

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

May 4, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; W. Volz; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard; R. Yamazaki

Absent with notice: V. Dallas; A. Vlasopolos

Guests: H. Shapiro; K. Skillin

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of May 4, 2009.

1. Voluntary System Accountability: Howard Shapiro, Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Programs and General Education, and Kelley Skillin, Office of the Provost, attended to present information about the Voluntary System of Account-ability (VSA). The VSA is a collaborative effort between the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Univer-sities and Land-Grant Colleges. It is designed to improve public understanding of how public colleges and universities operate. The federal government has been concerned about accountability for colleges and universities, and the VSA was developed as a response to that concern. The VSA gives potential students a template with information for every university in which they are interested. Among the information provided are retention rates, graduation rates, and services on campus. Wayne State joined the VSA in January 2009.
2. Undergraduate Probation and Exclusion Policy: Mr. Shapiro explained that the policies governing when a student is put on academic probation are different across the schools and colleges, some more stringent than others. The proposal developed by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee contains recommenda-tions for academic probation for all students whose GPA falls below 2.0. The University Policy already has regulations for students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. However, C&I has proposed additional regulations when the students GPA falls below 2.0 in any semester. The proposal specifies the steps students will then have to take in order to register for classes in following semesters. Policy Committee asked Mr. Shapiro to formulate the proposal into the proper format. Afterwards the proposal will be taken to the full Senate for action.

[Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Skillin left the meeting.]

- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 27, 2009, were approved as submitted.
4. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett mentioned the various ceremonies being held at the end of the academic year. On May 4, the administration is holding a reception for the newly tenured and newly promoted faculty. On May 5, there is a reception for the graduates receiving the Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees. The installation

Ceremony was April 28. Commencement exercises are May 7 and May 8.

[Mr. Volz joined the meeting.]

5. Report from the Senate President:
    - a. Mr. Wolfson reminded the Committee that President Noren will attend the June 8 Policy Committee meeting.
    - b. Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Volz met with the President's Cabinet on April 30. The topics of discussion included preparedness for dealing with the H1N1 virus, the University budget, and the need for an increase in tuition.
  - \*6. Smoking Survey Form: The smoking survey was developed with and conducted through Student Voice, which asked if the Senate would be willing to share the survey form (not the data) with other schools that participate with Student Voice. Policy Committee agreed to their use of the form.
  7. September Senate Meeting: Policy Committee scheduled the first meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year for Wednesday, September 9, 2009.
  8. Senate Meeting May 6: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the May 6 Senate meeting.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of May 4, 2009