

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2012

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

Absent with notice: L. Beale; R. Brown

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of June 4, 2012.

1. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Mr. Romano met with the Provost last week. The Provost told him that there are two finalists for the position of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
  - b. Provost Brown also told Mr. Romano that he believes it is good to have an open discussion about the Graduate School in the fall.
  - c. Mr. Romano distributed the enrollment figures for the tenth week of registration for fall term 2012 comparing them with the enrollment figures for the tenth week of registration for the fall term 2011. Enrollment is up over fall 2011. Robert Kohrman, the Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis, does not expect there to be a steep decline in enrollment for fall 2012, but a drop is expected for winter term 2013 due to federal regulations governing Pell Grants.
  - d. The Michigan House of Representatives approved a state budget that would increase the appropriation to Wayne State by .7% over the appropriation for FY 2012.
2. Proceedings of April 30: Policy Committee was informed about a correction of fact that was made in the Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 30, 2012, after they were approved.
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4. Talent Scholarships: At the May 14 Policy Committee meeting, when discussing the change in the Statute on Student Financial Aid, Mr. Kohrman told the Committee that the Talent Scholarships and Activity Awards had been discontinued. To Ms. Dallas's knowledge they were still being awarded to students. The Talent Scholarships, she noted, were an important recruitment tool for good students in forensics and music and the Activity Awards supported students on the debate team. Policy Committee will seek clarification from the administration.
5. Response to the Academic Senate Feedback to the Student Success Report: On April 4, 2012, the Academic Senate unanimously endorsed the Summary of Recommended Changes to the Student Success Report that was compiled from the recommendations of several Senate committees. That summary was forwarded to Provost Brown. Policy Committee received his response dated May 22, 2012. The Provost agreed with the recommendations. Policy Committee will follow up with the success of the APEX Program.

6. Medical School Tuition: The Board of Governors and its Budget and Finance Committee met on May 21, 2012, to consider proposals related to financial matters. One of the items on the agenda was the FY 2013 Proposed School of Medicine Tuition and Fee Rates. The Board of Governors approved an increase of 1.5% for both in-state and out-of-state medical students. Mr. Romano, the faculty representative to the BOG Budget and Finance Committee, and Linda Beale, the faculty alternate representative to the Committee, opposed the increase for out-of-state medical students because the tuition is very high. The increase in tuition for out-of-state students will add about \$250,000 in revenue for the Medical School. At the May 2 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Romano and Ms. Beale had raised the possibility of WSU's tuition increasing to the point where only academically-poor students would apply. Dean of Medicine Valerie Parisi claimed that out-of-state students, even with the higher tuition, are better prepared than in-state students.
7. Budget for FY 2013: Mr. Kohrman estimates that the University will have to cut its budget by \$10 million in the next fiscal year. Policy Committee looked at figures drawn up by Mr. Romano to analyze what parts of the budget might be cut as opposed to those that are protected because of union contracts, etc. Members of Policy Committee questioned the accuracy of the figures, which Mr. Romano will check.
8. Termination of Faculty: It has come to the attention of the Policy Committee that tenure-track faculty who have three-year contracts and have not published by the end of their second year are receiving letters informing them that they will be terminated at the end of their third year. Another issue was the need for faculty to have an international reputation to receive tenure. Policy Committee will discuss these issues with the Provost.
9. Schedule of Senate Meetings: A drafted schedule of the meetings of the Academic Senate for the 2012-2013 academic year was distributed. No changes were made.
10. Committee Minutes: The Policy Committee received the minutes of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee meetings of November 9 and December 7, 2011, and February 15 and March 21, 2012. Mr. MacArthur asked about the FSST Committee's discussion of bringing public Wi-Fi to campus. Ms. Dallas, the liaison to the FSST Committee, will ask Jennifer Sheridan Moss, Chair of the Committee, for more information. It was noted that the Concur travel system is being launched.
11. Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee (CIAC-II): Mr. MacArthur chairs the CIAC-II. Subcommittees of CIAC-II have reviewed the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Institute of Gerontology. The reports are in progress.