

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 2, 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 November 2, 2009.

1. Strategic Directions Retreat: On November 3, the Policy Committee will attend the retreat about the Strategic Directions. At today's Policy Committee meeting they reviewed information provided for the presentations. The main issue that Policy Committee members discussed was the budget, in particular the proposed increase in tuition and research spending.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 19, 2009, were approved as modified.
3. Academic Senate Meeting of November 4: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Sengstock read a motion that she will present to the full Senate. Members of the Policy Committee supported this.

[Provost Barrett left the meeting.]

4. Task Force on Student Success: Policy Committee reviewed the nominations that Senate members submitted for the President's Task Force on Student Success. It made additional nominations. Mr. Wolfson will contact the nominees who were not contacted prior to the meeting to determine if they are able to serve.
5. Task Force on Research Incentives: Policy Committee reviewed the nominations that Senate members submitted for the President's Task Force on Research Incentives. It made additional nominations. Mr. Wolfson will contact the nominees who were not contacted prior to the meeting to determine if they are able to serve.
6. Last Day to Register For and to Withdraw From Classes: Last year Senate committees and the Policy Committee discussed changing the last day when students may add or register for classes and when students may withdraw from classes. According to the Proceedings of the Policy Committee and a memorandum sent to the Provost's Office, on June 30, 2008, the Policy Committee recommended that the last day on which students may register for courses be changed to the last day of the first week of classes. The committees had thought the last day to withdraw from classes should be moved up as well, but were concerned that the change not adversely impact students who receive financial aid. Howard Shapiro, the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Programs and General Education, will attend the November 9 Policy Committee meeting to discuss this issue.
7. Student Evaluation of Teaching: Last week a faculty member pointed out that the University had not implemented the recommendations of the Academic Senate Student Evaluation of Teaching (ASSET) Committee to control for student interest in courses. Policy Committee referred this one

question from the ASSET Report to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for a recommendation.

8. Report from Liaisons to Committees: Ms. Vlasopolos, the liaison to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, said that President Noren had asked the Committee to name faculty to serve on a task force.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 9, 2009