WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 7, 2010

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

Absent with notice: M. Sengstock; J. Woodyard

Guests: Richard McCreedy, Senior Director, Computing and Network Services,
Computing and Information Technology; John Davis, Vice President, Finance and
Facilities Management; Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President, Budget, Planning
and Analysis; Jason Philp, System Security Lead, C&IT; Morris Reynolds, Director,
Information Security, C&IT, Joseph Sawasky, Associate Vice President and Chief
Information Officer

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of June 7, 2010.

1. President's Budget Work Group: Acting Provost Vroom, Vice President Ratner (who
did not attend the meeting of June 7), 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, Mr. Kohrman told the Committee members when the
other state universities were expected to announce their tuition rates for the 2010-
2011 academic year. Mr. Kohrman predicted that enrollment would increase
approximately 1% to 1.5% for the fall 2010 term with a slight increase in the number
of continuing graduate students. There might be a slight increase in graduate
students because the Big Three auto companies are reinstating their tuition
reimbursement programs. The numbers of students who have registered for the fall
2010 term are up compared with last year, likely as a result of the efforts to
encourage students to register early. The number of students with financial holds
has dropped. Acting Provost Vroom noted that applications for on-campus student
housing are up also.

[Vice President Davis and Associate Vice President Kohrman left the meeting.
Associate Vice President Sawasky joined the meeting.]

2. Planning for Network Security: Mr. Sawasky said that the Division of Computing
and Information Technology has been trying to protect the campus from real threats
to the computer system. C&IT personnel have observed attacks daily for several
months. C&IT has been working with its Campus Technology Leaders Group, which
consists of all of the IT managers on campus. Mr. Sawasky acknowledged that
C&IT should have had more direct communication with faculty about the proposed
changes.

Mr. Sawasky explained that a firewall filters traffic from the external Internet into the Wayne State network and it can filter traffic to protect the rest of the Internet from Wayne State. The Medical School uses the same firewall for external access but it has additional firewalls. The firewall in question is the one on the perimeter of the network. When the firewall was installed, the default was set to allow all traffic to enter, and when personnel saw malevolent traffic, they implemented a rule for the firewall to block it. New threats evolve every day, and occur so quickly that the traffic is coming in before C&IT can put a rule in place. The IT industry has adopted the approach that the University is considering, i.e., set the default to deny all traffic and C&IT will specify what traffic may enter the system. Most organizations, Mr. Sawasky said, have made the change.

The goal is to allow incoming traffic to web servers and mail servers and to deny high-risk traffic inside Wayne State from getting out. They also want to deny incoming traffic that tries to control printers and fax machines.

[Mr. Philp, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. McCreedy joined the meeting.]

Policy Committee members discussed with the C&IT personnel the protocols that will and will not be blocked. Some implementation will be delayed based on the feedback C&IT has received from the Policy Committee and the Computer Science Department. C&IT would like to soon implement the protocol that stops propagation of spam from WSU computers, and Policy Committee members agreed this should be done. Mr. Sawasky said that C&IT would increase its efforts to communicate with users about the implementation of the proposed changes. Most of the changes will not be implemented until the holiday break in December 2010.

[Mr. Philp and Mr. Reynolds left the meeting.]

3. E-mail and Virtual Voice Mail Service: Last year, Mr. Woodyard and Mr. Wolfson participated in a study in which several focus groups were interviewed to learn what people liked and did not like about phone service on campus. C&IT also received input through its annual IT survey. WSU's voice mail system is very old and needs to be replaced. Mr. Sawasky would like the voice mail system changed during the holiday break in December. In the 2009 study, faculty and employees requested more mobility and more cell phone services. Departments want to reduce telephone expenses.

The University negotiated lower telephone costs with AT&T. Mr. Sawasky estimates the University is saving over $200,000 per year with the new contract, which was implemented in 2009. The total cost of phone service on campus is $4.7 million. In response to questions, Mr. Sawasky explained the use of the fees that units pay for the phone service. Mr. McCreedy and Mr. Sawasky offered to give Policy Committee the breakdown for the use of the fees.

Mr. Sawasky explained the new voice service options that C&IT is exploring: virtual phone number service and mobility phone forwarding service. He explained why he believes Voice Over IP and Skype are not viable options.

The IT Steering Committee wants a department or a group of faculty to test the mobility forwarding service. Mr. Romano and Mr. Wolfson volunteered.

[Mr. Sawasky and Mr. McCreedy left the meeting.]

4. Report from the Chair: Acting Provost Vroom met with Mr. McIntyre, the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, to resolve issues about the proposal that a certain portion of the tuition increase this year be used to hire full-time tenure-track faculty. They have not reached agreement, and will meet again.

5. Meetings with President Noren: During the winter term President Noren met with the Policy Committee once a month during the Committee's regularly scheduled meetings on Monday. The Policy Committee met with the President's Cabinet in April and May and meetings of the Cabinet and the Policy Committee have been scheduled once a month for the remainder of the calendar year. The Policy Committee agreed that, because they are meeting with the Cabinet on a monthly basis, it would not be necessary for President Noren to attend monthly meetings of the Policy Committee. They expect to be able to bring any issues to the meetings with the President and the Cabinet.

*6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of May 24, 2010, were approved as submitted.

*7. Strategic Directions – Phase II: President Noren is forming a Steering Committee and task force subcommittees for Phase II of his Strategic Directions Initiative. He asked the Senate for nominations. Many faculty are not on campus during the summer. However, President Noren asked that the Senate nominate ten members of the faculty and academic staff for the Steering Committee so that, if possible, it could begin its work during the summer. Nominations for the task force subcommittees could be made later.

Mr. Wolfson solicited nominations from the entire Senate. Policy Committee added to the list. The names will be submitted to President Noren.

8. Search Committees:
   a. Acting Provost Vroom convened the search committee for the Dean of Education and a search firm has been hired. The advertisement is being prepared. The committee will suspend meetings for the summer and reconvene in the fall.
   b. The search committee for the Dean of Engineering is identifying the applicants whom they will invite for interviews in the fall.

9. LEADS: Policy Committee received the following for the use of LEADS (Linked Employee Assessment and Development System) for academic administrators: the performance review form, guidelines for the form, and the Report of the Wayne LEADS Task Force of April 7, 2010.

10. Committee Meetings During the Summer: Faculty members have raised concerns about University committees meeting during the summer when many faculty are

away and cannot participate in the deliberations and decision making.   Mr. Wolfson discussed the problem with Dr. Vroom, who spoke with President Noren. The President agreed that committees should not meet if faculty cannot attend.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 21, 2010