

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
May 19, 2014

Present: J. Artiss; V. Dallas; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; W. Volz; M. Winters;
A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; M. Winters

In the absence of Provost Winters, Mr. MacArthur, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of May 19, 2014.

1. Enrollment: Policy Committee members noted that enrollment for the spring/summer term is down compared with last year. The federal government no longer gives students Pell Grants for the summer. The University administration predicts that enrollment will be down for the fall term. The projected deficit for fiscal year 2015 is \$17 million.
2. Report from the Senate President: Tomorrow Mr. Romano will participate in a meeting several administrators to discuss the Battelle Report on research.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 28, 2014, were approved as submitted.
4. Strategic Planning Faculty Focus Group: Policy Committee nominated members of the faculty and academic staff to serve on a focus group for the strategic planning process. The list will be given to Provost Winters.
5. Battelle Report – Research Competencies and Strategic Opportunities: The Battelle Technology Partnership Practice carried out an assessment of the University's "research capacities and possible opportunities for enhancing research." President Wilson had asked the faculty to provide input on specific topics on which the University should focus. Mr. Romano asked the full Senate for comment. The Policy Committee reviewed the recommendations in Battelle's report and suggested areas where support for research is available and which would benefit residents of metropolitan Detroit.
6. Blackstone LaunchPad: At the next meeting, Mr. Volz will talk to the Policy Committee about the LaunchPad.
7. Surveys at Macomb and Oakland Centers: Policy Committee received the results of the Student Satisfaction Surveys for the Macomb and Oakland Centers for the fall and winter terms 2013. The survey showed that most of the students are full time and slightly more than half take the majority of their classes on the main campus. The purpose of the Centers is to attract new students and to form partnerships with the community colleges. The goal is to have full programs at the Centers so students can take all of their courses at the Centers and not have to come to the main campus.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 9, 2014

