

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

July 27, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz;  
J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Yamazaki

Guests: S. Calkins, Associate Vice President for Faculty Relations; J. Dunbar, Associate Vice President for Research; R. Kohrman, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis; J. Noren, President; K. Palmer, Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs, School of Medicine; K. Przyklenk, Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute; D. Walz, Associate Dean for Research, School of Medicine

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of July 27, 2009.

\*1. Cardiovascular Research Institute: Last July the Cardiovascular Research Institute was granted a one-year provisional charter as a college-based institute. Karin Przyklenk, Stephen Calkins, Joseph Dunbar, Daniel Walz, and Kenneth Palmer attended the meeting to present a progress report and to seek the Policy Committee's recommendation for a permanent charter. Ms. Przyklenk outlined the accomplishments of the Institute under the temporary charter and explained her expectations for grant funding and research collaboration for the next six years. She and the other guests who were present in support of the chartering, responded to questions from the Policy Committee.

[Ms. Przyklenk, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Walz, and Mr. Palmer left the meeting.]

Policy Committee recommended that the Cardiovascular Research Institute be chartered for six years. A memo would be sent to the Provost with appropriate recommendations.

[Mr. Calkins left the meeting.]

2. FY 2010 Budget: Mr. Volz, the faculty representative to the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee, and Mr. Wolfson, who served as the alternate faculty representative, informed Policy Committee of the discussion at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of July 24, 2009.

[Mr. Kohrman joined the meeting.]

3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of July 13, 2009, were approved as submitted.

\*4. Cancellation of Meeting: The Policy Committee cancelled its meeting scheduled for August 3.  
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5. FY 2010 Budget: Mr. Kohrman reported that enrollment of undergraduate students for the fall term 2009 is up but enrollment of graduate students is down compared with last fall's enrollment at this time. He and the Policy Committee discussed the information distributed at the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee meeting of July 24, 2009, which included a review of budget trends, the current general fund budget, and preliminary budget cuts and strategic investments for the

coming year.

[President Noren joined the meeting.]

The Policy Committee discussed with President Noren the effect that the preliminary budget cuts might have on the academic side of the University. The Committee opposed the cutting of part-time faculty. Current indicators show that enrollment is far above last year at this time and canceling classes because there are no instructors would be counterproductive. Members stressed the need to increase the number of full-time faculty. The University is heavily dependent upon part-time faculty. Enrollment has increased but the number of full-time faculty has not. New faculty will improve WSU's research reputation and student retention.

President Noren agreed that the University has too large a proportion of part-time faculty in comparison with the other research universities and with the non-research universities in the state. He said that the University would have to depend upon tuition and Development for funds because the state would not be increasing its support for the foreseeable future. The University, he said, needs to increase tuition 20% per year for five years.

Policy Committee members suggested a number of cuts, including the cutting of funding to non-revenue-generating activities peripheral to the University's core academic function and to areas that would not impair the University permanently.

It was noted that committees that President Noren has formed and is forming do not have faculty and academic staff representation, i.e., representatives appointed with the involvement of the Academic Senate. It was also noted that President Noren has been here almost one year, but has never requested from the Academic Senate a list of any faculty who might serve on his University-formed committees. This is not in the spirit of shared academic governance.

Policy Committee offered suggestions for the use of revenue if fall enrollment, and thus tuition revenue, is higher than predicted.

6. The remainder of the agenda was postponed until the next meeting.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of August 24, 2009