

ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
August 20, 2012

Present: L. Beale; R. Brown; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; L. Romano; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of August 20, 2012.

*1. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of August 6, 2012, were approved as corrected.

2. Fall 2012 Campus Housing Occupancy: The Policy Committee had asked Timothy Michael, Associate Vice President and Chief Housing Officer, for information about housing for the 2012-2013 academic year. Mr. Michael provided the information in a memorandum dated August 8, 2012. As of August 6, in general, applications are up over last year. Subsidies have not been offered to students for the last four years. Housing will cover the expenses for approximately 15 residents as part of their Anthony Wayne Scholarships.

Policy Committee had more questions about the commitment students make for housing and why the Housing Office apparently pays the expenses for students who receive the Anthony Wayne Scholarship.

*3. Academic Senate Agenda: Policy Committee approved the proposed agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of September 5, 2012.

4. Committee Assignments: Policy Committee reviewed the committee assignments for Senate members.

5. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Romano, a member of the working group discussing how the University might deal with faculty who do not fulfill their academic duties, reported that the committee has almost completed its work. Its recommendations will be forwarded to the AAUP-AFT and the administration who are negotiating a new agreement for the faculty and academic staff.

[Provost Brown joined the meeting.]

6. Report from the Chair:

- a. Provost Brown said that the tenure issue has been taken off the table in the negotiations for the new agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT. Policy Committee discussed with him the progress of the working group in trying to develop actions that might be taken to penalize faculty who are not meeting standards.
- b. The process of recruiting a Dean for the School of Business Administration has begun.
- c. Cheryl Kollin, who has been serving as the Interim Director of the University Advising Center, has been appointed permanent Director. The University will provide more support to the Advising Center to improve services to students. The Provost said that each school/college would hire advisors for their unit. It appeared

to a member of the Policy Committee that there was little communication and coordination between the University Advising Center and the advisors in departments. Another member said that it is the responsibility of the Advising Council to provide leadership. The Council is developing a communication plan but it does not know who will take the leadership role in each college and how the information will be relayed to the departments and back to the leadership. With the recent hiring of 16 new advisors in the Advising Center, the Provost said that the ratio of students to advisors is about 350 or 300 to 1. The goal is to bring that number down to 200 students to 1 advisor. A member said that the plan is to hire advisors in the colleges and to move advising for general education requirements from the Advising Center to the colleges.

- d. Corinne Webb has assumed the position of Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.
 - e. Sixty faculty positions for which the schools and colleges had been authorized to hire were not filled. Eighteen of those unfilled positions are in the colleges on the main campus. Forty-two of the unfilled positions are in the School of Medicine. A member of the Policy Committee mentioned that only about 20 new faculty were hired for the 2012-2013 academic year.
7. Continuation of the Report from the Senate President: Overall enrollment for fall 2012 is down 2%. Graduate enrollment for new students has increased by 300 students. Enrollment of continuing graduate students is down so that overall the drop in graduate enrollment is 1.7%.

Provost Brown reported that in a meeting of University administrators, Kurt Metzger, the Director of Data Driven Detroit, recommended that the University shift its recruiting efforts to people between the ages of 24 to 28 and people who live in Macomb County. A member of the Policy Committee noted that people between 24 and 28 usually have jobs and would attend part-time. The University targets high school graduates because they are more likely to attend full-time for four or more years. Another member noted that the 24 to 28 year old demographic would include students who transfer from community colleges. Enrollment in the School of Business Administration, the LLM program in Law, and the College of Nursing is down. Enrollment in Engineering is up and enrollment in the Ph.D. programs has increased.

8. Associate Provost and Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning: The search committee has reviewed the applications for the position.
9. Summer Bridge Program: About eighty students participated in the Summer Bridge Program for entering freshmen with academic challenges. Three of the students were expelled for inappropriate conduct and one failed the program. The Office of the Associate Provost for Student Success will track the students who participated in the summer program. The Policy Committee asked that, at the end of each term, it receive information about the status of the students who are in the program.