WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 28, 2011

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

Absent with notice: S. Wolfson

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 28, 2011.

*1. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee
     meeting of March 21, 2011, were approved as submitted.

*2. Transfer of the Department of Computer Science: Monica Brockmeyer, the Interim
     Chair of the Department of Computer Science, provided a document entitled *Recom-
     mendation for the Transfer of the Department of Computer Science* in response to
     the issues raised at the March 21 Policy Committee meeting. A member was
     concerned that a statement in the document about the degrees offered appeared to
     contradict statements that Ms. Brockmeyer and Dean of Engineering Farshad
     Fotouhi made at the March 21 meeting. It was suggested that the Senate President
     request clarification from Ms. Brockmeyer. The Policy Committee also reviewed the
     budget information of the Department. The Committee asked that Ms. Sengstock,
     who coordinated the reports of the Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty Affairs,
     Research, and Student Affairs Committees make a report to the Senate at the April 6
     meeting. They also asked that either Ms. Brockmeyer or Dean Fotouhi do the same.
     In addition, they discussed the need for the Department of Computer Science to
     work with the College of Engineering Academic Operations Committee to develop
     the curriculum for the Department. Policy Committee voted to support the transfer
     with the stipulation that the curriculum will be developed in conjunction with the
     curriculum committee in the College of Engineering. The Provost agreed to exclude
     the Department of Computer Science from the requirement that the College of
     Engineering's enrollment must remain the same or increase in order to receive five
     tenure-track positions over the next five years.

 3. COACHE Survey: Last year junior faculty participated in a survey by the Collabor-
     ation on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE). Provost Brown invited
     Cathy Trower from COACHE to meet with the faculty who completed the survey to
     get a better understanding of their responses. Her report was given to the Policy
     Committee. The survey brought out the need for mentoring of junior faculty and that
     many faculty do not know what is required to get tenure. Kelley Skillin in the
     Provost's Office is working on the issue of mentoring. It was suggested that an
     advisory committee that includes faculty might work with the Provost's Office on the
     issue. The Provost indicated that he would form this committee in the Fall.

 4. Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee: Policy Committee received the
     list of members of the Committee that were selected last week.

5. Agenda for the Academic Senate meeting: Policy Committee approved the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of April 6, 2011.

6. Revising the Bylaws: Mr. Woodyard, the Chair of the Elections Committee, informed Policy Committee about two possible amendments to the Bylaws related to the election of members. One had to do with the way in which the University Libraries and the School of Library and Information Science are treated in determining the number of members to serve on the Academic Senate. At Mr. Woodyard's request, Dean Yee consulted with the faculty and academic staff in the Library System. The two divisions want to be considered as one unit for purposes of apportionment on the Senate. The other issue was the wording of the language to designate who is eligible to serve on the Senate. Members suggested that the language covering eligibility not be changed.

7. Reports from Liaisons:
    a. Ms. Vlasopolos reported that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee discussed the *Retention Implementation Task Force Final Report* at its meeting on March 24. The members had some questions that will be sent to the Policy Committee.
    b. Mr. MacArthur reported that Freda Giblin in the Office of the Vice President for Research presented a proposal to the Research Committee for a new program to hire post doctoral fellows for two years. After successfully completing the two-year program, the fellows would be put into a tenure-track position. Provost Brown said that the proposal is still in the discussion stage.

8. Scientific Misconduct: Questions were raised about the way accusations of scientific misconduct are handled. The Policy Committee will revisit the issue at a later meeting.

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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of April 4, 2011