

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 19, 2016

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; A. Rothe; N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of September 19, 2016.

- *1. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of September 12, 2016, as revised.
- *2. Selection of the Vice Chair: Policy Committee selected Linda Beale to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for the 2016-17 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at its next meeting. The Vice Chair presides over the Policy Committee and the Senate in the absence of the Chair and performs the duties of the Senate President when he or she is unable to serve.
- *3. Selection of the Parliamentarian: Policy Committee selected a member of the Senate to serve as the parliamentarian of the Academic Senate for the 2016-17 academic year. Mr. Romano will ask her if she is willing to serve in that capacity. The Senate will confirm the selection when the parliamentarian has been identified.
4. Report from the Chair:
 - a. General Education: The Provost's Office developed a document of background information and options on how the University might proceed in addressing the issue of the mathematics competency. The document was given to the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC) to develop a proposal that will be integrated into the proposal the General Education Reform Committee (GERC) is developing for a revised general education program. Ms. Beale thought the methods to fulfill the competency should be developed by the GERC and then given to the GEOC, a standing committee charged with making recommendations for the implementation and review of the general education curriculum. The Provost said that the two committees would communicate. The GEOC will submit its recommendation for the math proficiency to the GERC. The GERC will incorporate a recommendation into its proposal to revise the general education program. The GERC's recommendation for the general education program, including the math competency, will be given to the GEOC for review. At Mr. Romano's request, Provost Whitfield will give the document with the background information to the Policy Committee.
 - b. Enrollment: Fall enrollment has increased slightly compared with fall 2015. The increases are in first time in any college students and transfer students. The number of returning students has declined.
5. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee: A subcommittee of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee will decide how to involve faculty in the celebration

of the University's 150th anniversary. Mr. Romano reported that the subcommittee agreed with the suggestion to have a symposium series on topics of interest to faculty that relate to the University's mission.

- b. Budget Planning Council: Provost Whitfield and Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur co-chair the Budget Planning Council. The Council had its first meeting last week. The Council will have a lot of input into the development of the budget and the priorities. They will look at developing multi-year budgets as well as the procedure to move from our historical budget process to an all-funds budget and then to a responsibility centered management (RCM) budget model.
- c. Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management: The search for this position has failed. Changes will be made in the office and the duties of the AVP will be assigned among several employees.

*6. Library Committee: Policy Committee recommended that Steve Cala, Associate Professor, Physiology, Medicine; Debra Habel, Lecturer, Accounting, School of Business; and Patricia McCormick, Associate Professor, Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, be reappointed to the University Library Committee.

7. Dean's Guidelines for Clinical Service Groups: Policy Committee received the guidelines, which set forth the requirements that private nonprofit corporations or professional service corporations, such as the University Physician Group, must meet in order to be recognized by the University as clinical service groups.

As President of the AAUP-AFT, Mr. Parrish pointed out problems with the University's actions regarding the employment of some physicians that he believes violate the Guidelines and the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT.

8. Board of Governors Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the following documents that are on the agenda of the Board meeting of September 23, 2016: the Report on Research Awards and Proposals FY 2016 Through July 31, 2016; the Authorization to Form a Public-Private Partnership with Corvias Living, LLC to Operate Campus Housing Facilities; the Authorization to Execute Phase I of the Campus Housing Facilities' Master Plan, including Construction of Two New Apartment Buildings and Demolition of Derooy Apartments; and Thompson Home Conversion to Student Housing Construction Authorization. Mr. Romano noted that overall research funding has increased. Funding from corporations has increased but funding from the National Institutes of Health has not increased. Some of the increase is likely due to the fact that clinical trials are now reported as research. There has been pressure for faculty in the Medical School to apply for more research funding, but the number of grant applications dropped from 2015 to 2016 and fewer proposals were funded. Policy Committee discussed the partnership that the University is forming with Corvias Living. Members also discussed having more attractive buildings on campus.

9. Student Non-Academic Hearing Committee Panel: Policy Committee appoints one-half of the members of the Student Non-Academic Hearing Committee Panel.

It nominated faculty and academic staff to serve. Mr. Romano will contact the nominees to get their agreement to serve.

10. Draft Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of October 5. The agenda will be finalized at the next meeting.
11. Policy Committee Liaisons: The Policy Committee members selected the Senate committees on which they will serve as liaisons.
12. Support for Named Professorships: Policy Committee discussed the need for the Division of Development to solicit support from donors for named professorships.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of September 26, 2016