

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2017

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

Absent with notice: A. Rothe

Guest: Ellen Barton, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

1. General Education Oversight Committee: The Provost and the Policy Committee jointly selected faculty to serve on the GEOC for the three-year term that ends in 2020. Associate Provost Barton participated in the selection process.

[Ms. Barton left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. President Wilson will make his annual address to the University community on September 12.
 - b. The official census day for fall term enrollment is September 13.
 - c. There were inaccuracies about African-American enrollment in an article in the Detroit News. President Wilson and Sandra O'Brien, the Chair of the Board of Governors, sent a letter to the News refuting some statements in the article.
3. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Jack Lessenberry (Department of Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts) addressed the students at the New Student Convocation on August 29.
 - b. Events celebrating Wayne State's sesquicentennial will begin in January and will culminate in a weeklong celebration in October.
4. General Education Reform: Mr. Romano met with the Curriculum and Instruction, the Faculty Affairs, and the Student Affairs Committees. He charged them with reviewing the proposed revisions to the general education program. Ms. Simon, who chairs the Student Affairs Committee, noted that the Committee might suggest some modifications. The CIC formed subcommittees to address the different areas. FAC is concerned about the development of some of the courses and the impact on faculty workload. Provost Whitfield said that the Student Senate was more concerned about college requirements than about University requirements. Provost Whitfield sent the proposal to the Deans and encouraged them to consult with their faculty. A Policy Committee member mentioned that one area of concern for advisors is whether current students would be able to transfer to the new general education program.

Mr. Romano explained the timeline for the review process. The Committees are to provide reports to the Policy Committee prior to the October 4 Senate meeting.

Using those reports, Policy Committee will prepare a report for the Senate to discuss on October 4. The feedback from the Senate discussion will be given to the Committees and they will prepare their final reports. The Policy Committee again will coordinate those reports and prepare a report for the Senate. The Senate will discuss the final report and will be asked to vote on that document at its meeting of November 1. The Senate's recommendation to the administration is due November 3.

5. Limitation on Credit Taken by Exam: The administration is recommending that the Board of Governors approve eliminating the limit on the amount of exam credit earned by Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College Level Examination Program, and Credit by Examination. Associate Provost Darin Ellis met with the Policy Committee during the summer. Policy Committee received the proposed revision to Statute 2.43.11 University Requirements for the Baccalaureate Degree. The Policy Committee agreed with the recommendation to remove the exam credit limit.
6. ILEADS: Policy Committee has not yet received letters from the Executive Committee and the Budget Committee of the Mike Ilitch School of Business endorsing the establishment of the Institute for Leadership and Diversity. Policy Committee also asked for information about the proposed Institute's budget.

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