

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 13, 2010

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown; W. Volz

In the absence of Provost Brown, Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair of the Senate, assumed the duties of the Chair.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of September 13, 2010.

1. Report from the Budget Committee: Mr. Romano reported that the Academic Senate Budget Committee met with Dean of Medicine Valerie Parisi on September 13. Dean Parisi provided the Committee with information about the budget of the School of Medicine. The discussion covered the practice plan, FMRE, the newly established Department of Clinical and Translational Science, the newly established Department of Oncology, and the purchase of the Detroit Medical Center by Vanguard Health Systems.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Mr. Wolfson noted that Policy Committee is scheduled to meet with the President's Cabinet on September 21.
  - b. Interim President Gilmour gave a University-wide address on September 13. He responded to questions that faculty and staff had posed about student retention, community engagement, the impact of the state's economy on the University, and the need to improve services to students.
- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of August 30, 2010, were approved as amended.
- \*4. Election of the Vice Chair: The Policy Committee selected Louis Romano to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for the 2010-2011 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at the October Senate meeting.
- \*5. Election of the Parliamentarian: The Policy Committee selected Mary Sengstock to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate for the 2010-2011 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at the October Senate meeting.
- \*6. Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee: The Policy Committee had appointed David Kessel to chair the Faculty Affairs Committee prior to his being elected to the Policy Committee. Since Professor Kessel did not want to take on both roles, the Policy

Committee selected Mary Sengstock (Sociology, Liberal Arts and Sciences) to replace Mr. Kessel as the Chair of the FAC.

- \*7. Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors Personnel Committee: Policy Committee selected Mary Sengstock to serve as the faculty representative to the Committee and selected Elizabeth Puscheck (Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine) to serve as the faculty alternate representative to the Committee.
- \*8. Replacement for the Elections Committee: The Policy Committee had appointed Mary Sengstock to serve on the Elections Committee prior to her being selected Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. Since Professor Sengstock did not want to take on both roles, the Policy Committee selected Jennifer Sheridan Moss (Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Liberal Arts and Sciences) to replace Ms. Sengstock on the Elections Committee.
- 9. Selection of Policy Committee Liaisons: Policy Committee members selected their liaison assignments to the standing committees.
- 10. Attendance at Committee Meetings: Policy Committee discussed the problem of attendance at committee meetings. It is difficult and in most cases it is impossible to find a time when all members can meet. Mr. Wolfson will suggest that the Chairs schedule the meetings for the entire term so members can plan their schedule in advance.
- 11. Presidential Search Advisory Committee: Paul Massaron, the Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, asked the Policy Committee to nominate faculty and academic staff to the Search Committee. The Committee used the following criteria in selecting the nominees: experience on search committees at all levels; committee work that provides a broad understanding of the University at all levels; understanding of the teaching, research, advising, and, to a lesser extent, service missions of WSU; experience with both undergraduate and graduate teaching and Ph.D. programs; understanding of the relationship between the Detroit Medical Center and the Medical School; ability to build consensus and make strong arguments; administrative experience at department, college, and university levels; prior interactions with the Board of Governors; experience with budget and curriculum issues; able to promote the faculty's point of view; distinguished record in teaching and research. Policy Committee nominated ten persons. Mr. Wolfson will contact the nominees to verify that they are able to serve, and submit the names of the nominees along with brief biographies to Governor Massaron.
- 12. Graduate Council Meeting: The Policy Committee received the agenda and supporting documents for the Graduate Council meeting of September 15, 2010.
- 13. Support of Graduate Students: Graduate School Dean Mark Wardell will attend the Policy Committee meeting of September 27 to provide statistics about the awarding of fellowships for the current academic year. Graduate officers from units also have been invited to attend the meeting.

14. Proposal to Revise the Bylaws: Mr. Wolfson submitted a proposal to revise Article VII, Section 7 of the Bylaws that would change the time of the election of the Policy Committee from the first Senate meeting of the academic year to the May Senate meeting. The Policy Committee, the Chairs of the committees, and the membership of the committees would be known at the beginning of the academic year in August. Other Policy Committee members raised objections to the proposal. No other members supported the proposal.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of September 20, 2010