

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 21, 2010

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

Absent with notice: H. Tse; J. Whittum-Hudson

Guests: John Davis, Vice President, Finance and Facilities Management; Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President, Budget, Planning and Analysis; Michael McIntyre, Chair, Academic Senate Budget Committee; Hilary Ratner, Vice President for Research

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of June 21, 2010.

- *1. The Budget: The Academic Senate Budget Committee met on June 21 and passed four motions related to the proposals on the agenda for the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee meeting of June 23. Mr. McIntyre was invited to the Policy Committee meeting to report on the motions passed by the Budget Committee and to seek the support of the Policy Committee.
- a. In accordance with its detailed "Undergraduate Tuition Proposal for FY 2011," the Budget Committee recommends to the Administration and the Board of Governors that the tuition increase for FY 2011 imposed on undergraduate students be limited to 3% for the Fall and Winter terms and that an additional 1.4% be imposed for the Spring/Summer term. The 1.4% increase would allow for the addition of 13 tenured/tenure-track faculty to support undergraduate education in FY 2012 by replacing part-time faculty teaching large-enrollment undergraduate courses with tenured/tenure-track faculty. It also would provide funds to extend the operating hours of the undergraduate library during FY 2011.
 - b. The Budget Committee respectfully requests the Administration and Board of Governors to postpone consideration of the FY 2011 General Fund Budget until the Board's meeting of August 4, 2010, to allow for meaningful consultation on the budget with the duly elected representatives of the faculty.
 - c. The Budget Committee endorses the recommendations contained in the report of its parking subcommittee, dated May 25, 2010, and recommends that the Administration propose only a 10% (or 25 cents) increase in parking fees for FY 2011 and that, in the fall of 2010, it prepare, in consultation with representatives of the Academic Senate, a revised business plan that addresses concerns about routine maintenance and management of the parking facilities.
 - d. The Budget Committee strongly opposes the proposal contained in the FY 2011 Budget Book (pages 154-156) for so-called position control to the extent that it deviates from the proposal prepared initially by the Budget Committee, endorsed by the Policy Committee, by President Noren's budget advisory committee, by the Council of Deans, and by the President's Budget Cabinet and then approved again by the Budget Committee and the Policy Committee when submitted to them in slightly revised form by the Administration on May 3, 2010.

Mr. Kohrman asked Mr. Romano to communicate with Executive Vice President Andrea Dickson about their understanding of the agreement reached regarding the Parking Advisory Committee and the parking business plan. Mr. Romano will send a memo to Ms. Dickson.

Policy Committee supported the motions that the Budget Committee had passed. Mr. Wolfson will forward the motions to the Board of Governors.

[Mr. McIntyre left the meeting.]

2. President's Budget Work Group: Acting Provost Vroom, Vice President Ratner, Vice President Davis, and Mr. Kohrman comprise the Budget Work Group, a subgroup of the President's Cabinet. They attend Policy Committee meetings to discuss the preparation of the budget for fiscal year 2011.

In response to a question from a Policy Committee member, Mr. Kohrman discussed the effect of the tuition rates announced by some of the other public universities and what the universities that have not announced their tuition rates are likely to do.

[Vice President Ratner, Vice President Davis, and Mr. Kohrman left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair: Acting Provost Vroom noted that the new Provost, Ronald Brown, would join the University on August 1, 2010.
4. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee selected topics it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet when the two groups meet on June 22, 2010.
5. Strategic Directions – Phase II: Mr. Wolfson announced that from the ten nominations submitted by the Policy Committee to the administration, the administration selected David Cinabro (Physics, Liberal Arts and Sciences), James Hartway (Music, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts), Charles Parrish (Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences), Ricardo Villarosa (Law), and William Volz (Accounting, Business Administration) to serve on the Steering Committee for Phase II of the Strategic Directions Initiative.

In addition, Associate Vice President Ezzeddine asked Policy Committee for two additional nominations from the College of Education and two from the College of Nursing. The administration will select one representative from each of those Colleges. The Policy Committee recommended four nominees.

- *6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of June 7, 2010, were approved as submitted.
7. Board of Governors Meeting: Policy Committee received some of the documents for the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee meeting and the full Board meeting of June 23, 2010: the proposed FY 2011 General Fund Budget; the FY 2011 Prioritized Deferred Maintenance Projects and Other Capital Projects Under

Consideration; the Second Quarter FY 2010 Grants and Contracts Report; the Development and Alumni Affairs Donation Report for the months of March and April 2010; the Capital Campaign Report for the period 1/1/2009 to 4/30/2010; and the proposed schedule of Board meetings for the 2010-2011 academic year.

8. Review of the Agendas of the Board of Governors Committee Meetings: President Noren thought it would be useful for the faculty and academic staff representatives to the Board of Governors committees to attend meetings about one week prior to the Board of Governors meetings to review the agendas for those committee meetings. The Policy Committee thought, however, it would be essential that the meetings are set after consulting with the faculty for times they are able to attend. This is one of the items that Policy Committee will raise at the meeting with the Cabinet.
9. Summer Meetings: Policy Committee members lodged complaints about the number of meetings that nine-month faculty are being asked to attend during the summer. This will be added to the list of items that Policy Committee will discuss at the meeting with the Cabinet.
- *10. Academic Senate Meetings for 2010-2011: The Policy Committee approved the schedule of Academic Senate meetings for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- *11. Annual Report: The Policy Committee received the Annual Report of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year and forwarded it to the full Senate for information.
12. Committee Minutes: The Policy Committee received the minutes of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meetings of February 16, 2010, and April 13, 2010.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 28, 2010