

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2015

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; N. Simon; W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of September 28.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. The Board of Governors met September 25. Among the items on the agenda were a Status Report on Accreditation, a presentation by Dean Joslyn Benson about the Law School, and the enrollment report for the fall term.
- b. Provost Winters and Ahmad Ezzeddine, Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs, will visit universities in China next week. The visit is the culmination of negotiations for exchange programs with the universities.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. Mr. Romano reported that, at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Governors, Ms. Beale, the faculty representative to the Committee, pointed out that the money to fund the fifth and seventh floors of the Student Center Building was coming from sources that seemed inappropriate. One of the sources was the Housing Maintenance Reserve. The transfer would deplete the Reserve. The student representative spoke to the need to repair the dorms. The issue was not forwarded to the full Board for action.
- b. The Graduate Council met September 23. A new program was proposed: the MA-MPH degree in Public Health Nutrition. This is a joint program in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, School of Medicine.
- c. Mr. Romano arranged for David Hefner, the Vice President for Health Affairs, to meet with the Policy Committee on October 12.
- d. Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Rob Kohrman provided Policy Committee with the four- and six-year graduation rates for full-time FTIACS and the full-time FTIAC year 1 to year 2 retention rates for the fall 2009 cohort through the fall 2014 cohort. Mr. Romano expressed concern that the steps the University has taken to improve retention and graduation rates have not had the desired result. The graduation rate improved because the advisors intervened, assisting students who were close to graduation to complete their degrees. Provost Winters repeated some of the changes that have been made to improve graduation rates, such as the advisors being more intrusive and the launching of Degree Works. Students need more financial aid. Ms. Simon said that when the federal government changed the regulations for financial aid, some students chose not to graduate because they would have to

begin repaying their loans. The government also reduced the number of terms that students could receive loans. The Provost believes the graduation rates will increase for the FTIACS who entered in the last few years. Ms. Beale noted the retention rates provided were flat. Mr. Romano asked the Provost for more recent retention rates for students progressing from the second year to the third year and from the third year to the fourth year. Provost Winters said that the University contacts students who do not return. The National Student Clearinghouse will give the University information by name of the students who went to another institution.

- \*3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of September 21, 2015, were approved as amended.
- \*4. University Library Committee: Dean of the Library System Sandra Yee is re-establishing the University Library Committee. She asked the Policy Committee to recommend faculty to serve on the committee. Policy Committee selected Steven Cala, Associate Professor, Physiology, Medicine; Debra Habel, Lecturer, Accounting, Business Administration; and Patricia McCormick, Associate Professor, Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.
- \*5. Non-Academic Misbehavior Hearing Panel: The terms of three members of the faculty and academic staff who sit on the Hearing Panel expired. They were asked to continue for another three-year term and they accepted. Re-appointed are Arnelle Douglas, Academic Advisor IV, University Advising Center; Felicia Grace, Academic Services Officer IV, Nursing; Christopher Lund, Assistant Professor, Law. A total of nine members of the faculty and academic staff sit on the Panel, each for three-year terms.
- \*6. 3N Child Care Committee: A committee is being formed for the purpose of determining the feasibility of setting up a child care facility on campus. The Committee will have representation from faculty, administrators, and the Graduate Employees Organizing Committee. Policy Committee nominated the following who agreed to serve: Joseph Artiss, Associate Professor, Pathology, Medicine; Sharon Leon, Associate Professor, Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences; Lori Pile, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences. Policy Committee members had reservations about the administration's choices and will send their reasons and suggestions to Provost Winters.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of October 12, 2015