

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 30, 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 30, 2009.

1. Report from the Chair: Enrollment for the winter 2010 term is up 5% compared with the same period last year. Enrollment of continuing undergraduates is good but enrollment of new graduate students is down. The University is encouraging students to register early.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 23, 2009, were approved as submitted.
3. Enrollment: Policy Committee discussed how enrollment might fare over the next few years with the downturn in Michigan's economy and the decrease in the population of traditional college-age students.
4. Strategic Directions: Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis, informed Mr. Wolfson that the Strategic Directions web site would be updated to include the comments from the Strategic Directions retreat of November 3. The additions should be available about December 11. Mr. McIntyre, the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, drafted a response to the strategic initiatives for review by the Budget Committee. He asked the Policy Committee for guidance on how the Budget Committee should proceed. Mr. Wolfson will write the charge for all the Senate committees.
5. Graduate Awards for the 2010-2011 Academic Year: Ms. Sengstock, the graduate director in the Department of Sociology, gave to the Policy Committee the changes that Graduate School Dean Mark Wardell is making to the awards for graduate and professional students for the next academic year. Members expressed concern about the effect the changes would have on their programs and their ability to attract and support students. Mr. Wolfson will invite Dean Wardell to a Policy Committee meeting to discuss the changes.
6. Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of December 2, 2009.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of December 7, 2009