

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 1, 2010

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos;
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 1, 2010.

In the absence of Provost Brown, Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting.

1. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Wolfson reported that Joan Gossman, the Director of Purchasing, who had been on the agenda for the November 3 Academic Senate meeting to discuss Purchasing, would not be attending the meeting. She will attend the December meeting when Provost Brown is present. Nardina Mein, Director of New Media and Information Technology, will also make a presentation to the Senate in December about the lecture capture system being installed in classrooms.
2. Search for the Vice President of Finance: Mr. Romano reported that the search committee completed its work and forwarded a slate of candidates to President Gilmour. Both the Senate's Policy and Budget Committees were mentioned as groups that might be involved in the interviewing of candidates. Vice President Davis has agreed to remain in the position until his replacement joins the University, allowing Mr. Davis time to help acclimate the new Vice President.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of October 25, 2010, were approved as submitted.

[Mr. Volz arrived at the meeting.]

4. New Faculty Positions: Mr. Volz, who served on the committee reviewing the proposals for new faculty positions, updated the Policy Committee on the progress of the review. The announcement of the positions that will be funded will be made soon.
5. Winter Commencement: Mr. Wolfson asked Policy Committee members to volunteer to represent the Academic Senate at the Commencement ceremonies on December 11 and 12. They will revisit the question when they have the schedule of the ceremonies.
- *6. Alternative Meeting Times for Policy Committee Meetings: Policy Committee passed the following motion: to keep the meeting time from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays with flexibility of an earlier starting time at 1:00 p.m. If an emergency

arises, the members will do their best to meet at an alternate day and time with the Provost in lieu of the Monday afternoon meeting, but no more than once a month.

- *7. Annual Report of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Policy Committee received the Annual Report and forwarded it to the full Senate for information.
8. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Research Committee meeting of April 29, 2010, and of the Student Affairs Committee meeting of September 15, 2010. The minutes of the Research Committee refer to a report being prepared by a presidential committee chaired by Associate Vice President for Research Joseph Dunbar. Mr. Wolfson was asked to find out the status of the report and to request a copy if one is available.
9. Report from the Budget Committee Liaison: Mr. Romano said that at the meeting of October 29, the Budget Committee considered issues on which it might work this year. In March 2010, the Board of Governors approved the construction of a multi-purpose athletic facility for \$1.4 million. When the construction of the building was announced in the media, the price of the building was reported as \$2.4 million. Mr. Kohrman, the Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis, told the Budget Committee, that after approving the budget of \$1.4 million, the Board did not like the appearance of the facility and increased the amount in an executive committee meeting. The Board will report its action at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Volz, who is also a member of the Budget Committee, reported that the Committee also looked at the Nursing Practice Plan.
10. Managerial Support for Grants: A member raised issues related to managerial support for research grants. Another member suggested, if members of his department have problems with the Researcher's Dashboard, that they develop a document for discussion.

Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of November 8, 2010