

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2017

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

Guest: Geoffrey Nathan, Information Privacy Officer, Computing and Information Technology

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of February 20, 2017.

1. Preferred Name Project: Mr. Nathan is meeting with various constituencies in the University to inform them about the Preferred Name Project. In a letter dated May 13, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education informed the University that it needed to accommodate transgender students who are changing their names to insure that they are addressed by the appropriate name and the appropriate pronoun. A committee within the University determined how to facilitate persons' selecting the name they prefer. Mr. Nathan noted that this is not the same as a person legally changing his/her name. The entire campus, not just students, will be able to select the name by which they prefer to be addressed. The preferred name will be on the class lists, Blackboard, EAA, academica, and final grades. After spring break, the campus community will be notified about the ability to select a preferred name. People will not yet be able to select the pronoun by which they would like to be referred. There is no agreed upon list of options for pronouns. Mr. Romano noted that it is surprising that the University had not decided on the pronoun issue since that is the most important issue with the transgender population and the real rationale for the dear colleague letter.

[Mr. Nathan left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
  - a. On March 1 the Enrollment Management office will roll out a plan to expand and include faculty and students in recruitment efforts. Policy Committee wants Enrollment Management to involve faculty in the discussions about the role that faculty would play in recruitment. Mr. Romano suggested that a committee be formed to brainstorm ideas. Ms. Simon said that, at the February 15 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Dawn Medley mentioned her office's involving faculty in the recruitment process.
  - b. In December 2016, the Policy Committee submitted to the Provost language for a Statute to govern the merging, moving, separating, or terminating of academic units. Provost Whitfield and President Wilson are discussing the issue.
3. Student Code of Conduct: Brad Roth and Naida Simon will attend the Student Senate meeting on March 2 to discuss the amendment to the Student Code of Conduct that specifically states that a student's use of his or her own original

material in more than one course, without the authorization of the instructor of the second course, to be a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

4. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. The Graduate Assistant Allocation Committee is discussing the work that graduate assistants perform. They have different duties depending upon the department to which they are assigned. Some teach full time and some perform research only. Mr. Romano is a member of the Committee. He thinks the University needs a mechanism to determine where graduate assistants are needed and how to adjust the allocation to accommodate the needs of the academic programs.
  - b. The Graduate Council met on February 15 and approved the establishment of a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice program.
  - c. Mr. Romano alerted the Provost to the fact that last year a temporary charter was issued for the Institute for Leadership and Diversity in the Mike Ilitch School of Business and that the School needed to submit the request for a permanent charter. The temporary charter was effective June 1, 2016, and the permanent charter should be approved by the Board of Governors by June 1, 2017.
- \*5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of February 13, 2017, as corrected.
6. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee reviewed the draft of the topics it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet when they meet on March 9. The changes will be made and submitted to the President's Office.
7. Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee revised the agenda for the March 1 meeting of the Academic Senate.
8. Childcare Implementation Committee: Ms. Rothe is a member of the Childcare implementation Committee. She reported that the Committee is looking at buildings where a daycare facility might be housed. The Committee is preparing a request for quotation from providers of daycare services.
9. RCM Committees: As reported last week, Vice President Decatur does not want people who are members of the Budget Planning Council to also serve on the responsibility-centered management task forces. At the request of the Policy Committee, Provost Whitfield communicated to Vice President Decatur the Committee's belief that it could be beneficial to have people serve on both committees, but the Vice President did not waiver in his decision. Several members of the Academic Senate serve on the task forces.
10. Reports from Liaisons:
  - a. Mr. Kessel is the liaison to the Research Committee. Vice President for Research Stephen Lanier and Assistant Vice President for Research Terrence Monks updated the Research Committee on progress in hiring faculty for the Integrative Biosciences Center. The faculty who have been hired have joint appointments in IBIO and in an academic department.

- b. Mr. Roth, the liaison to the Student Affairs Committee, reported that Associate Vice President Medley, Director of Undergraduate Admissions Ericka Jackson, and Director of Financial Aid Catherine Kay presented to the SAC the initiatives they are preparing to improve our recruitment efforts. The presenters mentioned that they would seek the participation of faculty and students in the initiatives.
  - c. Mr. Volz is a member of the General Education Oversight Committee. The GEOC is preparing a proposal for a quantitative experience for general education requirements for students who are not in STEM programs. Units other than the Mathematics Department may submit proposals to meet the requirement. Policy Committee discussed the cost of the plan as it is developing. Some members of the Policy Committee expressed frustration with the way the mathematics or quantitative experience requirement is developing that sounds similar to the current program. Provost Whitfield pointed out that the GEOC is working on the issue because he wanted to insure that the GEOC, which University Statute identifies as the body that implements and reviews the general education curriculum, was consulted. The Provost has the authority to modify proposals.
11. Meeting with Budget Advisory Committees: Ms. Beale, who chairs the Senate's Budget Committee asked Provost Whitfield that his office provide the names and email addresses of the Chairs and the members of the unit budget advisory committees. Every year, the Senate's Budget Committee holds a meeting at which members of the administration present information about the next year's budget to the members of the BACs.
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