

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

August 28, 2017

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

Absent with notice: B. Roth; A. Rothe

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of August 28, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Provost Whitfield held retreats with the Deans and his Office's Senior Staff. He wants the academic units to develop three-year plans.
 - b. Richard Bierschbach has joined the University as Dean of Law and Jon Cawthorne has joined the University as the Dean of the University Library System.
 - c. Enrollment in the College of Engineering's graduate programs is down 33%. There was a large decrease in the number of students from India. The administration is planning efforts to recruit graduate students.
 - d. Provost Whitfield reported that the enrollment of first-time-in-any-college students and transfer students is up slightly for the fall 2017 term.
2. University Pediatricians: Policy Committee members discussed the negotiations between the practice plan, University Pediatrics, and the University.
3. Report from the Senate President: On behalf of the faculty Mr. Romano will welcome the new students at the New Student Convocation on August 29. He encouraged faculty to attend the ceremony.
4. Marygrove College: Policy Committee discussed how WSU might assist students who are attending Marygrove College when the College discontinues its undergraduate programs at the end of the fall 2017 semester.
- *5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of August 14 as submitted.
6. General Education Reform: Policy Committee discussed the most recent version of the proposal to revise the general education program. Concern was expressed about the timetable for implementation of the new program. It was suggested that the Senate committees that review the proposal consider implementation in their deliberations.

Mr. Romano reviewed the steps that the Senate has taken to meet the timetable the administration set for the approval of the new general education program. Mr. Romano will meet with the Senate committees that are reviewing the proposal and he will make a presentation at the September 13 Senate meeting.

7. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the September 13 Senate meeting.

[Provost Whitfield left the meeting.]

8. Committee Assignments: Mr. Romano reviewed the standing committee assignments for 2017-2018 academic year.
9. Board of Governors: Policy Committee appointed the faculty and academic staff representatives and alternate representatives to the Board of Governors Committees. They are:

Academic Affairs Committee

Brad Roth, Professor, Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Representative)
Krista Brumley, Associate Professor, Sociology, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Alternate)

Budget and Finance Committee

Linda Beale, Professor, Law (Representative)
Louis Romano, Professor, Chemistry, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Alternate)

Personnel Committee

William Volz, Professor, Accounting, Business Administration (Representative)
renee hoogland, Professor, English, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Alternate)

Student Affairs Committee

Naida Simon, Extension Program Coordinator III, Academic Affairs (Representative)
Victoria Dallas, Academic Services Officer IV, Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts (Alternate)

Approved as revised at the Policy Committee meeting of September 25, 2017