

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 3, 2017

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; A. Rothe;
N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of April 3, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Provost Whitfield reported that Wayne State Day in Lansing went well. University administrators met with lawmakers and discussed the metrics used to determine the state appropriation.
- b. W, the food pantry for students, opened April 2. There will be an official opening in the next few weeks.
- c. April 3 is Wayne Giving Day.
- d. At an earlier meeting, the Provost and the Policy Committee discussed the number of years that the University-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee reviews for faculty applying for promotion from associate to full professor. This issue was discussed again at today's meeting. In order to clarify the standards that are used, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel John Vander Weg will meet with the Provost and the Policy Committee.
- e. Provost Whitfield discussed with the Development Office the importance of approaching donors to establish endowed professorships.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. On March 24, Associate Provost for Student Success Monica Brockmeyer presented a report to the Board of Governors Academic Affairs Committee about student success and the disparity between the graduation rates of white and black students.
- b. Mr. Romano reported on the work of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. The deadline for submission of proposals for the symposium is now April 14.
- c. The meeting that the Senate's Budget Committee holds for members of the unit budget advisory committees and Department Chairs was on March 27. Mr. Romano noted that usually more information about the budget projections for the coming fiscal year is given at that meeting.
- d. The Budget Planning Council will begin the review of the proposed fiscal year 2018 budgets of the schools, colleges, and administrative units later this week. Mr. Romano, Ms. Beale, and Mr. Volz are members of the Council. Mr. Romano remarked that it was not clear from the information the units were asked to provide how the Council is to determine the budget allocations for the units.
- e. The Graduate Assistantship Allocation Committee is writing a proposal to submit to Provost Whitfield.
- f. The company Roundtable 6 is reviewing the Division of Marketing and Communications.
- g. Science Day, which was held during spring break, brought about 1,000 students from the sixth through ninth grades to campus.

- *3. Proceedings of the Meeting of February 27: As requested at the Policy Committee meeting of March 20, the Proceedings of the meeting of February 27, 2017, were revised. Policy Committee approved the revised Proceedings as submitted.
- *4. Proceedings of the Meeting of March 20: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of March 20, 2017, as submitted.
- 5. University-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee: A member asked what action had been taken to correct the fact that a faculty member who served on a college tenure and promotion committee is a member of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee. The Provost will report back to the Policy Committee.
- 6. Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) Surveys: There is confusion about Wayne State’s participation in the HERI surveys of faculty. The only data that the administration was able to locate is from 2004. It is Mr. Romano’s understanding that after faculty complete the survey and they are returned to HERI, the University has to pay to get the data from HERI. If we want HERI to analyze the data, there is an additional charge. Policy Committee thinks the information is useful.
- 7. White Paper on Campus Sexual Assault Investigations: At the May 3 Senate meeting, Vice President and General Counsel Louis Lessem will discuss how Wayne State handles allegations of sexual misconduct. Mr. Romano distributed to Policy Committee a “White Paper on Campus Sexual Assault Investigations” from the American College of Trial Lawyers.
- 8. Center for Community Engagement in Health: Provost Whitfield is working with the Center for Citizenship to modify the name of this new entity to comply with the Statute on Centers and Institutes.
- 9. Commencement: The University has scheduled six ceremonies to accommodate the students who plan to participate in commencement. Additional representatives from the Academic Senate are needed. Ms. Beale, Mr. Romano, Ms. Rothe, Ms. Simon, and Mr. Volz volunteered to represent the faculty at the ceremonies.
- 10. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Roth reported that Timothy Michael, Associate Vice President and Chief Housing Officer, met with the SAC about the housing plans, focusing on the new apartments that will be constructed on Anthony Wayne Drive.
 - b. Internet Systems Management Steering Committee: Ms. Beale is a member of this Committee. The report of the consultants hired to advise on our using Banner more effectively was due March 31. The administration had considered replacing Banner with a different system but the cost was too high. We are upgrading to Banner 9. In 18 months Banner 8 will no longer be supported. Banner 9 is a web browser interface and more user-friendly than Banner 8. At the Committee meetings, Ms. Beale has stressed the need for training.

- c. Elections Committee: Ms. Simon, the Chair of the Senate's Elections Committee, reported that Victoria Dallas (Communication, FPCA) and Rachel Pawlowski (Honors College) were elected to three-year terms as members-at-large. Richard Pineau (Mathematics, CLAS) received the third highest number of votes and will serve in place of Ms. Dallas or Ms. Pawlowski if for any reason during their three-year terms they are unable to serve.
- d. Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Simon chairs the SAC. This year's survey of students closed March 31. The number of students who replied is slightly less than in 2014 but the percentage of respondents is higher at 23.35%. The Center for Urban Studies will analyze the responses.
- e. Communities Subcommittee: Ms. Simon is a member of the General Education Reform Committee's Communities Subcommittee. She presented information about two proposed courses. Policy Committee members discussed the purpose of courses such as those being proposed and how they might be revised to meet the students' needs. Policy Committee will invite Thomas Fischer, co-chair of the General Education Reform Committee, to a meeting to discuss the proposed courses.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 10, 2017