WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 19, 2018

Present: L. Beale; B. Roth; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; N. Simon;

W. Volz; K. Whitfield

Absent with notice: r. hoogland

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of March 19, 2018.

1. Report from the Chair: The search committee for the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences conducted the airport interviews last week. Provost Whitfield met separately with the candidates. Four candidates will visit campus in April. One of the candidates is internal. The Provost will send them the report of the review of the College when it is completed. The report contains some very good recommenda-tions.
2. Report from the Senate President: The Budget Committee held its annual meeting with the members of the college and department Budget Advisory Committees. Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur and Senior Director of the University Budget Office Jeffrey Bolton discussed the budget for fiscal year 2019. Vice President for Health Affairs David Hefner, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration for Health Affairs Rebecca Cooke, and Dean of Medicine Jack Sobel discussed the budgetary situation in the School of Medicine. The Medical School is in good standing with the LCME and the number of applicants has increased. However, the way in which the problems with faculty productivity were addressed damaged morale in the School. It is important to focus on securing grant support and to ensure that the pressure on faculty to increase funding is succeeding. This year the Medical School had a 98% residency match rate for its M.D. graduates.

\*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of March 5 as submitted.

 4. Comparison of Enrollment: Policy Committee received the report comparing enrollment for the spring/summer term 2018 with enrollment for the spring/summer term 2017 through February 26, 2018.

 5. School/College Cost Analysis: Mr. Romano analyzed data given to the Budget Planning Council. He determined the cost per number of students, the number of credit hours taught, and the number of tenure and tenure-track faculty in in each school/college. There are vast differences in the amount of money spent to educate students in some colleges even though their tuition is

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about the same as the other colleges except for Medicine and Law. Another Policy Committee member suggested that the University consider charging differential tuition based on the cost of the education and on the salaries that students will earn upon graduation. It was also suggested that the University focus its marketing on the large number of programs and courses it has in the health sciences that cut across many schools and colleges.

 6. Safety Procedures: The members of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee expressed concern regarding safety procedures at campus facilities and the need for the University to take a more proactive approach to train faculty on what to do in an active shooter situation. It was suggested that such training be done during the new hire orientation and that every September and January announcements be made about active attacker training. Departments and colleges may request training in their units.

 7. Interfolio Faculty 180: This year the School of Medicine adopted the activity reporting system Interfolio Faculty 180. Faculty have complained about the time required to re-submit the information that is already on file. They were told that if they did not put their data in the new system they would not get a merit or across-the-board salary increase. As President of the AAUP-AFT, Mr. Parrish suggested ways of dealing with the situation to administrators in the SOM, but they were rejected. The School held a meeting to assist faculty, but only five faculty attended the meeting. However, Mr. Kessel reported that the School is now more accommodating and is providing assistance to faculty to complete the task.

 8. Board of Governors Meeting: The Policy Committee reviewed some of the items on the agenda of the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee meeting of March 23: authorization for the Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex Project; the Audited Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017; 2018-2019 Campus Board Rate Recommendations; Campus Health Center Relocation Construction Authorization; Lease Authorization Request Nurse Practice Corporation; Lease Authorization Request with Warriors Pharmacy, Inc.; replacement of the fire alarm system in the University Towers; infrastructure improvements to the Biological Sciences Building; and authorization for the design and construction of the Harwell Field Bleachers and Press Box.

 9. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: The Committee reviewed and revised the agenda that had been drafted for the April 4 meeting.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 2, 2018