

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 10, 2012

Present: L. Beale; R. Brown; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos;
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: V. Dallas; D. Kessel

Guests: David Cinabro; Ewa Golebiowska

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of September 10, 2012.

Mr. MacArthur, the Vice Chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting until Provost Brown arrived.

- *1. Election of the Vice Chair: The Policy Committee selected Rodger MacArthur to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate for the 2012-2013 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at the October Senate meeting.
- *2. Election of the Parliamentarian: The Policy Committee selected Mary Sengstock to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate for the 2012-2013 academic year. This action will be submitted to the full Senate for confirmation at the October Senate meeting.

[Provost Brown joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.]

- 3. Corrections to the FY 2012 Budget Book: Since last December Mr. Woodyard has tried to get corrections made in the FY 2012 Budget Book. He met with Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Robert Kohrman in an effort to get the changes made. In February he and Mr. Romano met with Provost Brown, Mr. Kohrman, and Robert Harris, the Director of Academic Administration in the Provost's Office. At the latter meeting, it was agreed that the corrections would be made and in the future transfers made during the year would be recorded in the Budget Book. That has not happened, and Mr. Woodyard asked the Provost at the September 5 Senate meeting how to resolve the issue. At that meeting, the Senate passed a motion directing the Policy Committee to develop a motion of censure against Vice President for Finance and Business Operations Richard Nork and Mr. Kohrman if the issue was not resolved before the next Senate meeting.

Mr. Kohrman had provided the information in a memorandum but the Policy Committee wanted the Budget Book corrected so the Budget would be transparent. One of the issues was the transfer of \$14 million to the schools and colleges which affects their budgets. The faculty want to be able to watch the ongoing transfers between accounts. If faculty are to be involved in the governance of the University, budget information needs to be transparent.

Provost Brown reported that President Gilmour believes the Budget Book is fixed after Board approval. President Gilmour has been in communication with Mr. Romano and asked that the Policy Committee delay action on the Senate's motion until he can review the situation. Policy Committee asked Provost Brown to present the Senate's concerns to the President.

[David Cinabro arrived at the meeting.]

- *4. Institute of Gerontology: Mr. Cinabro was a member of the subcommittee of the Type II Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee (CIAC-II) that reviewed the Institute of Gerontology in response to its request to have its charter renewed. He attended the Policy Committee meeting to respond to members' questions. The CIAC-II recommended that the charter be renewed for six years. A member pointed out that the information provided by the Institute on the budget form was incorrect in that rather than projecting the budget for the fifth year of the renewal period the amount provided was the cumulative amount of the general fund support and the income from the endowment. Because it was not clear what information was needed on the budget form, Mr. Cinabro suggested that the CIAC revise the form this year. He also suggested that more information be requested initially from the centers and institutes. A Policy Committee member noted that the Statute requires the budgets of centers to be reviewed each year, but that is not done. The Policy Committee and the Office of the Vice President for Research disagree on how to determine how much general fund money centers and institutes receive.

Policy Committee accepted the report of the CIAC-II and recommended that the charter of the Institute of Gerontology be renewed for six years.

Mr. Romano was asked to write to the Provost and the Vice President for Research about the requirement in the Statute to review the budgets of centers and institutes annually.

5. Report of the Chair:

- a. The search committee for the Dean of Business Administration is being formed.
- b. Existing lines for hiring faculty have been reallocated, moving them from colleges that have not filled their positions to other colleges.

6. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Mr. Romano reported that the Provost asked the Policy Committee to recommend faculty to serve on the committees that will review the Law School and the College of Nursing.
- b. It was suggested that the Policy Committee invite the new Deans and the new administrators to a meeting to begin a dialog on how best to improve the University. Mr. Romano will extend invitations to Dean of Liberal Arts Wayne Raskind, Interim Dean of the Graduate School Ambika Mathur, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Corinne Webb, and Director of the University Advising Center Cheryl Kollin.

[Ewa Goliebowska joined the meeting.]

- *7. Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: Ms. Goliebowska was a member of the subcommittee of CIAC-II that reviewed the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (IEHS) in response to its request to have its charter renewed. The subcommittee recommended that the charter be renewed for 4.5 years from the expiration date of its current charter, which was December 31, 2011. Mr. Romano noted that the Institute does not have much grant support. A major concern of the Policy Committee has been that the University is paying the salaries of tenured research faculty who have no grants or who have modest grant support. At most universities faculty in a research institute would have two RO1 grants. Mr. MacArthur, who chairs the CIAC-II and chaired the subcommittee that reviewed IEHS, noted that the subcommittee and CIAC-II were not enthusiastic about recommending rechartering, but did so for a number of reasons. The current director has been in the position for three years and that is not enough time to make changes in an organization and to secure

many grants. In previous years the Institute was productive although it has not been productive in the past six or seven years. The CIAC-II's recommendation is that if the Institute did not substantially improve in 4,5 years it should not be re-chartered and any general fund support should cease. Ms. Golebiowska also believed that the new director needed more time to turn the Institute around. The researchers, she said, are investigating important questions. Members of the Policy Committee believe that inactive researchers in centers and departments should return to their departments to teach and to become active in departmental committees.

[Mr. Cinabro and Ms. Golebiowska left the meeting.]

The Policy Committee continued to debate the length of time to recommend for the renewal of the charter. Mr. MacArthur stated the changes the CIAC-II had recommended the Institute make to continue past its recommended deadline. Mr. Romano will draft a memorandum for comment by the other members of the Policy Committee. According to Statute, the memo will be sent to President Gilmour, the Director of the Institute and other administrators.

*8. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of August 20, 2012, were approved as submitted.

9. Housing Occupancy: Timothy Michael, Associate Vice President and Chief Housing Officer, responded to Policy Committee's additional questions about student housing.

[Provost Brown left the meeting.]

10. Committee Assignments: Policy Committee selected a member of the faculty who is not a member of the Senate to be asked to serve on the Budget Committee. Policy Committee members selected the committees on which they would like to serve as liaisons.

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11. Board of Governors Committees: The Policy Committee selected the faculty and academic staff representatives and alternates for the Board of Governors committees. They are:

Academic Affairs Committee

Karen Feathers, Teacher Education, Education (Representative)

Linda Beale, Associate Professor, Law (Alternate)

Budget and Finance Committee

Michael McIntyre, Professor, Law (Representative)

Louis Romano, Professor, Chemistry, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Alternate)

Personnel Committee

Mary Sengstock, Professor, Sociology, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Representative)

William Volz, Professor, Accounting, Business Administration (Alternate)

Student Affairs Committee

Naida Simon, Extension Program Coordinator III, Academic Affairs (Representative)

James Woodyard, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering (Alternate)

