

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

August 6, 2012

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

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of August 6, 2012.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Brown and the Policy Committee discussed the state of negotiations between the University and the AAUP-AFT around the issue of tenure. Members of the Policy Committee stressed the seriousness of the situation about the proposal.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Mr. Romano is one of the faculty members on a special committee formed to discuss the issue referred to in item 1. Other representatives of the faculty on the committee are Michael McIntyre (Law), and Sharon Elliott (Education). The administration representatives are Margaret Winters (Associate Provost for Academic Personnel), Phyllis Vroom (Past Dean of the School of Social Work), and Phil Cunningham (Assistant Vice President, Research Compliance).
 - b. Associate Vice President for Research Gloria Heppner had suggested that, if the reports from the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committees were not submitted within a specific period of time, 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 and Mr. Romano relayed that decision to Ms. Heppner.
3. Institute of Gerontology and the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: Mr. MacArthur reported that the Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee completed its reports on these two Institutes and forwarded them to Ms. Heppner. The reports will be sent to the Directors of the Institutes to check if there are any errors of fact that have to be corrected before they are sent to the Policy Committee for action. A member of each subcommittee that reviewed the Institutes volunteered to attend the Policy Committee meeting at which the recommendations will be discussed.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee Meeting: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of July 9, 2012, were approved as modified.
5. On-Line Instruction Task Force: President Gilmour is reviewing the report of the On-Line Task Force. The report will be given to the Policy Committee for comment.
6. New Vanguard Fees and Clinical Research Changes at the DMC and WSU: A meeting of some of the people who are concerned about two programs being

instituted to track research was held recently. Those in attendance expressed their concerns to Michael Diamond who represented the administration of the Medical School. He promised to address the concerns.

7. Bylaws of the Department of Clinical and Translational Science: Policy Committee received from the Provost the Bylaws of the Department of Clinical and Translational Science. Policy Committee members noted that some of the information in the Bylaws was in conflict with the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT. In general, the Bylaws were poorly written. The Provost asked the Committee to send their comments and suggestions to him. Mr. Romano will send the Provost a memorandum.
8. Veteran Affairs Committee: The Policy Committee reviewed the report of the Veteran Affairs Committee (VAC). Policy Committee supports the enhanced attention that the Provost's Office wants to provide to students who are veterans and the plans to attract more veterans to the University. However, the members were concerned about the budget outlined in the report and the large number of personnel that the VAC recommended be hired. Based on the VAC's report, Policy Committee recommended that the Veterans Resource Center be expanded in a stepwise manner if and when veteran enrollment increases.
9. Conversion of Three University Centers to College Centers: At the last meeting, Provost Brown had told the Policy Committee that he was considering converting the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, the Humanities Center, and the Developmental Disabilities Institute to college centers. If that were done, they would no longer report to his office. He has put the plans on hold. The Provost will meet with the directors of the centers. The Policy Committee received the most recent reviews of the centers.
10. Center for Urban Studies: The Provost reported that the Center for Urban Studies will be reviewed this year.
11. Fall Enrollment: As of July 29, 2012, enrollment for the fall term 2012 is about the same as last year.
12. Housing: Mr. MacArthur would like a report about housing occupancy for the fall term. Mr. Romano will request the information from Timothy Michael, Associate Vice President and Chief Housing Officer.
13. FY 2012 Budget Book: For months Mr. Woodyard has tried to get corrections made in the FY 2012 Budget Book. At a meeting on April 10, 2012, in which Provost Brown, Robert Kohrman (Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis), Robert Harris (Director of Academic Administration in the Provost's Office), Mr. Romano and Mr. Woodyard participated, it was decided that several corrections would be made in the Budget Book. That has not been done, and Mr. Woodyard raised the need for the changes as a step toward making the budget more transparent. If the administration is to consult with the Academic Senate on the budget, the correct information must be available.

14. Student Survey: Mr. Woodyard informed the Policy Committee about progress in developing a survey instrument to be carried out next academic year. The plan is to send the survey to students in October.

[Provost Brown left the meeting.]

15. Committee Assignments: Policy Committee began the process of appointing members to the Academic Senate committees and selecting the Chairs of the committees for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Approved as corrected at the Policy Committee meeting of August 20, 2012