

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 6, 2016

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; N. Simon; W. Volz;
A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: D. Kessel; B. Roth; K. Whitfield

In the absence of Provost Whitfield, Mr. Artiss, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting.

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of June 6.

1. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Provost Winters authorized the granting of a provisional charter to establish the Institute for Leadership and Diversity as a college institute within the Mike Ilitch School of Business. The charter will be in effect one year. During that time, the Institute is to prepare an application for its being chartered for the usual period of six years.
 - b. A retreat that had been scheduled for June 10 to discuss progress with the financial situation in the School of Medicine was cancelled.
 - c. The search committee is meeting June 8 to select the candidates to interview for the position of Associate Vice President for Budgets and Planning.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of May 16, 2016, as corrected.
3. Mathematics Competency: Provost Winters made the following announcement on May 31: "Effective Fall 2016, the Math Competency (MC) requirement of our General Education Program will be suspended for all undergraduates. The suspension will remain in place until Fall 2018, or until a new general education program is adopted by the university." The Academic Senate was not consulted about suspending the requirement. The Policy Committee has advocated for changing the mathematics competency requirement; it never suggested that it should be eliminated. PC identified problems that the policy presents for students, the departments and colleges, and the reputation of the University. It discussed how to present the issues to the administration. It is the Policy Committee's understanding that the General Education Oversight Committee was not consulted about the change.
4. Moratorium on the Introduction of new General Education Courses: The administration issued "a moratorium on the vetting and approval of new General Education courses" effective June 1, 2016, except for the departmental Writing Intensive courses. No new courses will be approved for the current gen ed program. This action dissolved the General Education Oversight Committee whose charge was to review and approve courses proposed for the program.

5. Reform of the General Education Program: Policy Committee began a discussion of the proposed General Education Program. They discussed problems with the proposal. They will continue their discussion at the next meeting.
6. Parking for FTIACS: Mr. Romano chairs the FTIAC Parking Plan Evaluation Committee and Mr. Artiss is a member of the Committee. The Committee's charge is to develop metrics to evaluate whether free parking makes a difference for students. One measurement would be whether students found it easier to take the courses they need to graduate and graduate sooner than they do now. Policy Committee members expect free parking to increase attendance. PC discussed what information would be needed to evaluate the program. The program is being funded only for the fall 2016 semester.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of June 13, 2016