

# Wayne State University

## Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee

**November 11, 2009**

**Present:** Cheryl Dove, Debra Jozefowicz-Simbeni, Liza Lagman Sperl, James Martin, Lisa Maruca, Brad Roth, David Strauss, Naida Simon, William Slater, Nancy Wilmes, James Woodyard and James Gale sitting in for the student representative

**Absent with notice:** Judy Fouladbakhsh, Barbara Jones, Michele Ronnick Bo Shen, Devon Sterk

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm. The minutes of October 14 were approved as written. Members of the committee introduced themselves to the other committee members since several members were not at the first meeting and the new Library Liaison was present. It was agreed to table the discussion of the Building Campaign until the December meeting.

**The Report from the Chair:** Policy Committee has recommended that Lisa Maruca, English Department, would be asked to serve on Dr. Shapiro's Orientation Committee. Although the committee has met, Dr. Maruca was not invited to attend. The Chair will follow up with Dr. Shapiro. Also the directors of the various departments (CAPS, Housing, SDS, Academic Success Center, and Advising) have agreed to come to speak with the committee.

**Smoking Survey:** Mr. Woodyard stated that he would have his draft of the survey ready by November 16 and email it to the committee members for comments, etc.

**Calendar Survey:** The first draft of the survey was discussed. Various changes were offered. It was agreed that the chair would send out a revised draft for additional changes and/or corrections by Friday, November 13. The updated list of questions would be done before the Thanksgiving break. Also it was agreed that focus group input should be solicited before the survey went to the university community. The focus groups would be Student Council, Honors Council, and Resident Halls. Members of the Committee would volunteer to be at the focus group meeting. Each focus group leader (James Gale, Liza Lagman Sperl and David Strauss) would let the committee know when their groups would meet so committee members could be there as volunteers. This would be done by email through the Listserv. Mr. Woodyard, the Policy Committee liaison, noted the time involved in the additional step would push the survey back to January, but the committee agreed that the focus groups were necessary to do this survey correctly.

A discussion followed as to the advisability of obtaining religious preferences of our students to see if a calendar change affected religious observance. The general consensus was to leave this alone.

It was agreed the Winter term meetings should be held on the Wednesday following the Senate meeting. The chair would reserve the Senate Conference Room as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 1:30 pm in 1270 FAB.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.