

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2010

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

Absent with notice: R. Brown; V. Dallas

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 15, 2010.

1. Parking Task Force: Mr. Romano reported that the Parking Task Force met last week and discussed maintenance of the parking facilities including the cost of maintenance. Still on the table for discussion is the possibility of charging a one-time fee for students to park on campus to be paid at the time of registration instead of charging each time they enter a lot or structure. One concern is whether there are enough parking spaces if the change were to result in more students driving to campus. Mr. Romano pointed out to the Task Force that changing to a one-time charge had nothing to do with increasing or decreasing revenue, but with getting students to attend class.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Mr. Wolfson said that Robert Sokol, Director of the C.S. Mott Center for Human Growth and Development, who is heading the University's effort to obtain a Clinical and Translational Science Award asked to attend the December 13, 2010, Policy Committee meeting. He will report on the progress of the University's application and discuss the structure of the proposed Department of Clinical and Translational Science.
  - b. Associate Vice President Howard Shapiro is scheduled to give a report on student retention at the January 12, 2011, Academic Senate meeting. Policy Committee members asked Mr. Wolfson to get more information about the report. Policy Committee had a preliminary discussion about the need for a plan to address the low graduation rate of poorly prepared students.
  - c. Mr. Wolfson distributed information showing the increase in on-line courses from the 2002-03 academic year through the 2009-10 academic year.
  - d. Mr. Wolfson and Mr. McIntyre met with one of the candidates for the position of Vice President for Finance and Facilities Management. The second candidate will visit campus later in the week.

[Mr. MacArthur joined the meeting during discussion of item 2.]

- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 8, 2010, were approved as corrected.
4. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee reviewed the items that it had suggested for the agenda for the November 18, 2010, meeting with the President's Cabinet.

5. Committee to Review Resumes of Enrollment Management Applicants: Provost Brown asked the Policy Committee to nominate faculty for a committee that will review the resumes of the applicants for the enrollment management position. Members asked for the description of the position before making nominations.
6. Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed and modified the drafted agenda for the December 1, 2010, Academic Senate meeting. Policy Committee supported Mr. Wolfson's idea of e-mailing all faculty and academic staff to get input about concerns they have about purchasing. Joan Gossman, Director of Purchasing, is on the agenda of the December Senate meeting.
7. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee received the agenda and documents for the November 17, 2010, meeting of the Graduate Council. One of the items on the agenda is a proposal to revise the PhD Time Extension Policy. Several members of the Policy Committee objected to the changes.
8. Report from Liaisons:
  - a. Research Committee: Mr. MacArthur, the liaison to the Research Committee, reported that the Committee would meet on November 18, 2010.
  - b. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Woodyard, the liaison to the Student Affairs Committee, informed the Policy Committee that the Student Affairs Committee, at its meeting of November 10, 2010, discussed the loss of books held on reserve in the Libraries. The Libraries also has problems with people removing pages from books. Linda Seatts, the Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars, talked to the SAC about cultural problems that instructors might encounter with some international students. If students are not responding to the faculty member, she urged them to notify her office so they might intercede and assist the students. Ms. Seatts believes that departments must become more active in recruiting graduate students.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 22, 2010