

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2009

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

Absent with notice: A. Vlasopolos; J. Whittum-Hudson

Guest: H. Shapiro

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of June 8, 2009.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett distributed the graduate and undergraduate enrollment figures for the fall 2009 semester.
2. Meeting with President Noren: President Noren had been scheduled to meet with the Policy Committee today. He postponed the meeting to a later time when he and the Committee could have a discussion of more detailed budget issues. It was mentioned that President Noren also would consult with other groups of faculty, specifically a group of newer faculty and the group of research faculty with whom the Vice President for Research meets.
3. Budget Committee: The Academic Senate Budget Committee met on June 8. It recommended a tuition increase of 6.9% for the 2009-2010 academic year. President Noren is looking for areas that need increased funding. The Committee suggested that faculty be hired who would develop curriculum and that the number of full-time tenure track faculty be increased. Resources are also needed to recruit and retain students. The Committee suggested areas where funds may be found to pay for new initiatives. Savings might be found in a restructuring of the non-academic administration of the University. The administration within colleges might be looked at to determine if money could be saved. There are \$5 million in the President's discretionary fund and more than \$16 million in the Rainy Day Fund. Money to address the strategic initiatives can also be raised with tuition.
- *4. Meetings for the 2009-2010 Academic Year: Policy Committee approved the schedule of Academic Senate meetings as drafted.
5. Research Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Research Committee meetings of March 24 and May 19.
- *6. Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee: Policy Committee received the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee for 2008-2009 and forwarded it to the full Senate for information.

[Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Programs and General Education Howard Shapiro joined the meeting.]

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7. Housing: Policy Committee members discussed with Mr. Shapiro the occupancy rate of University Housing and the budget for Housing. A report will be made to the Board of Governors on July 1.

8. ROTC: Mr. Shapiro said that Wayne State has been affiliated with the Army ROTC program at the University of Michigan for a long time, with WSU students participating in the ROTC program at U of M. The Navy is interested in having a ROTC program at Wayne State. The Provost and Mr. Shapiro explained the requirements of the program and the benefits to the University. A member asked that the curricula for both the Army and Navy ROTC programs be submitted to the Policy Committee. The information would then be submitted to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for review. A proposal has to be submitted for the Navy program. In principle, Policy Committee agreed with the administration's going forward with the application. The Council of Deans also supported the initiative.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 22, 2009