

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

July 12, 2010

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

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

Guests: John Davis, Vice President, Finance and Facilities Management; Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President, Budget, Planning and Analysis; Hilary Ratner, Vice President for Research

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of July 12, 2010.

1. President's Cabinet 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.

Mr. Kohrman reported that registration of continuing students for the fall term 2010 is up over last year at this time. Registration of new freshmen students is at the level projected. Graduate student enrollment has increased slightly. Students are registering earlier than they have in the past, and it is not known whether, as registration continues, the numbers will level out to be the same as last year. Enrollment may increase because of the increase in need-based financial aid in the 2011 fiscal year budget.

In response to a question, Mr. Kohrman and Dr. Vroom noted that a significant number of new freshmen have their first contact with the University in July and August. About one-third of the students enroll in the last six weeks before classes begin. A member of the Policy Committee noted that often these students are not well prepared for college and the University needs to have systems in place to help them succeed.

An enrollment committee, which Mr. Kohrman chairs, prepares a market share report that compares WSU's enrollment from the state's counties with the enrollment of its competitors. The committee analyzes and predicts enrollment trends. They predicted an increase of 1.9% for all undergraduate students for the fall 2010 term and an increase of about .5% for graduate students. Graduate student enrollment may be higher because the domestic automobile companies have re-instated their tuition reimbursement programs.

Last year's tuition revenue was higher than anticipated. This allowed the tuition rate to be lower for FY 2011. A member of the Policy Committee noted that continuing to use year-end surpluses to offset tuition in subsequent years would not enhance the academic life of the University.

Policy Committee members asked the members of the President's Cabinet Budget Work Group to summarize their meetings. It was also suggested that the members of the Budget Work Group discuss with Policy Committee some of the items in the FY 2011 Budget such as the differential tuition policy.

Policy Committee discussed the hiring of new faculty for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the establishment of the Department of Oncology in the School of Medicine, and the amount of the University's research funding in KCI. The Department of Oncology provides a departmental home within the School of Medicine for faculty and employees of KCI. Gerold Bepler, the President and CEO of KCI, is the interim chair of the Department. A search will be conducted for a permanent chair.

[Vice Presidents Davis and Ratner and Associate Vice President Kohrman left the meeting.]

2. Differential Tuition: A member of the Policy Committee raised questions about the University's use of differential tuition. He was concerned that some colleges could lose enrollment if the increase in tuition put them out of the market of their competitors. Another member noted that it would vary among colleges.
3. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Wolfson reviewed the schedule of Policy Committee meetings for the remainder of the summer. The schedule was revised.
- \*4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of June 28, 2010, were approved as submitted.
5. COACHE Policies and Practices Summary: Policy Committee received some information gathered by the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education from Wayne State faculty. Acting Provost Vroom suggested that Policy Committee defer discussion until its next meeting when Kelley Skillin, Director of Special Projects in the Office of the Provost, would make a presentation.
6. Minutes of the Student Affairs Committee: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Student Affairs Committee meeting of April 21, 2010.
7. Budget Committee Meeting: Mr. Woodyard, the liaison from the Policy Committee to the Budget Committee, reported on the Budget Committee meeting of July 12, 2010.
  - a. Mr. McIntyre, the Chair of the Budget Committee, met with Executive Vice President Dickson about the proposed increase in parking fees and how that might be implemented. Budget Committee members were concerned that if an agreement is reached that the administration adhere to it. Mr. Romano added that the Budget Committee would not support an increase in the parking fee without a revision to the parking operations business plan.
  - b. The Budget Committee discussed the meaning of the Student Senate's resolution supporting a tuition increase for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and the hiring of additional full-time faculty.

- \*c. Mr. Woodyard distributed to the Policy Committee a “Partial Analysis of President Noren’s New ‘Position Control’ Document.” Policy Committee endorsed the document and will forward it to the administration. The Position Control Document will be included for clarification.

[Acting Provost Vroom left the meeting.]

- 8. Committee Assignments for 2010-2011: Policy Committee began the process of appointing members to the Academic Senate committees and selecting the Chairs of the committees for the 2010-2011 academic year.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of July 26, 2010