

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 9, 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 item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of January 9, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. Associate Vice President for Fiscal Operations James Barbret reported to the Provost that the TravelWayne Committee met twice in December. The Committee will review a new system for travel that was designed for higher education. Mr. Barbret pointed out that some colleges and departments implemented more restrictive guidelines than those imposed by the central administration. The additional restrictions have increased the frustration of the users of the TravelWayne system.
  - b. The committee to review the allocation of graduate assistants has received its charge. Mr. Romano, who is a member of the committee, said that the committee discussed how the schools and colleges allocate the assistantships among their departments. The Deans vary in the methods they use to distribute the assistantships.
2. Retention and Graduation Rates and Budget Cuts: Policy Committee members discussed the problems associated with cutting part-time faculty positions to reduce budgets. When part-time faculty are cut, a department has to reduce the number of courses it can offer. Students have fewer courses to take and tuition revenue is decreased. They are unable to take required courses, extending the time to complete their degrees or they may drop out. Provost Whitfield mentioned that Deans have to build their programs. Also discussed was the affect that differential tuition has on students' progress to graduation, the increase in the tuition rate when students move into the upper level undergraduate programs, and the need for some students to manage their finances better.
3. Report from the Senate President;
  - a. The Graduate School will resubmit a proposal for the National Science Foundation Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES) grant. The purpose is to encourage underrepresented minorities to pursue careers in engineering and the sciences. We submitted a proposal last year but did not receive funding. Mr. Romano will once again participate in the development of this grant submission.
  - b. Mr. Romano distributed to the Policy Committee a revised agenda for the January 11 Academic Senate meeting. Added to the agenda is a report about the courses that are barriers to students' progress.
  - c. At the December 2 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors, a recommendation was made to amend the Student Code of

Conduct. That motion was tabled. Mr. Roth, Ms. Beale, and Mr. Romano wrote a letter to the Board of Governors explaining the purpose of the proposed amendment, which would prohibit a student's using the work product from one course for a subsequent course without the permission of the instructor of the subsequent course.

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5. Information Systems Management Committee: Linda Beale and Joseph Artiss have been serving on this Committee. Mr. Artiss has retired. Policy Committee appointed Jane Fitzgibbon (Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts) to the ISMC. In addition, it was suggested that a faculty member from the Medical School might be appointed also as the needs of the Medical School may be somewhat different than those on the main campus.
6. TravelWayne: David Kessel and Joseph Artiss have been serving on the committee that is reviewing TravelWayne. Policy Committee appointed S. Asli Ozgun-Koca (Teacher Education, Education) to replace Mr. Artiss.
7. Childcare Committee: Mr. Artiss also chaired the Childcare Committee. Anne Rothe volunteered to serve on the Committee. A Chair will need to be appointed.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 23, 2017