

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; V. Dallas; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard; R. Yamazaki

Absent with notice: C. Parrish; L. Romano

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of July 13, 2009.

- *1. Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee: Special meetings of the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee have been scheduled for the end of July and for the month of August. Policy Committee selected Seymour Wolfson to replace William Volz, the faculty representative to the Budget and Finance Committee, or Charles Parrish, the faculty alternate representative to the Committee, if either is unable to attend the meetings.
2. The Budget: The Policy Committee discussed budget issues. It was noted that it is the academic side of the University that is the source of tuition revenue. Therefore, it is essential the administration be advised not to cut funds from the schools and colleges in an attempt to balance the budget. Cuts to the schools and colleges would reduce tuition revenue, increasing the budget deficit. In particular, it was noted that while cutting part-time faculty might save about \$1.5M, such a move would result in the loss of some \$16M in tuition revenue because the courses the part-time faculty were scheduled to teach would have to be cancelled. This clearly would be a poor business decision.
- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of June 29, 2009, were approved as submitted.
4. General Education: Mr. Wolfson reported the result of the vote on the question of eliminating the Exposure Area Requirement in the General Education Program. The full Senate was asked to vote electronically. Forty-four of the 81 members voted. The motion passed 37 in favor and 7 opposed. The information will be forwarded to the Provost's Office.

[Provost Barrett left the meeting.]

5. Meetings with President Noren: The list of dates when President Noren is scheduled to meet with the Policy Committee was distributed.

[Mr. Woodyard left the meeting.]

- *7. Research Committee: Policy Committee received the Annual Report of the Research Committee for the 2008-2009 academic year and forwarded it to the full Senate for information.

8. Committee Assignments: Mr. Wolfson updated Policy Committee on the appointment of some of the Chairs of the standing committees for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of July 27, 2009