

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2016

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

Guests: President M. Roy Wilson; Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur; Vice President for Health Affairs David Hefner via a conference call.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of January 11.

1. Reorganization of the University: President Wilson and Vice Presidents Decatur and Hefner discussed the reorganization of some administrative functions in the University. They are seeking comment; the plans are not finalized. The areas on which they touched were the possibility of changing the budget model, the need to develop metrics by which to determine the needs of the schools and colleges, and the possibility of changing some responsibilities for administrative officers.

They plan to transfer the primary responsibility for the units' budgets and the business officers in the units to the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations (FBO). The process of developing the budget must be more collaborative. The process should include input from the academic side, be transparent, include long-term planning, and use data and analysis to develop recommendations. Both our internal auditors and our external auditors have recommended changes in how the budget is developed. The financial side of the University will produce quarterly financial statements, which we do not have now.

The President is considering whether the responsibilities of the Provost should be revised. The College of Nursing, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Social Work will remain as separate colleges/school reporting to the Provost.

A new position will be added in the Medical School, a Vice Dean for Finance. That person will have an indirect but significant relationship with the University Physician Group. He/she will report to the Vice President for Health Affairs with dotted line reporting to the Dean of Medicine and to the Vice President for FBO.

It is likely that the position of Vice President for Health Affairs will be combined with other responsibilities after the School of Medicine is stabilized and its affiliations are working properly. However, the Dean of Medicine will report to the Provost regarding academic matters. The School of Medicine needs to change its teaching method to teach students to work together. A member of Policy Committee suggested that the position in the Medical School might be a Vice Provost who would report to the Provost.

Mr. Hefner wants the University to reconstitute the Board and committee structure of the Fund for Medical Research and Education (FMRE) so the University will have more oversight than it has currently.

[President Wilson, Vice President Decatur, and Vice President Hefner left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Serrine Lau assumes the position of Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on January 12.
 - b. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute is January 15.
 - c. Provost Winters is in the process of interviewing candidates for the position of director of admissions.
 - d. The Provost is beginning the search for an enrollment manager. She has contracted with the search firm Brill Neumann and Associates to assist in the search.
3. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Next week, the search committee for the Provost will select the finalists to contact for interviews. Only one candidate will be interviewed on campus as recommended by the search firm that is assisting in the search.
 - b. Staff from the Education Advisory Board (EAB) will be on campus on January 13. One of the reasons for the visit is to present information about their software that analyzes data about students to identify those who might need extra support to succeed in college. Mr. Artiss will attend the presentation.
 - c. Policy Committee members raised questions about the statistical course that was approved as one of the ways students may complete the general education mathematics competency. The issue involved a pre-requisite for the course; the issue was resolved within the Department of Mathematics.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of December 14, 2015, as submitted.
- *5. The Levin Center at Wayne Law: In the fall term the Policy Committee received a request to charter the Levin Center at Wayne Law. The Committee requested additional information. It reviewed the revised materials at its January 11 meeting, and approved the chartering as a college center that will report to the Provost. The Committee recommended that the Provost evaluate the Center as part of the yearly budget process and ensure that the Law faculty support the spending of the general fund budget on the Center, should the donations and grants to support it be insufficient.
- *6. Academic Staff Professional Development Committee: A member resigned from the ASPDC. The Provost and the Policy Committee jointly selected a replacement who will complete the last year of the term. The terms are two years long.
7. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Dallas, the liaison from Policy Committee to the SAC, reported that staff in the Orientation Office met with the Committee. The

- SAC members consider the orientation program for freshmen to be good. The orientation program for transfer students needs to be improved. She also reported that the Wayne Advantage program allows students to concurrently register for courses at WSU and at the community college and still manage their financial aid. The students can apply for financial aid at WSU and, if they have federal funding such as Pell grants or federal loans, we will coordinate the payment of the tuition at the community college if they are dual enrolled.
- b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. Artiss, the Chair of FSST, reported that a greening plan will be presented to the Board of Governors in February. At the FSST's request, the Office of Facilities, Planning and Management is gathering information about the location of single-use restrooms. The information will be posted on the University's website. It is being done particularly for transgender students who are transitioning, for nursing mothers, and to locate foot-washing stations.
 - c. Child Care Committee: Mr. Artiss is one of the three Chairs of the 3N Child Care Committee that is charged with investigating the child care facilities near campus and making a recommendation to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff. The Committee is composed of faculty, administrators, and graduate students. The Committee will hold its first meeting this week.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 25, 2016