

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

October 17, 2016

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 October 17, 2016.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Provost Whitfield reported that the Daycare Implementation Committee had its first meeting. The members are Joseph Artiss (Associate Professor, Pathology, Medicine), Diana Goode (Interim Associate Vice President for Budget, Finance and Business Operations), Sharon Lean (Associate Professor, Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences), Anna Miller (College of Education Early Childhood Center & Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Early Childhood Center), Loreleigh Keashly (Associate Dean, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts), Toycia Collins (Graduate Research Assistant, Liberal Arts and Sciences), and Michael Keogh (Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mathematics, Liberal Arts and Sciences). The Committee will deal with pragmatic issues first, such as how to operate a daycare facility that is open longer than the standard work day. The need for daycare is so great the University will not be able to meet it, but this Committee will begin to address the issue.
- b. The Deans have submitted their plans for hiring faculty for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- c. An open house for students, prospective students, and families was held this past weekend.
- d. The Policy Committee discussed with the Provost the awarding of financial aid based on merit and on need. The financial awards that colleges give and the awards that are given through the Student Financial Aid Office have to be coordinated. More staff are needed in the Financial Aid Office and the telephone system needs to be upgraded.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Last week Mr. Romano attended the retreat where the Dean of Medicine Jack Sobel and Vice President for Medical Affairs David Hefner reported on progress to deal with the deficit that the School of Medicine incurred and other issues that affect the School. It is expected that the School's budget will be balanced in the next two years. The School increased the number of minority students it admits to the M.D. program. The relationship of the University with the Detroit Medical Center, which is owned by Tenet Health, also was discussed.
- b. Candidates for the position of Associate Vice President for Budgets and Planning will visit campus in the next two weeks. The members of the Policy Committee and of the Budget Committee will meet with the candidates.

- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of October 3, 2016, as submitted.

4. Data Analysis of Our African American Students: Policy Committee received the data it requested in an effort to understand the reasons for the low graduation rates of our African American students. They looked at high school grade point averages, ACT scores, FTIAC retention rates, learning communities, students who declared a major during their first two years, academic and financial holds, students living in campus housing compared with students not living on campus, married students, students with children, and students who completed the mathematics competency. We have to improve our efforts to enroll qualified students and we need to increase the financial support we provide students.

Mr. Romano asked for additional data on the retention and graduation rates for students who participate in the APEX (Academic Pathways for Excellence) Program.

5. General Education: Policy Committee discussed general education.
6. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed topics for the agenda of the Academic Senate meeting of November 2. PC will finalize the agenda at its next meeting.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of October 24, 2016