

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

May 2, 2011

Present: V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos;
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. Brown

In the absence of Provost Brown, Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of May 2, 2011.

1. The Budget: Policy Committee members discussed concerns related to the budget for fiscal year 2012.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Recognition Program: Mr. Wolfson had inquired about the scheduling of this year's University Employee Recognition Program. Prior to 2010 the program had been held in April, but last year it was moved to September because of a conflict in President Noren's schedule. Associate Vice President for Human Resources Mark Ankenbauer informed Mr. Wolfson that the program would be held in the fall to coincide with Welcome Back Week. Mr. Wolfson noted that there is no day of the week when all faculty could attend the ceremony because of teaching schedules. He suggested to Mr. Ankenbauer that the program be held on the study day. Policy Committee asked Mr. Wolfson to write to President Gilmour with the suggestion that the recognition ceremony for this year be held on the study day for the fall 2011 term, December 13.
 - b. Policy Committee has been corresponding with Dean Yee of the University Library System about all retirees having access to all Library databases. Dean Yee suggested that she meet with the Committee to discuss the issues, and a meeting will be arranged.
 - *c. The Policy Committee meeting of May 16, 2011, will be cancelled unless there is urgent business.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of April 25, 2011, were approved as submitted.
4. May 19 Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee identified issues it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet at their next meeting on May 19, 2011.
- *5. Annual Reports: Policy Committee received the Annual Reports of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year and forwarded them to the full Senate for information at the May 4, 2011, meeting.

6. Student Evaluation of Teaching: The Curriculum and Instruction Committee recommended that the Provost and the AAUP-AFT form a 2N committee as stipulated in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT to thoroughly investigate the student evaluation of teaching and its processes for the purpose of improving the return rate of the form and the quality of the information gathered and disseminated. Mr. Wolfson will recommend to the administration and the AAUP-AFT that the committee be formed.
7. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of May 4, 2011.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of May 23, 2011