

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

May 14, 2012

Present: L. Beale; R. Brown; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano;
A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: V. Dallas

Guests: Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis;
Michael McIntyre

Mr. MacArthur, the Vice Chair, assumed Mr. Romano's duties until he joined the meeting.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of May 14, 2012.

1. Statute on Student Financial Aid: Mr. Kohrman attended the meeting to inform the Committee about proposed revisions to the Statute on Student Financial Aid that is expected to be on the agenda for the Board of Governors meeting of June 27. The proposed revision removes language for awards that no longer exist and clarifies language for some of the awards that continue. Mr. Kohrman responded to questions. He said that the Green Scholarships and the Gold Scholarships are types of Presidential Scholarships. The Board of Governors Incentive Grants, the Grant-in-Aid Scholarship, the Talent Scholarship, and the Activity Awards no longer exist, and are being removed from the Statute. Mr. Kohrman explained how the Presidential Scholarships are awarded. High school seniors were invited to a distinguished honors symposium that was held on December 9, 2011, where they learned about WSU. A committee headed by Jerry Herron, Dean of the Honors College, reviews the students' ACT scores and their grade point average to determine who will receive a Presidential Scholarship. A member suggested that now when the admission policy is being revised, that a holistic approach be taken for awarding the scholarships. Currently the criteria are the GPA and the ACT score. Since there is variability among high schools as far as the rigor of the education provided, some very talented students may be overlooked in the current approach. For example, advanced placement classes are not considered in the initial review of applicants. They are considered in a second round of reviews if the student has a high ACT score and a GPA that is near the cut-off point.
2. Medical School Tuition: A Policy Committee member asked the status of the proposed increase in the tuition for Medical School students, particularly for out-of-state students. The proposed increase is 1.5% for both in-state and out-of-state students. Current tuition for out-of-state medical students is \$64,000, one of the highest rates in the country. About 22% of the medical students are out-of-state. The Academic Senate Budget Committee is opposed to increasing out-of-state tuition.

[Mr. Kohrman left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Cheryl Waites, who has been serving as Interim Dean of the School of Social Work, has accepted the position of permanent Dean.
 - b. Corrine Webb, currently Project Manager of the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland, has accepted the position of Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.
 - c. The search for the Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair was not successful. The search will be reinstated next academic year.
 - d. The search for the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences continues.
 - e. The search for the Associate Provost and Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning will resume soon.
 - f. The review of the College of Nursing and the Law School are scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year.
 - g. Several departments in the School of Medicine underwent the periodic review as stipulated in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT.

[Mr. Romano arrived during Provost Brown's report and assumed the duties of the Senate President.]

4. Grade Appeal Policy: The Student Affairs Committee submitted a recommendation for revision of the grade appeal policy. Provost Brown said that Associate Vice President Howard Shapiro is looking at the policy. The current policy is clear that the instructor, not the Department Chair, changes a grade. It was suggested that the policy might be revised to allow the Dean, if the instructor is unavailable, to change a grade after consulting with a faculty committee. Mr. Romano said that another issue had been brought to the attention of the Student Affairs Committee. The current policy does not have a time limit in which the instructor must respond to a student's request. Nor is there a time limit for a student to submit a request for a grade change. Provost Brown will consult with the Deans about having a University-wide policy and will submit the draft of the new policy to the Policy Committee for comment.
5. Budget Hearings: The central administration is meeting with the Deans of the schools and colleges and with the Vice Presidents of the various divisions to review their budgets for the 2013 fiscal year. The Provost reviewed some plans for reducing the budget, but these are in the early stages of discussion. Mr. McIntyre attends the meetings as the representative of the Academic Senate. He did not get a good sense of the economics of any of the units that have had their hearings. Some schools have experienced a decline in enrollment as a result of external factors. Most of the costs on the academic side are fixed costs.
- *6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of May 7, 2012, were approved as submitted.

7. The FY 2013 Budget: Mr. McIntyre mentioned that President Gilmour has asked that the money received from the FMRE (Fund for Medical Research and Education) not be included as money received for Development. The administration anticipates that the University needs to cut 3% of its current budget for FY 2013 because of an anticipated reduction in revenue. Mr. McIntyre mentioned the changes in the awarding of Pell Grants that would negatively affect enrollment. However, he believed that students would adjust to the changes and the impact would last only three years. Enrollment of FTIACS and transfer students is up. Enrollment of new graduate students is up but it is down for continuing graduate students. Members of the Policy Committee expressed their concerns about cutting academic budgets and how to address the expected loss of revenue for the next year.
8. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meetings of October 17, 2011, November 17, 2011, January 20, 2012, February 16, 2012, and March 21, 2012, the Research Committee meeting of March 20, 2012, and the Student Affairs Committee meetings of November 9, 2011, January 18, 2012, February 25, 2012, March 21, 2012, and April 11, 2012.
9. Division of Research: The Academic Senate passed a resolution asking that the Huron Consulting Group review the entire Division of Research. Mr. Romano gave the resolution to Provost Brown, who forwarded it to President Gilmour, Vice President for Research Ratner, and the consultants from the Huron Consulting Group. The Provost was told that HCG is doing the type of review requested by the Senate. However, it was Mr. McIntyre's understanding that HCG was focusing only on Sponsored Program Administration. Provost Brown will discuss the issue with the HCG consultants when he meets with them this week.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 4, 2012