

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 11, 2016

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

Absent with notice: D. Kessel; N. Simon; W. Volz

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of April 11.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Budget Hearings: Provost Winters reported that the budget hearings for fiscal year 2017 begin April 13. The Deans and a member of the faculty from each college will meet with President Roy Wilson, Provost Winters, Vice President for Research Stephen Lanier, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Robert Kohrman, and Lou Romano. The Vice Presidents of the divisions will also meet with the group. At these meetings, the budgets of the school/colleges/divisions are reviewed.
 - b. Fall Enrollment: Enrollment for fall term 2016 has begun. It is too early to compare the numbers for the coming fall with last year's numbers.
 - c. Tenure and Promotion: The university-wide Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee has completed its work. The Deans will receive notification of the results soon. All applications were approved. At Mr. Romano's request, the Provost will report how many faculty were promoted to associate professor tenure-track.
2. Part-time Faculty: Mr. Romano received a request from a part-time faculty member to consider including part-time faculty as members of the Senate. The Bylaws state that only members of the faculty and academic staff who are employed full-time or at least one-half fractional time are eligible to serve on the Senate. Policy Committee discussed how inclusion of part-time faculty might affect the Senate and, if they do not serve as regular members, how they might participate in the Senate.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Committee approved as submitted the Proceedings of its meeting of March 28, 2016.
4. Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee–II: Policy Committee received a reply to its memo of March 22 about the makeup of the CIAC-II. The Research Office and the Policy Committee each appoint six faculty to the CIAC-II. In the recent past, Associate Vice President for Research Gloria Heppner and the Policy Committee had agreed that the members of the committee would have staggered terms. In a recent communication Vice President Heppner made a counter proposal that the members be appointed on an ad hoc basis for the years in which there are proposals to review. Policy Committee nominated faculty for the CIAC-II. Mr. Romano will contact them to learn if they will agree to serve.

5. Proposals for Housing: The Division of Finance and Business Operations is reviewing proposals from private firms that responded to the RFP to partner with the University to build new housing and to renovate existing housing. Presentations will be scheduled and the Policy Committee was asked to name faculty to attend the presentations and to discuss their impressions and concerns. Policy Committee suggested faculty who might be willing to provide the assistance. Mr. Romano will contact them and ask the Senate for volunteers.
6. Search Committee for the Associate Vice President for Facilities, Planning and Management: The Policy Committee was asked to appoint a second faculty member to serve on the Search Committee. Michael Barnes, Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance and a member of the Senate's Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee, accepted the appointment. Mr. Artiss also is a member of the search committee.
7. Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Dallas is the liaison to the Student Affairs Committee. She reported that, at the last meeting, Associate Provost for Student Success Monica Brockmeyer discussed the capabilities and the implementation of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) program that the University purchased. It can predict curricula that have high rates of failure and it is able to mark courses that are indicators for success. It identifies high-risk students based on their personal profile prior to coming to the University and on their progress in their course work. Faculty will be able to alert advisors when a student is experiencing academic problems. Advisors and faculty will be able to communicate with other universities that have the program. The SAC also talked about the review of the general education program. Policy Committee asked that a presentation about progress on the review be made at the May 4 Academic Senate meeting.
8. Research Ranking: Mr. Petrov, the Chair of the Senate's Research Committee, presented the Committee's annual report at the April 6 Senate meeting. Mr. Volz noted that our ranking among U.S. research universities is down slightly, but among international universities it has had a significant drop. He would like to know the reasons for this drop.