

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 23, 2011

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

Absent with notice: L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of February 23, 2011.

1. Graduate Tuition in Engineering: Mr. Woodyard presented data comparing WSU's tuition for resident and non-resident graduate students in the College of Engineering with the tuition rates for other engineering schools in Michigan, for some other engineering schools in the northern U.S., and for engineering schools in the south. Since the fall of 2002 there has been a decline in the number of non-resident students and in the number of credit hours. Most of the non-resident students in the College of Engineering are international students. Although the enrollment was affected by the restrictions imposed on international students after the attacks of September 11, 2001, it has not recovered. It has continued to decline but at a slower pace. Some institutions in Michigan charge lower tuition than WSU. However, universities in the south have low tuition and are attracting large numbers of international students. Mr. Woodyard presented the data to inform the Provost and the Committee of the large difference in tuition rates. Provost Brown said that Dean Fotouhi has plans to increase enrollment in Engineering.
2. Reduction in the State Appropriation: Provost Brown discussed with the Committee how Governor Snyder's proposed cut in the state appropriation to higher education might affect Wayne State. President Gilmour has said that anything is on the table for cuts and he has asked each Vice President to look for areas where they can cut their budgets. It was decided that the Provost would form a committee to look for areas on the academic side that could be cut. Policy Committee suggested members of the faculty and academic staff who might serve on the committee. President Gilmour will hold a town hall meeting for the University and Provost Brown will hold town halls at the schools and colleges.
3. Report from the Senate President: The inauguration of Allan Gilmour as President will take place the afternoon of April 15. Mr. Wolfson said that an academic symposium would be held that morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- \*4. Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting: The drafted agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of March 2, 2011, was revised and approved.
5. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: The list of topics that the Policy Committee submitted to the President's Office for possible inclusion on the agenda of the February 25 meeting with the President's Cabinet was distributed.

6. Business Services: The Provost explained what he had learned about the problems that faculty have raised with disbursements for travel and with purchasing. It appears that some employees in the schools and colleges need training and that some of the rules need to be revised and applied uniformly.
- \*7, Retirees' Use of the Libraries: It was brought to the Policy Committee's attention that retirees and people on long-term disability have very limited access, if any, to the University Libraries' electronic databases. Policy Committee passed a motion supporting full library privileges for all Wayne State University retirees and those on long-term disability.
8. Parking Advisory Committee: The Parking Task Force, in its report, *Parking Operations: 5-Year Business Plan*, recommended that a permanent Parking Advisory Committee be reconstituted. The recommendation was on the agenda for the Policy Committee's action. However, it was suggested that the administration would have to accept the report of the Task Force before action could be taken.

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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of February 28, 2011