

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 29, 2015

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Sankar; W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: R. N. Frank

Guest: President M. Roy Wilson

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of June 29.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Winters reported that the Board of Governors, at its meeting of June 26, approved the Budget for fiscal year 2016. Tuition for undergraduate and graduate students was increased 3.2%, which is the limit that the state allowed universities to increase tuition without losing any of their state appropriation. Tuition for first-year medical students was increased 2%; tuition for continuing medical students was not increased. Tuition for undergraduate Nursing students was reduced by \$100.00 per credit hour and reduced \$235.00 for graduate Nursing students to bring our tuition more in line with other universities in the state.

[President Wilson joined the meeting.]

2. The Medical School: President Wilson discussed with the Policy Committee the report of the ECG Management Consultants who reviewed the relationship of the University with the University Physician Group (UPG). One of the consultants' recommendations was to hire a Vice President of Health Affairs. David Hefner, a renowned health care executive, will serve as co-executive director of the UPG along with Kenneth Lee, an Associate Dean in the School of Medicine.

A member of the Policy Committee noted that the School does not provide time for clinical faculty to conduct research.

[President Wilson left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Mr. Romano mentioned that, at the Board of Governors meeting, representatives from the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies addressed the Board about the transfer of the Center from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Office of the Provost. Policy Committee members believe that the Center needs to promote the recruitment of more Latino/a students to the University.
 - b. Mr. Artiss and Mr. Romano met with the Parking Advisory Committee. Jon Frederick, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, reported on the potential for providing some students, probably entering freshmen, with pre-paid parking, under a system in which these students would be charged a fee based on the number of credits taken. The Parking Office presented a report that

- showed the number of parking spaces available for such a program. Mr. Romano disagreed with the analysis of the Parking Office. He said that this should be made a University priority because it might change the way students select courses, improving their educational experience. It may also improve the recruitment and retention of students, and bring students to campus more often and get them more involved in campus life. A subcommittee was formed to develop a recommendation to change the system or to recommend continuing the current system. Mr. Artiss and Mr. Romano will serve on the subcommittee.
- c. The Division of Marketing and Communications will host science programs for high school students and teachers to interest the students in pursuing science careers at Wayne State.
 - d. The Board of Governors authorized the spending of \$600,000 to renovate the Fountain Court that is located near the Student Center Building and the Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center.

*4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of June 22, 2015, were approved as corrected.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of July 20, 2015