WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 31, 2011

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

Absent with notice: R. Brown; A. Vlasopolos

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of January 31, 2011.

 1. Parking Task Force: Mr. Romano, Mr. Woodyard, and Mr. McIntyre are faculty
     representatives on the Parking Task Force. The Task Force has prepared a report
     that includes recommendations for improved technology and repairs, a maintenance
     schedule, and two funding models. The funding model preferred by the faculty
     representatives would change the way students pay for parking from paying each
     time they enter to their paying a one-time fee at the time they pay their tuition.
     Although at one time the administration was in favor of such a system, it appears
     they have reversed their position. The faculty representatives and the Policy
     Committee favor the one-time fee because they believe it will increase students'
     class attendance and students would be more willing to spread their class schedules
     over more days. The University does not have data on how many parking spaces
     are used at any time now. Although there is concern whether there are enough
     parking spaces to accommodate increased use of the parking facilities, there are
     ways to measure how many are in use. The Task Force's report calls for installing
     technology to measure how many occupants are in each structure and lot on
     campus. A Policy Committee member suggested that allowing students to park free
     for a brief period of time before the technology is installed would provide the
     information. If there were free parking for one week in the fall semester, the parking
     situation could be measured for each day of the week and would provide some data
     with which to work. Mr. Woodyard noted that there are reports by consultants and
     by Engineering faculty and students to which the administration has not responded.

 2. Report from the Senate President:
     a. The Policy Committee met with the President's Cabinet on January 27, 2011.
     b. The Policy Committee met on January 28, 2011, with consultants visiting
         campus regarding the Office for Teaching and Learning.

*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee
     meeting of January 24, 2011, were approved as submitted.

 4. Nominees for the Type II Centers and Institutes Committee: Vice President for
     Research Hilary Ratner sent a memorandum to the Policy Committee agreeing that

the Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee (CIAC-II) needed to be reconstituted. The CIAC-II reviews proposals to charter centers and institutes that are large, multidisciplinary and are primarily engaged in research. The Committee also reviews the requests to renew the charters of these centers and institutes. Policy Committee nominated faculty to serve on the Committee. Mr. Wolfson will contact the nominees to learn if they are able to serve. Policy Committee disagreed with the procedure for the selection of the Committee members laid out by Vice President Ratner in her memorandum of January 12, 2011. The Statute on Centers and Institutes states that "The CIAC-II shall have 2N members, drawn primarily from the tenured or tenure-track faculty, with N members appointed by the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate and N members appointed by the Vice President for Research, each acting in consultation with the other. The chair of the committee shall be appointed from the membership by the Vice President for Research in consultation with the Policy Committee." Mr. Wolfson will inform the Vice President of the Policy Committee's position.

5. Review of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute: The Policy Committee considers the review of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute to be invalid because the committee that conducted the review was not properly constituted and the review did not follow the procedures in the Statute.

6. Task Force for Streamlining Processes: Policy Committee selected a replacement for the nominees for the Task Force for Streamlining Processes (the Dysfunctional Rules Committee) because one of the faculty originally selected is leaving the University.

*7. Classified Research: A committee of faculty and administrators reviewed the Board Statute that prohibits classified research except under national emergency. The committee recommended a change in the Statute and a procedure for requesting a waiver that would allow the University to accept research awards with certain restrictions not allowed under the current Statute. The revised Statute would grant sole authority to grant a waiver to the Vice President for Research. Policy Committee had reviewed the recommendation on November 22, 2010, and recommended that a committee of faculty and administrators be established to review and make the final recommendation on requests for waivers. The Academic Senate Research Committee also reviewed the proposed revision to the Statute. The Research Committee recommended that the Vice President for Research have the sole authority to grant waivers, but suggested that a 2N committee be established to review decisions by the Vice President and deliver a final recommendation on the request for a waiver. Policy Committee supported the Research Committee's recommendation.

8. Reports from Liaisons:
    a. Research Committee: Mr. MacArthur reported that the Research Committee saw a demonstration by consultants for a streamlined effort reporting system for grants. The National Institutes of Health requires researchers supported by grants to report the time they spend working on the grants. The University needs

a system that it can check to assure compliance with NIH. The Research Committee suggested that Policy Committee might want to see the demonstration. Policy Committee will schedule a demonstration for the full Senate.

b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Ms. Dallas reported that the Library staff made a presentation to the FSST Committee about accessing the Library on mobile devices. The service is available to faculty and students. They can even chat with a librarian. Public Safety has a draft policy on where surveillance cameras can be placed; they sought input from the FSST Committee. Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky had asked Mr. Wolfson for the name of a faculty member who would serve on the committee developing the video surveillance policy. Mr. Woodyard volunteered to serve. Policy Committee members asked to see the proposed policy.

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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of January 31, 2011