WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 16, 2018

Present: L. Beale; B. Roth; V. Dallas; r. hoogland; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano;

N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of April 16, 2018.

1. Report from the Chair:
2. The candidates for the deanship of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are visiting campus. The search committee will review the comments that the faculty and academic staff provide from their meetings with the candidates.
3. A town hall about Responsibility Centered Management will be held on April 18.
4. Report from the Senate President:
5. At last week’s meeting of the Budget Planning Council, Mark Byrd, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research and Data Resources, explained the method he uses to project enrollments. Dawn Medley, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, talked about her office’s efforts to increase enrollment. The number of students who have graduated within six years has increased by 500 over the last few years. The challenge for Enrollment Management is that these graduating students must be replaced by incoming students or total enrollment will drop.
6. Ms. Simon reported that Douglas Freed, the Director of the Transfer Student Success Center, made a presentation to the Student Affairs Committee. Transfer students have a good graduation rate. Fifty-six percent of the December 2017 graduates were transfer students. Policy Committee speculated about the possible reasons for their success.
7. The luncheon honoring student athletes who recorded a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the fall 2017 semester is April 19. Several members of the Policy Committee are attending.
8. The second Presidential Symposium, which is on school choice, is April 18.

\*3. Policy Committee Proceedings: The Proceedings of the meeting of April 2 were approved as submitted.

4. Contracts for Lecturers: Policy Committee discussed the need for Deans to provide more security for lecturers on short-term contracts.

1. Cleanliness of Classrooms: Some members of the Policy Committee complained about the condition of the classrooms and offices. Mr. Romano will solicit comments from the Senate members.
2. Senate Meetings for 2018-2019: The meetings for the next academic year were scheduled. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 12.

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1. Spring/Summer Enrollment: Policy Committee received data, through April 16, that compares enrollment for the spring/summer 2018 term with the spring/summer 2017 term. An earlier report showed a 6% increase over last year but the increase has dropped to 4%. A member asked the amount of revenue the spring/summer program brings to the University and the cost of the program. Provost Whitfield will try to get the information. In the spring/summer term students who complete 24 credits between fall 2017 and winter 2018 and have a GPA of at least 2.5 at the end of fall 2017 are eligible for a 30% tuition discount for spring/summer classes.
2. University Foundation: Mr. Romano distributed the Strategic Investment Group’s report of the Foundation’s return on investments as of March 31.
3. Report from the Liaison to the Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Dallas reported that, as in the past several years, the golf team provided lunch and golf lessons to the members of the Student Affairs Committee. The Committee also toured the Athletics complex including the Harwell Field.
4. Town Halls: The Provost is visiting the schools and colleges to stress the importance of teaching and to discuss some of the challenges and how we assess and support teaching. He asks the faculty what they are doing that is exciting and different and what needs to be changed. Mr. Romano suggested that the one-time monetary award that faculty receive when they receive the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching be added to faculty’s base salary. Members discussed the problems related to using the student evaluation of teaching as a way to determine who is a good teacher. An agenda item for some of next year’s Senate committees will be recommending ways to award faculty for good teaching.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 23, 2018