WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2015

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; W. Volz; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: N. Simon; M. Winters

Guest: President M. Roy Wilson

In the absence of the Provost, Mr. Artiss, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting.

1. Report from the Senate President
    a. Mr. Romano met with Provost Winters last week. Recently the changes in the administration of the student evaluation of teaching were distributed to the SET coordinators. The Provost and Mr. Romano discussed this issue. Although the changes were released, the Provost is looking at ways to accommodate the concerns of the faculty
    b. James Sears, the Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management, set up a committee to prepare the capital outlay budget request that will be submitted to the state. One of the items likely will be the request to convert the Science and Engineering Library to teaching laboratories. The committee is composed primarily of Chairs and Associate Deans from Liberal Arts and Sciences and from Engineering. Mr. Artiss, who is a faculty member in Medicine and the Chair of the Senate's Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee, also serves on the committee. Their report is to be completed by October 31.

[President Wilson joined the meeting.]

2. Search Committee: President Wilson spoke with the Policy Committee about the process he will use in the search for the Provost. They talked about the type of individual the faculty think should fill the position. The President will give the charge to the search committee on September 15. The four members of the faculty and academic staff that the Policy Committee nominated will serve on the committee.

[President Wilson left the meeting.]

3. Math Competency Requirement: Policy Committee had met with the Chair of the Mathematics Department on April 27 to discuss the problems with students' passing the Math Competency Exam, which is one of the general education requirements. At that time, Policy Committee members expressed their dismay at the difficulty of the exam and the process that students must follow to complete the requirement. The Committee asked for information about the passing rates, which they reviewed at today's meeting. Questions remain and they will discuss the issue with the Provost.

Specifically, the Committee is very concerned with the number of students who pass the proficiency exam and the difficulty many students have in passing MAT 0993, 1000, or 1050. They are also concerned with the length of time it is taking to correct the problem.

*4. Election of the Parliamentarian: The Policy Committee elected Robert Ackerman to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year. Mr. Romano will contact him to determine if he will accept the position. The appointment will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at its next meeting.

*5. Election of the Vice Chair: The Policy Committee selected Joseph Artiss to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at its next meeting.

*6. Non-Senate Member of the Budget Committee: The Policy Committee selected Sudip Datta (Finance and Business Economics, Business Administration) to serve as the non-Senate member on the Budget Committee.

 7. Policy Committee Liaisons: Policy Committee members selected the committees on which they will serve as liaisons.

 8. Representatives to the Board of Governors Committees: Policy Committee selected the faculty and academic staff representatives and alternates to the Board of Governors Committees: Academic Affairs; Budget and Finance; Personnel; and Student Affairs.

 9. Agenda Items for Committee: Policy Committee identified issues on which our committees might focus their attention this year.
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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of September 21, 2015