 - b. The search for the Dean of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has begun.
 - c. The Provost is considering whether some of the responsibilities that have been part of the portfolio for the enrollment manager should be changed.
3. Graduate School Assessment: On February 23, the Policy Committee met with Julia Wysocki, a consultant from the Huron Consulting Group. They offered their opinions about services that the Graduate School might provide students. At this week's meeting, a member suggested additional issues that might be covered: a statement specifying how graduate teaching assistantships are allocated across the University, the appropriate assignments for GTAs, and criteria by which to determine if the GTAs are being used effectively. Provost Winters asked that suggestions be sent to her.
4. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Policy Committee is meeting with the candidates for the position of Vice President for Finance and Business Operations this week.
 - b. Policy Committee received the data about the people who accepted the Academic Voluntary Retirement Incentive. They include the number of participants from each division, average age, and cost to the program.
 - c. Mr. Romano told the Committee that the University has signed a contract with the Xerox Corporation to be the sole provider of printers and copiers. Policy Committee would like to know the details about the contract and how it will affect departments and faculty. After this meeting, a presentation about the contract was added to the agenda of the April Senate meeting.

- *5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 9, 2015, were approved as distributed.
6. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the drafted agenda for the Senate meeting of April 1. More items may be added and they will review it again on April 23.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of March 23, 2015