

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 5, 2017

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Rothe; N. Simon; W. Volz;  
K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: D. Kessel; B. Roth

Guest: Darin Ellis, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Associate Vice  
President for Institutional Effectiveness

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of June 5, 2017.

1. General Education Reform: Over several meetings, the Policy Committee, Provost Whitfield, and Associate Provost Ellis have discussed general education reform. Based on those discussions, the PC prepared a proposal, which they discussed with the Provost and Mr. Ellis on June 5. The Committee's proposal will be revised.

[Mr. Ellis left the meeting.]

Provost Whitfield mentioned that the Board of Governors is interested in the University's moving forward on general education reform. He will discuss the status of the proposals with President Wilson.

2. Report from the Chair:
  - a. On August 17, Professor of English Ellen Barton will assume the position of Associate Provost for Academic Personnel. The Provost also mentioned that other administrative appointments would be announced soon.
  - b. Our graduation rate has increased to 44.9% for the F16/W17 semesters.
3. Report from the Senate President: The Graduate Assistant Allocation Committee will submit its report to Provost Whitfield today.
- \*4. Approval of Proceedings: Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of May 22, 2017, as submitted.
5. Tenure Issues in 2013 Collective Bargaining: In the May 29 issue of *The Detroit News*, Matthew Lockwood, the University's Director of Communications, is quoted as saying that, during contract negotiations in 2013, the Administration did not propose taking away tenure but proposed post-tenure review. Mr. Romano said that statement is not true. When Allan Gilmour was President, the Administration attempted to change the rules governing tenure so that, with no input from faculty and with no protection from the AAUP-AFT, faculty could be fired. Mr. Romano asked that the Administration not make such statements in the future.

6. Distinguished Professor Status: Provost Whitfield has received approval to solicit nominations to award faculty the rank of distinguished professor. As was discussed previously, Mr. Romano asked that a system be set up that would solicit nominations from groups of faculty. Currently, Department Chairs and Deans nominate faculty.
  7. Mathematics Competency: Policy Committee has asked for the number of students who have graduated and have not completed the math competency requirement because it was suspended. Provost Whitfield was told that the number is low, but he has not received the data yet.
  8. Update on Daycare: Provost Whitfield gave Policy Committee an update on the work of the Daycare Implementation Committee.
  9. Summer Schedule of Meetings: Policy Committee received the schedule of meetings for the summer.
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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 19, ,2017