

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

October 12, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; M. Sengstock; H. Tse; A. Vlasopolos;
W. Volz; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of October 12, 2009.

1. Report from the Liaison to the Budget Committee: Mr. Romano, the liaison to the Academic Senate Budget Committee, reported on the meeting of October 12, 2009. A proposal in the University Budget for fiscal year 2010 states that effective fiscal year 2011, all academic positions that are vacant for over one-year (Sept. 30, 2009 to October 1, 2010), the funding and corresponding benefits will be pulled back into a central pool. At its meeting of October 12, the Senate Budget Committee discussed a proposal made by Michael McIntyre, the Chair of the Committee, to deal with the concerns that the administration's proposal is meant to address. For many years, Deans have used the funding from unfilled faculty positions to operate their units. Policy Committee discussed the issues and considered what changes to the proposals might achieve the purpose but not have a deleterious effect on departments. Mr. McIntyre is revising the proposal.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 5, 2009, were approved as revised.
3. Smart Energy Task Force: President Noren asked the Senate to submit the names of four faculty for the Smart Energy Task Force. Mr. Wolfson solicited nominations from the full Senate. From the nominations, Policy Committee selected four names to submit to the President. The President will select two faculty from the list.
4. Board of Governors Meeting: Policy Committee received and discussed some of the documents that are on the agendas for the Board of Governors committee meetings and the full Board meeting on October 14, 2009. These were: the Status Report on Accreditation; the FY 2010 Enrollment & Budget Update; the recommendation to demolish the building at 5801 Woodward near the I-94 freeway; the presentation The President's Standing Committee on Environmental Initiatives, the Capital Campaign Report for the periods 1/1/2009 to 7/31/2009 and 1/1/2009 to 8/31/2009; and the Development and Alumni Affairs Reports of July 2009 and August 2009.
5. Cleanliness of Facilities: Policy Committee members pointed out that classrooms in State Hall and Old Main are very dirty and asked that the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee look into the issue of cleanliness in classrooms.
6. National Research Ranking: Mr. Tse revised the report of the 2008-2009 Research Committee titled, Wayne State University National Research Ranking, as Proceedings of the Policy Committee October 12, 2009

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suggested last week by the Policy Committee. The report will be sent to members of the administration, the Board of Governors, and the Senate. It will be put on Pipeline for all faculty to access.

7. Report from the Liaison to the Research Committee: Mr. Tse gave a brief report of the Research Committee meeting of September 25, 2009. Last year the Committee looked at the faculty's perceptions of research. This year it will look at the administrators' perceptions of research. Committee members are interviewing administrators and asking their views about university research.
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Approved as revised at the Policy Committee meeting of October 19, 2009