

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2013

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; W. Volz; P. Vroom; A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: L. Beale; A. Vlasopolos

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 18, 2013.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. An Associate Provost at the University of Michigan proposed that Wayne State and Michigan State join with U of M in establishing a community engagement corridor. MSU has expressed interest. Deputy President Vroom will get more information before seeking advice from several people/groups at WSU.
 - b. Dr. Vroom hopes to name a permanent Dean of the Graduate School soon.
 - c. Members of the Policy Committee discussed the formulation of a survey to be used in the College of Engineering.
2. Faculty Promotion: A member of the Policy Committee raised questions about the way some clinician-educator promotions were being handled in his school. This issue is being handled by the Office of the Provost and the AAUP-AFT.
3. Report from the Senate President: Terry Margolis, Development Office, will meet with Mr. Romano.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of February 25, 2013, were approved as submitted.
5. Board of Governors Meeting: The Academic Affairs Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Governors and the full Board will meet March 20, 2013.
6. Laboratory Classroom Building: The administration has proposed constructing a new Science and Engineering laboratory classroom building, using part of the money from the issuing of bonds. It was proposed that a joint administration-faculty committee be formed to evaluate the need and plans for the building and to consider other options. Policy Committee nominated faculty to serve on the committee. The following agreed to serve: Karen Tonso, Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations, Education; Alexey Petrov, Physics, Liberal Arts and Sciences; James Woodyard, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering; Robert Arking, Biological Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences.
7. Tuition Incentive Program: The minutes of the Graduate Council meeting of February 20, 2013, reported a discussion about the "new Tuition Incentive Program, which is designed to provide faculty incentive to fund graduate students on external

research grants and to increase the number of graduate students so supported.” A Policy Committee member questioned limiting the incentive program to new grants. Mr. Romano explained that a committee on which faculty served recommended the program. It is limited to new grants because there might not be enough money for both new and current grants. The program will be re-evaluated after three years but could change sooner once a Graduate Dean is appointed.

8. Agenda for April 3 Senate Meeting: Policy Committee suggested guests who might report on issues that would be of interest to Senate members.
 9. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Research Committee: Mr. Kessel, who Chairs the Research Committee, reported that Ken Doherty, Assistant Vice President, Procurement and Strategic Sourcing, told the Committee that the policy limiting the amount of money that could be charged to a Pro Card had been abandoned. Use of a ProCard results in a 3% fee collected by VISA. The Procurement Office had negotiated 20% discounts from Fisher Scientific on many purchases including hazardous materials charges, dry ice, and shipping charges. The Procurement Office appreciates researchers making their purchases from Fisher, if they can. The University does not get a rebate from the companies in the Wayne Buy program.
 - b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. MacArthur, the liaison, informed Policy Committee that Vice President Rick Nork would take FSST on a tour of State Hall next week. Policy Committee members suggested that the FSST Committee also go to see the laboratories in Science Hall.
 - c. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Woodyard is the liaison to the SAC. Two representatives from the APEX Program attended the February 27 meeting, reporting on the success of students in the program.
 - d. Elections Committee: The member-at-large ballot will be sent out soon. The call for nominations for the Senate President for the 2013-2014 academic year has been e-mailed to Senate members. The election of the members of the Faculty Hearing Panel and the Academic Staff Hearing Panel will be conducted in April.
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Approved as modified at the Policy Committee meeting of March 25, 2013