

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 23, 2017

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 January 23, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. The *New York Times* published data about economic diversity and outcomes of students at universities in the U.S. At Provost Whitfield's request, the Institutional Research Office compared the data for Wayne State with the data for the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.
- b. On January 25 the results of a survey of faculty that was conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles will be distributed to faculty. Wayne State is compared to other universities.
- c. Ms. Beale asked if WSU participates in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). We participate every three years, rather than every year, because of the high cost. We participated in 2012 and 2015. Ms. Simon reported that Wayne State would survey our student body in February. She will e-mail the draft survey to the Policy Committee.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Mr. Romano attended the Graduate Council meeting on January 18. The Council approved the establishment of a Master of Arts in Arts Administration and the establishment of a Master of Science Program with a Major in Finance.
- b. The Sesquicentennial Committee is planning the activities for the last week of the celebration. Members of the Policy Committee have not heard about plans for the symposium through their colleges.
- c. Some faculty who teach the courses that have a high percentage of students who receive D, F, W, or I have communicated with Mr. Romano. Mr. Romano suggested that a committee of faculty might provide input to the process that Associate Provost for Student Success Monica Brockmeyer is conducting. A member of the Policy Committee mentioned that faculty were concerned that courses with large enrollments that did not have a high percentage of failures/withdrawals were on the list of courses identified as barrier courses just because many students would be affected by improvements.

- *3. Policy Committee Proceedings of December 19, 2016: The Policy Committee Proceedings of December 19 incorrectly reported the action taken at the Board of Governors Student Affairs Committee meeting of December 2 relative to the motion to amend the Student Code of Conduct. The original Proceedings that the Policy Committee approved stated that the Board Committee defeated the motion to amend the Student Code of Conduct. That was incorrect. The Board Committee tabled the motion to amend the section of the Student Code of Conduct for further

discussion. At its meeting of January 23, the Policy Committee corrected the Proceedings of December 19.

- *4. Policy Committee Meeting of January 9, 2017: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of January 9 as submitted.
5. Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors Academic Affairs Committee: renee hoogland, who served as the faculty representative in the fall term, is on sabbatical leave. Policy Committee appointed Krista Brumley (Sociology, Liberal Arts and Sciences) as the replacement.
6. Code of Conduct for Employees: Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur asked the Policy Committee to appoint a faculty member to a committee that will draft a code of conduct for employees. Policy Committee selected Rita Casey (Psychology, Liberal Arts and Sciences); she accepted the appointment. Mr. Romano will ask Mr. Decatur for the charge to the committee.
7. Remote Participation in Academic Senate Meetings: Mr. Romano was asked that Senate members be able to participate in the meetings if they cannot attend the meeting in person. Policy Committee discussed how that might be done. Mr. Romano will contact the Division of Computing and Information Technology to see how we might provide remote access.
8. Board of Governors Meeting: Policy Committee received some documents that are on the agenda of the Board of Governors meeting of January 27: a list of the major capital projects that are being undertaken; the Executive Summary – Financial Results for FY 2016; and the FY 2018 Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the School of Medicine MD Program (1st Year Students Only).
9. Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting: The Policy Committee reviewed and revised the drafted agenda for the February 1 Academic Senate meeting.
10. Meeting with the President’s Cabinet: Policy Committee will meet with President Wilson and the members of his Cabinet on March 9. The Committee will consider topics to discuss with the Cabinet.
11. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Ms. Dallas, the liaison to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, said that Associate Provost Darin Ellis spoke to the Committee about the Early Academic Alert (EAA) Program. Faculty on the SAC talked about the challenges they have submitting the grades for large classes.
 - b. Mr. Roth, the liaison to the Student Affairs Committee, said that Jon Frederick, the Director of Parking and Transportation Services, reported that the parking program that allowed first-time-in-any-college entering freshmen to park free in campus facilities in the fall worked well. There is concern how students will react when they have to pay. The program that was a pilot program in the fall 2016 term was continued in winter 2017. Asked about the possibility of the

University's having free parking for all students, Mr. Romano said that we do not have enough parking spaces to provide free parking.

12. EAB: A member of the Policy Committee mentioned that the launching of EAB interferes with the start of registration for the fall 2017 term. The current system students use to make appointments with advisors is being taken down two weeks before the beginning of the registration period. During those two weeks students will not be able to make appointments electronically. Provost Whitfield will check the situation.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 30, 2017