

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 12, 2012

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

Absent with notice: R. Brown; A. Vlasopolos

Guest: Wayne Raskind, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 12, 2012.

1. Conversation with Dean Raskind: Policy Committee invited Dean Raskind to the meeting to talk about the initiatives on which he will focus his attention as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Dean Raskind and the Policy Committee members discussed issues related to enrollment and retention and the role of advisors in the College. One member thought better coordination and training of advisors in departments was needed. Policy Committee members raised issues related to online courses. A Policy Committee member mentioned that students have a high failure rate in the remedial mathematics courses. Also discussed was the need for changes in the teaching of large introductory classes and increasing the number of full-time faculty. Dean Raskind is providing funding through faculty research accounts for tenured and tenure-track faculty to use for research expenses. A member suggested that efforts be made to assist junior faculty in obtaining grants. Dean Raskind explained his plans to improve the support for research in CLAS.

[Dean Raskind left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. The Board of Governors established the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and announced the membership of the Committee. The faculty serving on the Committee are: John Corvino, Associate Professor and Chair, Philosophy, CLAS; John Dolan, Distinguished Professor, Law; Larry Matherly, Professor, Pharmacology and Oncology, Medicine; Alicia Nails, Lecturer, Communications, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts; Wei-Zen Wei, Professor, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Medicine. Professor Romano serves as the President of the Academic Senate. Charles Parrish serves as the President of the AAUP-AFT. Dean of Medicine Valerie Parisi and Dean Raskind are also on the Committee.
 - b. The committee reviewing the budget of the Development Office continues its work. They plan to submit a draft of their report to the Policy and Budget Committees simultaneously. The report is due to the Board of Governors prior to the Board meeting of December 5, 2012.

- c. The administration suggested that the Academic Senate develop a service award to be given to the faculty and academic staff. Policy Committee discussed whether this should be done.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 5, 2012, were approved as submitted.
4. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee will meet with the President's Cabinet on November 28. The members suggested topics to discuss with the Cabinet, which they will review next week.
5. Student Code of Conduct Hearing Committee Panel: All of the faculty positions on the Panel have been filled. The terms are staggered and Policy Committee will assign the members of the Panel to one-, two-, or three-year terms.
6. General Education Oversight Committee:
- a. The members' terms expire at the beginning of the academic year, but the new members are selected in the fall and begin their terms in January. Interim Associate Provost Joseph Rankin wanted to change the time when members joined the committee. All of the current members of the GEOC agreed to continue serving until the fall after their terms are due to expire, and the new members would begin their terms in the fall. The Policy Committee agreed to the change.
 - b. A member of the GEOC resigned her position. Policy Committee agreed that Jennifer Lewis (Teacher Education, Education) would be the replacement.
7. Report from Liaisons:
- a. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Dallas said that, at its meeting last week, the Committee heard a report about the Academic Pathways for Excellence (APEX) program held during the summer for students who were admitted to the Summer Bridge Program. All of the students invited to participate in the program did not join it, but those who completed it did well. Members of the Policy Committee expressed interest in how the students are doing in their fall classes.
 - b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. MacArthur reported that Vice President for Finance and Business Operations Richard Nork gave a presentation about plans for infrastructure improvements for the next three years. These include the buildings that will be renovated and equipment for uninterruptable power supplies. The cost of building generators outside every University building would be \$80 million. The cost for uninterrupted power supplies would be \$3 million. In addition, it was reported that Dean of Engineering Farshad Fotouhi would like to use the Science and Engineering Library for office space.
8. Student Survey: Mr. Woodyard reported that as of the last count 3,188 students had completed the survey. E-mail invitations sent to students individually appear to be the best way to reach students.