

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 25, 2012

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

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of June 25, 2012.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. The Provost will soon announce the hiring of the new Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
  - b. Howard Shapiro, the Associate Vice President for Student Services and Undergraduate Affairs, is retiring as of July 1, 2012. The Provost will appoint an Interim Associate Vice President.
  - c. The Provost has contracted with the Huron Consulting Group (HCG) to review the Graduate School and to make recommendations for its organization. The HCG will look at the best practices for Graduate Schools and will meet with the Graduate Council and the Policy Committee, as well as with other faculty.
  - d. The search continues for the Associate Provost and Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning.
  - e. Beginning in FY 2013, when a faculty line is vacant, Provost Brown will take back the faculty line.
  - f. The Type I Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee is reviewing the Center for Urban Studies.
  - g. The budget for the Counseling Center was increased to hire additional counselors to reduce the time students have to wait for appointments.
  - h. The Veterans Task Force (VTF) completed its report. A member of the Policy Committee mentioned that a member of the VTF had been concerned that the Task Force had not contacted the Veterans Administration Hospital to discuss the initiatives that the Task Force was considering. The Provost will look into the matter. The Policy Committee requested a copy of the VTF's report.
  - i. Policy Committee discussed with the Provost the Law School enrollment.
2. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget: Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Robert Kohrman made a presentation to the Senate Budget Committee on June 25. The administration recommended that tuition for the 2012-2013 academic year be increased by 3.9% for all schools/colleges on the main campus. The tuition for medical students was increased by 1.5%. A member of the Policy Committee pointed out that while 3.9% may seem high, WSU's current base tuition is low so the dollar amount of the increase is low.

The Provost said that during the summer he would meet with the individual schools/colleges looking at their enrollment, their innovative projects, and what they propose for next year. Entrepreneurship and enrollment will be rewarded. A member noted

that the Policy Committee and last year's Blue Ribbon Budget Cutting Committee had suggested that the quality of programs be reviewed and they made suggestions how to proceed. The budget decisions for the schools/colleges were made without looking at the quality of programs. The Colleges of Engineering and Nursing and the Law School have received money to cover their utilities because they will now be paying those costs. The member noted that the Budget is not transparent.

It was also pointed out that last year there were errors in the FY 2012 Budget Book and there were no statements identifying the recipients of the enhancement funds. The Provost, Robert Harris (Director of Academic Administration), Robert Kohrman, (Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis), Louis Romano, and James Woodyard had a meeting at which Mr. Kohrman agreed to address the issues and edit the Book, but that has not been done.

The Policy Committee decided to invite administrators to meet with the Budget and Policy Committees next year.

The Budget Book contained the projected head count for the 2012-2013 academic year, not the projected credit hours. The Budget is calculated based upon credit hours not head count.

3. Statute on Student Financial Aid: A member raised concerns about the changes proposed in the Statute on Student Financial Aid, which is on the agenda for the Board of Governors meeting of June 27, 2012. The language for the Talent Scholarships and the Activity Awards is being deleted. The administration said that they were only cleaning up the language in the Statute, and not eliminating the scholarship or the award. However, the member is concerned that, if the scholarship and award are not mentioned in the Statute, they will be eliminated. They are important to many programs. Provost Brown will check into the situation.

[Provost Brown left the meeting.]

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5. Board of Governors Meeting: On the agenda for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting are repairs to the stone façade on 5057 Woodward and a recommendation to authorize \$3 million from a plant fund account to complete the design, solicit bids for the superstructure and begin site preparation for the Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building. The allocation is from a fund that was established in FY 2007 for this purpose. Governor Snyder has signed a bill allocating \$30 million to Wayne State for construction of the building.
6. New Fees for Clinical Charges: Mr. MacArthur informed the Committee about changes in research at the University, at Vanguard, and at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC). The changes will require more work for clinical researchers with their having to load a lot of information into the central database, OnCore, which the

University purchased. The plan is to charge each study \$3200 regardless of the funding source. Some investigators do 8 to 10 studies a year. It was unclear from the available information if bench science research had to be reported in the OnCore system.

In addition, the DMC has another program that involves more paper work and fees that will apply to new industry-sponsored protocols. The DMC Clinical Research Office is carrying out billing-coverage analyses on all new studies with billable events. They have not informed the researchers what this fee will be. The member did not know what pool of money would cover the fees. The work for this reporting will increase. Mr. MacArthur was asked to get more information about the requirements.

7. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the June 28 meeting with the President's Cabinet.

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Approved as revised at the Policy Committee meeting of July 9, 2012