

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

May 22, 2017

Present: L. Beale; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth (via Skype), A. Rothe;  
N. Simon; W. Volz; K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: V. Dallas

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of May 22, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. In April Provost Whitfield announced that he would appoint a committee to review the University's technology transfer process. Among the concerns are the slowness of the process. The appointment of the committee has been delayed. Mr. Romano would like to know what the return or what the loss is on our investment in tech transfer.
  - b. The Provost updated the Policy Committee on the search for the Dean of the Law School and the search for the Dean of the Library System.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Last week's commencement exercises went well. They were held at the Fox Theatre.
  - b. The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee recommended several symposia to President Wilson, who selected three for the celebration. Additional symposia may still be added. Some members of the Sesquicentennial Committee are concerned how the celebration will be marketed.
- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of May 8, 2017, as submitted.
4. Revising the General Education Program: On May 8, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Darin Ellis reported on progress to revise the general education program. Using the format Mr. Ellis provided, Mr. Romano wrote an alternate plan. Policy Committee debated the pros and cons of the plans. Ms. Beale volunteered to rewrite the proposal based on Policy Committee's discussion.
5. Development: Policy Committee received the report *Advancement Services Assessment* prepared by Marts & Lundy in January 2016. Ms. Beale pointed out that the Development Office continues to focus on soliciting large gifts despite the Vice President of Development's recognition that they should seek mid-size gifts and faculty endowments. Referring to a study performed by Rutgers University, Mr. Romano thinks Wayne State ought to prepare a study of the contributions it makes to Michigan's economy.
6. FY 2018 Budget Hearings: It appears to Mr. Romano that overall enrollment for the fall 2018 term may increase slightly. All schools and colleges will have the same

budget for FY 2018 as they had for FY 2017. They will receive inflationary increases mandated by union contracts. There will no longer be a 1.5% tax on carry forwards.

7. Statistics on Sexual Assault: At the May 3 Senate meeting, Mr. Romano asked General Counsel Louis Lessem for data about sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus. He has not received the information or an acknowledgement of the request. The Policy Committee recommended that Mr. Romano contact Mr. Lessem again.
8. Graduation Rate: The six-year graduation rate for students who completed their degrees in May 2017 has improved, but the official number is not known yet. Mr. Romano asked how many students who graduated this year had not fulfilled the mathematics competency. The Provost said that there were few students in the December graduation class who had not completed the competency. The number for the May class is not known yet. He said he would look into it and provide this information to the Policy Committee.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 5, 2017