

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

May 3, 2010

Present: C. Parrish; L. Romano; M. Sengstock; H. Tse; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz;  
P. Vroom; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of May 3, 2010.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. Acting Provost Vroom said that she met with Joseph Sawasky, Chief Information Officer, Joseph Artiss, the Chair of the Academic Senate Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee, and Kelley Skillin, Director of Special Projects in the Provost's Office, about the proposed feedback line. It will be set up for feedback on any issue and will focus on continuous improvement. There will be a central depository for the feedback. An award system will be established for units that are doing well. An individual will be designated to handle the issues sent to the feedback line and a regular process for analysis will be set up. The next step is for Mr. Sawasky and Mr. Artiss to develop a draft plan.
  - b. Acting Provost Vroom informed Policy Committee about enrollment for the spring/summer term. Enrollment is up 7% and climbing with two weeks of registration remaining. It is thought the increase is due to creative marketing, attempts by the schools and colleges to ensure that the offerings meet the needs of their students, and the fact that students eligible for Pell Grants can receive summer funding. Fall admissions of first time freshmen are down slightly but enrollment of transfer students has increased. Students are meeting their Mathematics and English requirements sooner. The electronic degree audits are making a big difference in student planning. Financial holds are down by 25%. Registration for the fall by students in the residence halls is strong.
2. Parking Advisory Committee: The Policy Committee has been communicating with Executive Vice President Andrea Dickson about consultation on parking, including consultation before proposals to increase parking fees are presented to the Board of Governors. As instructed by the Policy Committee, Mr. Wolfson wrote to Ms. Dickson that for there to be meaningful consultation the Academic Senate Budget Committee would have to receive proposals to increase fees several weeks prior to their submission to the Board of Governors. He informed her that with assurance that this would be done, the Policy Committee would appoint a faculty representative to the Parking Advisory Committee.

In response to an e-mail from Jon Frederick, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, Mr. Wolfson noted that a faculty representative has not been serving on the Parking Advisory Committee. Policy Committee will appoint a representative when the administration agrees to having meaningful consultation with the Academic Senate.

An informational business plan on parking was submitted to the Board of Governors for its May 5 meeting. When this report was reviewed at the Senate Budget Committee meeting on May 3, Mr. Kohrman said that the Senate had until the beginning of June to provide input.

- \*3. Vacant Position Budget Allocation Process: In the Budget for fiscal year 2010, there was a statement that the funding and benefits for faculty positions that were vacant for one year would be pulled into a central pool. The Senate Budget Committee proposed a procedure to handle these vacant positions. Policy Committee had approved the procedure and it was forwarded to the administration. The President's Strategic Planning Budget Committee revised the procedure slightly. The Senate Budget Committee approved the revised proposal. Policy Committee approved the revised procedure and will notify the administration of its action.
- \*4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 26, 2010, were approved as submitted.
5. Board of Governors Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed some of the items on the agendas for the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee meeting, and the Board meeting of May 5, 2010. These include enhancements to Anthony Wayne Drive; the FY 2010 Budget Review; the Status Report on Parking Operations Five-Year Business Plan; Current (Selective) Initiatives with Detroit Public Schools; the Center for Excellence and Equity in Mathematics; the Development and Alumni Affairs Donation Report for February 2010; and the Capital Campaign Report from 1/1/2009 to 2/28/2010. The Center for Excellence and Equity in Mathematics was granted a one-year temporary charter, and has not submitted the proposal for a permanent charter. A member suggested that Mr. Wolfson inquire about the permanent charter.
- \*6. September Senate Meeting: Policy Committee scheduled the first meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year for Wednesday, September 8, 2010.
- \*7. Academic Senate Meeting of May 12, 2010: Policy Committee approved the drafted agenda for the meeting as amended.
8. Research Misconduct Policy: Policy Committee received from Vice President for Research Hilary Ratner the revised proposed research misconduct policy. The revisions requested by the Policy Committee were made.
- \*9. Cancellation of Meeting: Policy Committee cancelled its meeting scheduled for May 10, 2010.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of May 24, 2010