

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

July 9, 2012

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

Absent: C. Parrish

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of July 9, 2012.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. Veteran Affairs Committee: Provost Brown charged the Veteran Affairs Committee (VAC) with examining the services the University provides to veterans and identifying where improvements might be made. The Committee submitted its report to the Provost. The question raised at the June 25 Policy Committee meeting about the VAC contacting staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital was addressed in the report. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Policy Committee. The budget for the University's Veterans Affairs programs has been increased to expand services to veterans.
  - b. Proposed Conversion of Three University Centers to College Centers: Provost Brown proposed that the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, the Humanities Center, and the Developmental Disabilities Institute be converted to college centers. He sought comment from the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee discussed the pros and cons of moving them. The Committee would like information about the budget implications of the proposals. Policy Committee members would like to know how the faculty associated with the centers/institutes view the proposal. A member noted that according to the Statute governing centers and institutes the budgets of centers/institutes are to be reviewed each year to see if they are following their charters. He questioned whether the oversight, which is inadequate now, might decrease if the centers reported to Deans. In preparing its response to the Provost, the Policy Committee asked for a copy of the most recent reviews of the centers/institute.
2. On-Line Instruction Task Force: Policy Committee asked the Provost about the status of the work of the On-Line Instruction Task Force. They asked to meet with Ahmad Ezzeddine, Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs, to discuss the work of the Task Force.
3. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Enrollment for the fall term 2012 is comparable to enrollment for fall 2011.
  - b. Mr. Romano mentioned that the reports about the negotiations between the University and the AAUP-AFT have raised concerns about the long-term effects on faculty morale.

4. Corrections to the FY 2012 Budget Book: A member of the Policy Committee called to the Provost's attention that the corrections that were to be made in the Budget Book for fiscal year 2012 have not been made.
- \*5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of June 25, 2012, were approved as revised.
6. Statute on Student Financial Aid: The Board of Governors did not act on the proposal to revise the Statute on Student Financial Aid at its meeting of June 27. The question will be returned to the Board at a later date.
7. New Vanguard Fees and Clinical Research Changes at the DMC and WSU: Faculty in the Medical School have raised concerns about two programs that are being instituted to track research. The University has purchased a clinical research management software system called OnCore. It appears that all researchers, whether clinical or basic science, would have to use the system and all grants would be charged the same amount for the system regardless of the size of the research project, the amount of the funding, or the source of the funds. In addition, Vanguard is expected to institute a system to track research at Detroit Medical Center facilities and charge a fee for that system. The members of the Policy Committee discussed the forming of a committee at the School of Medicine to look into this issue.
8. Strategic Plan: President Gilmour had asked the Policy Committee for its input on the strategic plan that is posted on the University's web site. The Committee had suggested revisions, but it appeared that some of the suggested changes had been made to the posted plan. Provost Brown will inquire about the status of the Policy Committee's suggestions.
9. Review of Centers and Institutes: Associate Vice President for Research Gloria Heppner informed the Policy Committee of delays in the reviews of the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Institute of Gerontology. Policy Committee discussed the work of the subcommittees that are reviewing the institutes. Ms. Heppner had suggested that if reports were not submitted within a specific period of time, that a recommendation to re-charter a center/institute for the full five-year period be forwarded to the President. Policy Committee did not accept Ms. Heppner's suggestion. Mr. Romano will respond to the concerns raised by Ms. Heppner.
10. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of April 20, 2012, the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of April 10, 2012, and the Research Committee meeting of April 17, 2012.

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Approved as modified at the Policy Committee meeting of August 6, 2012.