

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

April 5, 2010

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

Absent with notice: W. Volz

Guests: John Davis, Vice President, Finance and Facilities Management; Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President, Budget, Planning and Analysis; Hilary Ratner, Vice President for Research

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of April 5, 2010.

1. President's Cabinet Budget Work Group: Mr. Kohrman mentioned that President Noren has agreed to have a small committee develop or enhance Mr. Romano's suggestion that revenue from a tuition increase of more than 3% be used to hire additional full-time faculty. Mr. Kohrman will chair the committee with the other members being Mr. McIntyre, Mr. DeGracia, and Mr. Romano.

Policy Committee discussed the focus of the new committee. When President Noren attended the March 22 Policy Committee meeting, Mr. Romano had proposed that the revenue from a tuition increase over 3% be used to increase the number of full-time tenure-track faculty. The President thought the suggestion was a good idea. Mr. Kohrman was expanding the potential use of the revenue to support the academic mission as a whole. Policy Committee members objected to the change. Vice President Ratner also was in support of using any excess funds for new faculty positions.

Michigan State University mailed a survey to the other public universities in Michigan asking how they will handle tuition increases for the next fiscal year.

[Mr. Parrish joined the meeting.]

2. Scientific Misconduct Policy: Vice President Ratner had sent to the Policy Committee the draft of a revised policy on scientific misconduct. Members offered suggestions for changes to the draft.

[Vice President Davis, Mr. Kohrman, and Vice President Ratner left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett updated Policy Committee on the work of the Code of Ethics Task Force and the LEADS Task Force.

4. University-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee: Policy Committee discussed the procedures followed by the university-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee in reviewing and making recommendations for tenure and promotion cases.

5. Report from the Senate President: Last week Policy Committee members talked about needing to see what students see on Blackboard when they're helping them with problems. Provost Barrett mentioned the problem to Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky. It was a simple solution and Mr. Sawasky added a student tab for faculty use. All faculty can now see what a student sees on Pipeline.

[Ms. Vlasopolos left the meeting.]

- *6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 29, 2010, were approved as submitted.
7. Committee to Review Policies re Dissemination of Research Results: Vice President Ratner asked for nominees to serve on the committee she is convening to review policies of other research universities that allow restrictions to dissemination of research results under limited circumstances. Mr. Wolfson asked Policy Committee to submit nominations to him. He also will ask the Research Committee for nominations.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 12, 2010