

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

December 20, 2010

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

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of December 20, 2010.

1. Selection of the Members of the Article XXX Committees: The members of university-wide committees are chosen according to the provisions of Article XXX in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT. After the slates are ready, the Policy Committee and the Provost separately select the persons they would like to serve on the committees. The Provost and the Policy Committee then meet to jointly form the committees.

Prior to the regular meeting on December 20, the Policy Committee met without the Provost to decide which nominees they would like to serve on the various committees. They did not finish their selections. Changes were needed for two committees; there were not enough nominees for one committee and for another, one of the nominees was ineligible. Mr. Wolfson will inform Associate Vice President Calkins of the need for additional nominees. At the next meeting, the Policy Committee and the Provost will jointly select the membership of the committees.

[Provost Brown joined the meeting. Mr. Volz left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
  - a. Provost Brown and the Policy Committee discussed the need for administrative support in the schools and colleges.
  - b. The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education surveyed the non-tenured faculty at WSU. The meaning of some of the responses is not clear. The administration will hold focus groups with the faculty. The Deans should be meeting with the non-tenured faculty twice a semester. In addition, the Provost will also meet with them to get clarification about their concerns.
  - c. The reporting lines of some enrollment services have been changed. Robert Kohrman is overseeing Undergraduate Admissions and Student Financial Aid on an interim basis until the Associate Provost for Enrollment Management has been hired.
  - d. The Provost is looking into issues related to the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services.
  - e. Provost Brown updated the Committee about the searches for Deans.
  - f. The mathematics competency in the general education requirements is being changed. Mathematics 0993 is the pre-requisite course for Mathematics 1000, which has been the mathematics competency requirement for General Education since 2005. Presently, students must place into MAT 1000 through the Mathematics Placement Examination or based on a Math ACT of 21 or higher. If

not, they must successfully pass MAT 0993. That pathway is not effective for many students who only need MAT 1000, as MAT 0993 was designed before MAT 1000 existed and is designed as a pre-requisite for higher level mathematics courses or as a stand-alone competency requirement as it was before 2005. A new course will be designed as the pre-requisite for MAT 1000 to replace MAT 0993 specifically to prepare students for that course if they come unprepared. Placement in MAT 1000 will now be based on ACT-Math score (probably 17 or higher) or students will take the new pre-requisite. Math 0993 will still be taught in the laboratory format and in the classroom format used in the Rising Scholars Program for students who need that course as pre-requisite for MAT 1050 and other higher level mathematics courses. Students who transfer from accredited community colleges or from four-year colleges and universities will be able to transfer a mathematics course at the 1000 level or higher to fulfill the general education requirement. Students who transfer from community colleges under the MACRAO agreement will automatically satisfy the requirement by including a 1000-level mathematics course in their transfer package. The General Education Oversight Committee unanimously approved the changes and the Provost has authorized implementation.

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5. Division of Laboratory Animal Resources: Policy Committee discussed the issue of payments to vendors who sell animals to the University. It is understood that it is the responsibility of the principal investigators who ordered the animals to inform their department administrators that they received the animals and that they should initiate payment.
6. Graduate Student Publication Rights: Earlier in the fall term it was brought to the attention of the Policy Committee that a student had published her master's thesis in book form as the sole author, without approval of her advisor to use the data and without giving credit to her advisor or the other students who worked on the research. In September the Policy Committee charged the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, and the Research Committee with developing a policy to cover the use of students' uses of research information. The Faculty Affairs Committee submitted its recommendations to the Policy Committee. Mr. Wolfson will contact the Chairs of the other committees to learn the status of their reviews of the issue before taking action.

Provost Brown has asked Dean Wardell to write a set of parameters with the Graduate Council to cover this issue. He said that the Policy Committee would be given the document when it is completed. One Policy Committee member stressed that the guidelines should be discipline specific because some departments expect students to do independent work and to get their work published.

The Policy Committee discussed the issues involved in the situation that sparked the review. The General Counsel maintains that the student owns the copyright of the

thesis, and therefore has done nothing illegal. However, it is generally believed that the student's publishing the thesis as she did was unethical.

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8. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of October 29, 2010, the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of October 7, 2010, the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of November 2, 2010, and the Research Committee meetings of September 30 and October 21, 2010.
9. Report from the Liaison to the Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Woodyard reported that the Student Affairs Committee met on December 8, 2010. Judy Tatum, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, reported on the activities of her office including their holding ACT workshops and high school fairs. She would like to contact faculty to attend a high school event in their area and to attend college fairs. She noted that Wayne State admits students who do not meet the criteria for admission and that we need more scholarships to attract good students.
10. Lecture Capture System: A member noted that despite assurances that the lecture capture system would be used only when requested by the instructor, a message sent to the faculty did not indicate that it would be voluntary.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 10, 2011