

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

August 18, 2014

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; L. Romano; W. Volz; M. Winters

Absent with notice: C. Parrish

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of August 18, 2014.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. The faculty orientation program will be held August 19 and 20. Provost Winters will mention the Senate in her remarks and will encourage the faculty to get involved in their departments, colleges, and the Senate.
 - b. As of August 18, undergraduate enrollment for the fall term is down 2.25% compared with last year at this time. Enrollment of first-time-in-any-college students is up 4.5%, transfer student enrollment is down 1.7%, and enrollment of continuing students is down 4%. Graduate enrollment is up .42% and enrollment in the professional schools is down just under 2%. Overall enrollment is down 1.6%. The administration budgeted a 1.5% enrollment drop for fiscal year 2015. Provost Winters will provide the reasons for the drop in continuing students.
 - c. There are four finalists for the position of Dean of the College of Nursing and four finalists for the position of Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion. The candidates will visit campus over the next few weeks. The Policy Committee will meet with the candidates for the position of Associate Provost and University-wide forums will be held with the candidates.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Representatives from the National Institutes of Health visited campus to see how we are proceeding with the Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) program. The purpose of the program is to develop a University infrastructure that allows Ph.D. students to explore multiple career opportunities, not just those in academia. The faculty and students are enthusiastic about the program. The visitors were impressed with what the University is doing.
 - b. Ms. Beale volunteered to represent the Academic Senate at the new student convocation on August 26.
- *3. Approval of the Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of July 28, 2014, were approved as amended.
4. Committee Assignments: Policy Committee reviewed the committee assignments it made at its last meeting and appointed the Chairs.
5. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee approved the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of September 10, 2014.

6. Student Parking: Members of the Policy Committee brought up the importance of having student fee-based parking. They believe it would increase enrollment, improve attendance and retention, and encourage students to be more involved in campus activities. If the cost for parking were included in the student fee, it would be covered by financial aid and scholarships.
7. Child Care on Campus: Policy Committee members discussed whether the University might need more childcare services on campus to meet the needs of students. They raised questions about the fee schedule for current services and whether childcare could increase community engagement and be educational. Mr. Romano will contact Naida Simon, the Chair of the Senate's Student Affairs Committee, who is working on the new student survey, to see if a question about childcare could be added to the survey.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of September 8, 2014