

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

December 11, 2017

Present: V. Dallas; r. hoogland; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield, A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: L. Beale

Guest: Ellen Barton, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of December 11, 2017.

1. Article XXX Committees: As in past years, prior to the regular meeting, the Policy Committee met without the Provost to identify the members of the faculty and academic staff whom they would like to serve on the university-wide committees that are formed according to Article XXX in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT.

[Provost Whitfield and Associate Provost Barton joined the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. The reception for the students who completed their Ph.D. or Ed.D. and their mentors was held December 9.
 - b. Ten students were accepted to begin the Med-Direct program in fall 2018. The University received about 300 applications. The students' SAT scores ranged from 1380 to 1550. The students not selected will be offered good financial aid packages and will be encouraged to come to Wayne State. Philanthropist Mort Harris has committed \$10 million to fund the program.
3. Report from the Senate President: The Foundation Board met last week. David Rosenberg, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, presented his research to the Board. The Board also received an update on investments.
- *4. Selection of the Members of the Article XXX Committees: Provost Whitfield and the Policy Committee jointly selected the members of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Academic Staff Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Sabbatical Leaves Committee, the Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee, the Educational Development Grant Committee, and the University Research Grant Award Committee. Ms. Barton participated in the selection process.

[Ms. Barton left the meeting.]

- *5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of December 4, 2017, as submitted.

6. Procedures for Electing the Policy Committee: A member of the Senate raised concerns about the procedure that has been used when five members are running for five seats on the Policy Committee. There has been some discussion via e-mail among members of the Policy Committee and the Elections Committee, and several suggestions for changing the procedures were made. Policy Committee discussed the concerns at today's meeting. The Elections Committee will meet early in the winter term to consider options for addressing the issue.

7. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee: Ms. Hoogland reported that Veronica Bielat, Student Success Librarian, Michael Priehs, Coordinator for Scholarly Communications and Copyright, and Abdul-Rahman Suleiman, the Student Senate liaison to the FAC, discussed OpenStax with the Committee.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 22, 2018