

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 18, 2011

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos;
A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown; W. Volz

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of April 18, 2011.

1. Blue Ribbon Budget Cuts Committee: Mr. Romano and Mr. MacArthur, who are members of the Blue Ribbon Budget Cuts Committee, updated the Policy Committee on some of the work of the Committee. The Blue Ribbon Committee met three times, and developed principles to follow in deciding where cuts should be made. Those principles were distributed to the Policy Committee at a previous meeting.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Mr. Wolfson reported that the academic symposium held in conjunction with President Gilmour's inauguration was very successful.
 - b. The Policy Committee had asked that all retirees and all employees on long-term disability be given access to all databases owned by the University Library System. Dean Yee had responded to the request, but questions remained. Mr. Wolfson will contact the Dean to get more information.
3. Graduate Faculty Status: A member of the Policy Committee reported that the Graduate School is reviewing the standards for graduate faculty status.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 4, 2011, were approved as submitted.
5. Board of Governors Meeting: The Budget and Finance Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors and the full Board are meeting April 20, 2011. The proposal to transfer the Department of Computer Science from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the College of Engineering is on the agenda of the Academic Affairs Committee. Richard Nork, the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, will present to the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee his response to the report of the Joint Parking Task Force. Mr. Romano explained that the faculty who served on the Task Force had wanted the report discussed at a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, and at that Committee's last meeting it was put on the agenda for the April 20 meeting. However, instead of discussing the report at the Board Committee meeting, Mr. Nork will present his response to the report. Mr. Romano added that Instead of taking out a small amount of debt to finance the repairs on the parking structures, Mr. Nork recommends increasing the parking rate in the fall term.
6. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee suggested issues it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet at the meeting of April 28, 2011.

7. Graduate Council Meeting: The Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the Graduate Council meeting of April 20, 2011. The Committee asked Mr. Wolfson to raise a question at the Graduate Council meeting about a statement in the minutes of the March 23 meeting that appears to be in error.
8. Summer Meeting Schedule: Policy Committee reviewed the proposed schedule of meetings for the spring/summer months.
9. Unit Elections: Ms. Wisniewski reported the results of the unit elections of which she had been notified.
10. First Meeting of the Academic Year: Policy Committee scheduled the first meeting of the 2011-2012 academic year for September 7, 2011.
11. Agenda for the Academic Senate: Policy Committee reviewed the drafted agenda for the Senate meeting of May 4, 2011. Brett Green and Mary Ann Wilson from the Office of Total Compensation and Wellness will discuss the Special Retirement Incentive Plan at the meeting. Mr. Wolfson was advised to investigate if that part of the meeting could be streamed so others could see it.
12. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Research Committee: In response to a question, Mr. MacArthur informed the Policy Committee of the work accomplished by the Research Committee this year.
 - b. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Vlasopolos reported that, at its meeting of April 14, the Curriculum and Instruction Committee reviewed the responses of Associate Vice President Howard Shapiro to the C&I's comments about the Retention Implementation Task Force Final Report of December 2010.
 - c. Budget Committee: Mr. Woodyard noted that the Budget Committee also discussed the retention report and that not many people have seen the full report. Mr. Romano said that the cost for the initiatives in the first year adds up to \$5.6 million. The Budget Committee will ask that the Retention Implementation Task Force prioritize the initiatives for funding. The Academic Senate had received a short version of the Retention Implementation Task Force Report. Mr. Wolfson was asked to request a copy of the full report of the Retention Implementation Task Force.
13. Items for Future Consideration: Members inquired about the status of two issues: (1) the research incentive plan developed by the committee chaired by Associate Vice President Joseph Dunbar; and (2) the Help@Wayne project. They asked that these issues be on future agendas.

Approved as corrected at the Policy Committee meeting of April 25, 2011