

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2015

Present: J. Artiss; V. Dallas; R. N. Frank; L. Romano; A. Sankar; W. Volz; M. Winters;  
A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: L. Beale; D. Kessel; C. Parrish

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of August 3.

1. Report from the Chair:
  - a. The Provost updated the Policy Committee on enrollment for the fall term. The overall figures are up compared with this time last year. If the trend continues, revenues will come in over the budgeted projections for fiscal year 2015-16.
  - b. The search for the Dean of Pharmacy and Health Sciences continues.
2. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. The rollout of the Microsoft mail system should be completed before the start of classes for all units except the Medical School. Mr. Romano commented that the cloud storage for sharing documents has some problems for Mac users.
  - b. Voice Over IP is being installed. It appears to Mr. Romano that the system works well.
- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of July 20, 2015, were approved as submitted.
4. Capital Outlay Plan and Master Plan: In a memo dated July 23, 2015, the Policy Committee submitted to Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management James Sears the priorities they believe should be covered in the Capital Outlay Request that the administration will submit to the state in the fall. They think the focus should be on the academic mission of the University. The Committee believes that, in developing a new campus master plan, all stakeholders should be consulted. Mr. Romano asked about the involvement of the academic administration in the development of these two plans. Provost Winters and Vice President for Finance and Business Operations William Decatur are considering the forming of a committee for this purpose. Policy Committee members talked about physical plant problems in several buildings that need to be addressed. The Policy Committee believes that the Deans need to be involved in the discussions and reminded the Provost that the request for new construction will need to go to the Board of Governors in late September.
5. Lack of Professionalism: In April a problem about disciplining a student in a professional school was brought to the attention of the Policy Committee. Asked about the status of the problem, the member who brought the situation to the Committee, said that no action had been taken. Policy Committee discussed whether all professional schools had policies that laid out the standards of

professionalism for their discipline. The Provost will look into the status of the specific case brought to the Committee and the status of policies for the other schools.

6. GPA Data for APEX Students: The Policy Committee has repeatedly asked for this information, but they have not received it. The Provost will follow up about the request.
7. Daycare on Campus: Last academic year, the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee began working to get daycare on campus. Mr. Artiss, who chaired the Committee, reported that there is some hope that daycare may be provided in the future. He also spoke with Vice President Decatur about cleaning laptops that have been replaced and giving them to the students in the HIGH program. The Vice President agreed with the proposal.

[Provost Winters left the meeting.]

8. Committee Assignments for the 2015-2016 Academic Year: The staff in the Senate Office solicited the members' preferences for service on the standing committees for the 2015-2016 academic year. Policy Committee reviewed the first draft of the assignments, and made some changes to the list. They will select the Chairs and complete the assignments at their next meeting.

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Approved as revised at the Policy Committee meeting of August 31, 2015