

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2011

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

Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair, chaired the meeting until the Provost arrived.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of April 4, 2011.

- *1. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 28, 2011, were approved as amended.
2. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Wolfson distributed the schedule of activities for the Academic Symposium on April 15 that will be held in conjunction with President Gilmour's inauguration.

[Provost Brown arrived.]

3. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Consultants visited campus on April 4 to advise the Provost on improvements to the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services.
 - b. Provost Brown is meeting with junior faculty as a follow-up to the COACHE survey.
4. Proposal to Transfer the Department of Computer Science: Monica Brockmeyer, the Interim Chair of the Department of Computer Science, revised the recommendation for the transfer of the Department to the College of Engineering. That revision, received in the Senate Office on March 30, was re-distributed to the Policy Committee. Ms. Sengstock, the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, who coordinated the responses of the several Senate committees that reviewed the proposal to transfer the Department, will report to the Senate on April 6. Ms. Brockmeyer will also address the Senate. Mr. Wolfson recused himself from the discussion at the Senate meeting. Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair, will serve in his stead during the discussion.
- *5. Blue Ribbon Budget Advisory Committee: This Committee, set up by Provost Brown, was charged with finding ways to cut the academic side of the budget. At its last meeting, the Committee developed a set of principles to use in considering academic budget cuts. The Blue Ribbon Committee asked the Policy Committee to endorse the drafted statement, to submit it to the Provost, and to ask that he distribute the list to the Deans as the principles to follow in their budget deliberations. Policy Committee endorsed the drafted document "Some Principles to Govern Academic Budget Cuts" and forwarded it to the Provost for distribution.

- *6. Request for E-mail of University Employees: The Mackinac Center has asked Wayne State, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University to provide the e-mail messages sent by University faculty and employees that mention Wisconsin, Rachel Maddow, and Scott Walker. Policy Committee discussed the possibility of the University's having to provide the messages. The Committee passed a motion stating its opposition to the University's releasing any e-mail messages to the Mackinac Center.

7. Policy on Scientific Misconduct: *University Policy 10-1: Wayne State University Policy and Procedure Regarding Research Misconduct* was revised in 2010. Problems with its administration were pointed out. Policy Committee members suggested that the policy be revised. There are federal guidelines for such policies. Mr. Wolfson was asked to locate the guidelines and to consult with faculty in the Law School.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 18, 2011