

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2016

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; N. Simon;  
W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of March 21.

1. Report from the Chair: Last week Provost Winters and Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs Ahmad Ezzeddine visited three universities in China and two universities in Taiwan. They discussed with the leadership of the universities the possibility of developing exchange programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. They also attended a dinner with alumni of WSU. That group ranged from those who received undergraduate to those who received doctoral degrees. All were very complimentary about their experiences here. The alumni talked about the rankings of WSU by U.S. News and World Report and by international rating agencies.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. The search committee to fill the position of Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis has been formed. Mr. Romano and Ms. Beale are members of the committee. A search committee to fill the position of Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management is being formed. Mr. Artiss agreed to serve on that committee.
  - b. The Provost signed the contract with the Education Advisory Board. EAB uses data analytics to predict what students need to succeed at the university level.
  - c. The journal *Cancer Research* is marking its 75<sup>th</sup> year of publication by highlighting the most influential studies published since its inception. Gloria Heppner is highlighted in the inaugural publication for her 1984 article "Tumor Heterogeneity."
- \*3. Proceedings of March 7, 2016: Policy Committee approved as submitted the Proceedings of its meeting of March 7.
4. Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee – II: Gloria Heppner, the Associate Vice President for Research, sent a request to the Policy Committee to appoint six faculty to serve on the CIAC-II. That Committee reviews proposals for new centers and institutes and proposals to renew charters of centers and institutes that report to the Vice President for Research. Policy Committee and the Research Office each appoint six faculty. Policy Committee suggested that the terms of the members be staggered so that the terms of two members appointed by the Policy Committee and the terms of two members appointed by the Research Office expire each year. This would provide continuity to the Committee. Mr. Romano will ask Ms. Heppner that this procedure be adopted.

5. Topics for Senate Meetings: Policy Committee tentatively scheduled topics for the April and May Senate meetings. The agenda for the April 6 meeting will be finalized next week.
6. Provost Candidate: Policy Committee will meet with the candidate for the position of Provost on March 24.
7. Reports from Liaisons:
  - a. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Mr. Artiss reported that one of the items on the agenda of the most recent meeting was the lack of recycling facilities on campus. A five-year sustainability plan is awaiting approval, but a budget is not included in the plan.
  - b. Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Dallas participated in the golf instruction offered by the men's golf team last week. The students were very knowledgeable and helpful.
  - c. Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Simon said that, at its last meeting, the Committee discussed online teaching and how to evaluate it. They checked six institutions of higher education. Ms. Simon explained the different approaches the institutions use to evaluate online teaching. Her report is attached to these Proceedings.
  - d. Faculty Affairs Committee: Ms. Beale reported that the Committee discussed faculty mentoring, graduate faculty status, faculty awards, online courses, and peer evaluation of teaching. The Committee believes there should be more publicity on campus and in the public arena about the awards given to faculty, such as a publicly visible web page. The FAC will meet with Associate Provost and Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning Mathew Ouellett about online courses. The Committee asked John Vander Weg, the Associate Provost for Academic Personnel, for a list of the units that conduct peer evaluations of teaching. They are interested in learning how the process is developing.

---

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of March 28, 2016.

### **C&I March 9, 2016**

We had a discussion of online classes and policies on quality. C&I wants to develop a recommendation to the senate by year's end. We looked at what the following schools do:

- Michigan State
  - MSU has special interest in a certificate in on-line teaching through its college of Education
  - There is no university-wide practice yet.
  - Plan to have uniform evaluation across the university—doesn't exist yet and no target date
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
  - Has a boot camp for on-line learners
  - In the process of developing a peer review process
  - Don't use SET as part of the evaluation criteria
- Indiana University East
  - All online classes follow a general rubric
  - In the process of splitting aggregate SET scores for online and traditional
- Delaware County Community College
  - Uses Quality Matters standards for peer review of online courses
  - Has training program for those who want or are going to teach said courses
- Milersville University of Pennsylvania
  - In 2009 provided development money to faculty to learn QM rubric
  - 2015 no longer has developmental money
- Penn State
  - Uses a peer review process to evaluate online courses
  - Based on Chickering and Gamson (1987) seven principles of good practice in undergraduate education
- Wayne State
  - SOM Office of Medical Education has a Continuous Performance Improvement Subcommittee
  - OTL
    - Involvement with QM
    - Would like to develop a formal evaluation process
  - College of Education
  - College of Social Work

Other potential resources—MASU (Michigan Association of State Universities) has LEAP membership

