

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 7, 2016

Present: L. Beale; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; A. Rothe; N. Simon;  
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: V. Dallas; K. Whitfield

In the absence of Provost Whitfield, Ms. Beale, the Vice Chair, chaired the meeting.

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of November 7, 2016.

1. General Education: The Policy Committee discussed the status of the work of the General Education Oversight Committee and the General Education Reform Committee. Mr. Romano will e-mail two documents to the members of the GEOC and the GERC: (1) *Coordination of the General Education Reform Committee (GERC) and the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC)* from Provost Whitfield; and (2) the memo dated October 20, 2016, the Policy Committee's *Response to Coordination Document for GEOC and GERC*.
- \*2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of October 24, 2016, as submitted.
3. Learning Management System Review Project: Policy Committee selected Anne Rothe to serve on the Learning Management System Review Project Team and the Learning Management System RFP Review Committee. The Division of Computing and Information Technology is evaluating learning management system applications, looking for options other than Blackboard. The Blackboard Corporation is in the process of releasing a new application, not an upgrade. The LMS Review Project Team, a group of frequent users of Blackboard, is creating a list of requirements for a learning management system. When that work is completed, the RFP Review Committee will write the request for proposal and will evaluate the proposals that are submitted.
4. Re-chartering of the Institute for Environmental Health Sciences: Policy Committee received the recommendation of the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee – II (CIAC-II) to renew the charter of the IEHS for six years. The CIAC-II also recommended that the name of the Institute be changed, as the Director of the Institute requested, to IEHS/CURES. CURES is the acronym for the Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors. IEHS has improved since its last review, but the Policy Committee expressed concern about the productivity of some faculty in the Institute. The PC is requesting additional information about productivity, the status of the Institute's renewal CURES P30 grant, and where the faculty in the Institute have their retreat lines.

5. Communication: Members of Policy Committee continue to believe that the University should have a coordinated effort for faculty and for students whom the faculty recruit to participate in communicating positive messages about the University and to provide expert opinions, when appropriate, to the media.
6. Meetings with the President and His Cabinet: Policy Committee asked Mr. Romano to request periodic meetings of the Committee with the President and his Cabinet.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 21, 2016