

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

October 28, 2013

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of October 28, 2013.

Guest: Ahmad Ezzeddine, Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach, attended the meeting to report on an agreement with Schoolcraft College and update the Committee on extension classes.

1. Schoolcraft College: Earlier this year, Schoolcraft College approached Wayne State to participate in a university center on their campus. Schoolcraft asked that the initial programs be business and engineering technology with computer science to be added later. Mr. Ezzeddine is working with Wayne's School of Business Administration to offer a complete program at the extension center, but students will have limited choices. Wayne State will have classrooms and offices on the campus. The University is not paying for the renovation of Schoolcraft's facilities, but will pay rent to use the facilities. This is an opportunity to attract students from Schoolcraft College who transfer to four-year universities. Of the 2400 graduates from Schoolcraft only 140 transferred to Wayne State. The two institutions are exploring dual enrollment. Wayne will begin offering courses there in the fall of 2014. Mr. Ezzeddine has a goal of 400 students. The public announcement will be made on November 7.

There were questions about the need for classes to be held at the College and its proximity to the WSU's Oakland Center. There was discussion about the scheduling of faculty and the scheduling of classes. The courses will be coordinated with the Oakland Center. Wayne State advisors will have offices at the Schoolcraft campus. It was suggested that they try to find out the majors the students have pursued when they have gone to other universities. Wayne State could fill that gap.

Policy Committee members talked about the need to have incentives for Department Chairs to schedule classes. Several years ago there was a monetary incentive for departments to teach off campus, but it was put on hold because of the lack of funds.

Questions were asked about the plans for the Macomb Center, particularly if researchers would be housed there. Mr. Romano asked for a copy of the architectural plan for the Center. Mr. Ezzeddine will provide it. He said that it is primarily a teaching facility, but the labs could be used for some research.

Mr. Romano asked Mr. Ezzeddine to provide information about the extension centers: the courses that are taught, the enrollment, the number of full-time lecturers or tenured faculty, and the number of courses that are staffed by other instructors.

[Mr. Ezzeddine left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:

- a. Provost Winters and Vice President for Research Hilary Ratner met with representatives from the Kresge Foundation. They discussed higher education and Wayne's needs to improve student retention, how to grow student engagement, providing support for faculty to attend conferences, etc. Provost Winters talked about the twelve thrusts of undergraduate retention and time to degree. Vice President for Research Hilary Ratner talked about the interaction of undergraduate research, retention, and giving back to the community. The representatives were interested in what Wayne State can do to improve the experiences of students and get them to graduation.
- b. Last week Provost Winters attended the kick-off of a program on community engagement involving Wayne State, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan.
- c. There was a question about how a fellowship is affected if a student takes a semester to study abroad through Wayne State's program.

3. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Mr. Romano asked about the status of the search for the Dean of the Graduate School. Provost Winters said that the committee has been named and that she would meet with them next week. The advertisement will be out soon.
- b. Mr. Romano serves on the search committee for the Vice President for Research. A subcommittee of the search committee interviewed four firms that applied to assist in the search. Harris Search Associates, which handles only searches for higher education, was hired.
- c. Mr. MacArthur reported on the status of the Huron Research Advisory Committee. At one time it was reported that the Committee had completed its report but some members want to review the report. Another meeting will be held.
- d. At Mr. Romano's request, Provost Winters will check on the availability of data on the students who participated in the Summer APEX Program.

*4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 21, 2013, were approved as submitted.

5. Peer Review Process: Policy Committee received the materials that were distributed to Deans and Department Chairs. Policy Committee believed that guidelines were needed to assist departments in developing their processes. Peer evaluation of teaching was adopted by the AAUP-AFT and the Administration in the 2013-2021 Agreement. The Administration and the AAUP-AFT will develop the guidelines.

6. Development: A member of the Policy Committee relayed her experience in trying to establish an endowment.

7. Residency and Citizenship Requirement for Scholarships: Mr. Woodyard alerted the Committee and the Provost that there is an inconsistency between the revised

Statute “Tuition Regulations and Review Procedures” and information on the University’s web site about scholarships for freshman students.

8. Reports from Liaisons:

- a. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. Artiss reported that two members of FSST will attend presentations from companies bidding to provide the telephone system for the University. Richard Dunbar (University Libraries – Administration) talked about the renovation of Manoogian Hall. Two FSST members will join a committee being consulted about the renovation. A member of FSST raised questions about power outages. The University is changing providers from DPL to DTE but that process will take an estimated two years to complete.
- b. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Dallas said that Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Joseph Rankin explained learning outcomes for programs. Every undergraduate, graduate, and certificate program has to develop learning objectives and assessment and enter the information into a software program called Compliance Assist.

9. Clinical Research Fees: Mr. MacArthur returned to an issue that he brought up several months ago. Both the Detroit Medical Center and the School of Medicine have instituted very high clinical research fees. The SOM mandated the fees for their ONCORE database. The fees pose a problem for some researchers. Some studies involve only four or five people and a grant cannot cover the expensive fees. In addition, some companies have refused to pay the fees. Two projects that should have been funded were not funded. The Vice Dean for Research at the Medical School, Bonita Stanton, has been working with the principal investigators and the companies and funding agencies to get funding. Mr. Romano suggested that Mr. MacArthur provided details about the cases so the Policy Committee might take some action.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 11, 2013