

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
November 15, 2021

Present: D. Aubert; L. Beale; P. Beavers; J. Lewis; N. Rossi; B. Roth; N. Simon

Absent with notice: K. Dormer; R. Villarosa, M. Kornbluh

1. Proposed Code of Business Ethics. Provost Kornbluh provided Policy Committee a draft created by the administration in response to the perceived need to comply with federal agency demand for a code of business ethics for any university with grants over a certain dollar amount. Beale noted that, unlike the three previous administrative attempts to draft a new code, this document did what Policy had suggested in 2018—incorporates the links to existing statutes, policies and practices statements rather than attempting to summarize them and thus create additional responsibilities and penalties not in those existing statutes and policies. There are, however, a few sections of the incorporating document that are newly written and invite problematic interpretations. Beale shared a document with specific editing suggestions for those sections to avoid new creation of problems similar to those in Code drafts in prior years. There is also a new reporting obligation that requires significant editing and clarification. Policy agreed to send the suggested edits, with specific comments about a few items in respect of the reporting obligation. Beale will draft a memo to go to Provost Kornbluh and circulate for approval before sending.
2. Agenda for December 1 Plenary Session.
 - a. Provost Mark Kornbluh would like Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Dean of the College of Nursing and Chief and Wellness Officer, to lead a presentation and discussion about the scheduling of classes for the fall 2022 semester.
 - b. Policy Committee will also ask the chairs of the Senate Committees to make brief (no more than 2-3 minute) reports about their committees' work regarding post-pandemic education at the December plenary session with their final reports being due in time for a consolidated report to be reviewed at the first plenary session in the winter term.
 - c. Naida Simon will introduce some election updates. One will be notice regarding the upcoming election of the new members of the Faculty Hearing Panel and the Academic Staff Hearing Panel. Voting will start immediately after the meeting in order to be complete prior to the holidays. There will also be a call for nominations and announcement of procedures for a Policy election at the next plenary session. This will be to replace Kelly Dormer on the Policy Committee since she has taken an administrative position beginning end of November that will not allow her to continue as a Senate member.

Approved as drafted at the November 22, 2021 Policy Committee meeting