

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 29, 2010

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; M. Sengstock; H. Tse; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 29, 2010.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Over 1,000 people attended the open house for prospective graduate students.
- b. Provost Barrett updated Policy Committee on the work of the Code of Ethics Task Force and the LEADS Task Force.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Mr. Wolfson mentioned that Vice President Ratner would be sending two items to the Policy Committee. One is the University Policy on Research Misconduct, which needs to be revised. The other is a request for nominations for a committee to review the policy that prohibits researchers from accepting funding if the agency restricts the dissemination of the research results.
- b. The Search Committee for the Provost has begun interviewing candidates.

3. Classroom Tidiness: Policy Committee received the report of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology (FSST) Committee regarding the cleanliness of classrooms. Policy Committee members talked about their experiences with classrooms and restrooms. In addition to cleanliness, a member mentioned the need for restocking of classrooms and checking that supplies, such as chalk, are available for the instructors.

Policy Committee recognized that there have been improvements in the cleanliness of facilities. Members did suggest that there was a need for more structure to ensure that facilities are maintained. Mr. Wolfson was asked to write to James Sears, Associate Vice President, Facilities, Planning and Management, with the suggestions.

4. Proposed Feedback Line: In working with Donald Wrench, Director of Custodial Services about classroom cleanliness, the Student Senate Liaison Tamara Roumayah, set up a feedback line on the Student Senate web site. Students could report problems and areas where custodial services were needed. The FSST Committee recommended that a web page be developed where students, faculty, and staff could describe concerns about any issue that needed attention. Mr. Wolfson will write a memorandum to the administration.

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6. Tuition: In response to the suggestion made at the March 22 Policy Committee meeting that any proposed tuition increase for next year over 3% be tied to increased funding for the schools and colleges, a committee has been established which includes members of the Senate.

7. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee meetings of November 18, 2009, December 16, 2009, and January 20, 2010.

8. Reports from Liaisons: Ms. Sengstock, the liaison to the Faculty Affairs Committee, said that the FAC met with the FSST Committee about Blackboard. FAC is working on a mentoring survey to learn how faculty view mentoring and the areas where they would like mentoring. The Committee also plans to evaluate the faculty tab in Pipeline. Policy Committee members said that it would be helpful if faculty could see what students see in Blackboard so they would be able to help them when they ask for assistance. Ms. Sengstock will mention this issue to the FAC.
9. Meeting at the Medical School: Ms. Whittum-Hudson, Mr. Tse, and Mr. Parrish attended a meeting that President Noren held at the Medical School with faculty on March 29. The faculty asked questions about the number of tenure slots in the Medical School. Questions were asked about health reform, light rail along Woodward Avenue, and the University's work with the Detroit Public School System. President Noren said that the money supporting the University's involvement with DPS is outside money. In response to questions, the President mentioned the University committee and the Henry Ford Health System committee that are discussing the possibility of a joint effort to build a biomedical research building.
10. Others Issues: Mr. Woodyard mentioned that the shuttle service between the main campus and the Medical School campus is funded with parking fees. This means all of the people who pay for parking are subsidizing a service for those who do not pay for parking. He also said that in the presentation about housing at the Student Affairs Committee meeting it was mentioned that housing is heavily dependent on students who receive financial aid. They are accumulating debt to live on campus.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 5, 2010