

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

October 18, 2010

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

Absent with notice: R. Brown; R. MacArthur

In the absence of Provost Brown, Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, chaired the meeting.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of October 18, 2010.

1. Multipurpose Athletic Complex: In March the Board of Governors authorized the construction of a new multi-purpose facility at the athletic complex, for a cost not to exceed \$1.4 million. A recent story in the press stated that the cost of the facility would be \$2.4 million. The Policy Committee is seeking clarification.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Mr. Wolfson met with Provost Brown last week. They discussed issues related to purchasing. This issue is on the agenda for the October 20 meeting of the Policy Committee and the President's Cabinet. Also on the agenda is a discussion of research funding.
 - b. By November 1 the University should have the system in place that will permit spreading nine-month pay over twelve months.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 11, 2010, were approved as amended.
4. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Mr. Wolfson reviewed the items on the agenda for the October 20 meeting with the President's Cabinet. Among issues related to purchasing are the limit of \$1,000 per purchase with the ProCard, which has been in effect for ten years, and the added refusal of the Purchasing Office to allow departments to buy office supplies from anyone but Office Max using a standing IRB. Also on the agenda are concerns related to research funding, including the high rate of rejection of grants for technical problems.
5. Scheduling of Meetings: Policy Committee discussed alternative times to hold its meetings to better accommodate the Provost's schedule.

[Mr. Volz left the meeting.]

6. Change in Traffic Flow into Parking Structure 2: Policy Committee received the recent information distributed by the Office of Finance and Facilities Management about the changes in the traffic flow into parking structure 2. Members

expressed concern about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety. Some members also

expressed concern about the condescending language used in the signs posted on campus and sent out in the e-mail of October 14 from Finance and Facilities Management. The Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee has invited Jon Frederick, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, and Professor Tappan Datta of the Civil Engineering Department to its October 21 meeting to discuss issues related to the street construction and access to parking structures. Mr. Wolfson will notify Deborah Charbonneau, the Chair of the FSST Committee, about the most recent concerns.

7. WSU E-mail Names: The Division of Computing and Information Technology is changing all e-mail names to the person's first name, period, last name. Mr. Wolfson checked and found that people still can receive e-mails under their old nickname and under their access ID.

8. Lecture Capture Guidelines Subcommittee: The Lecture Capture Task Force has been working on the implementation of the Echo 360 Lecture Capture System to be installed and functioning in State Hall, General Lectures, and Upper DeRoy in winter semester 2011. Mr. Wolfson serves on the Task Force, and he explained how the system would work. A Lecture Capture Guidelines Subcommittee is being formed to consider such issues as requesting and scheduling lecture recordings, length of time lectures are retained, and access to recorded lectures. Policy Committee nominated faculty for the subcommittee.

Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of October 25, 2010