

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2019

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

Guests: Darin Ellis, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness; Gail Ryan, Associate Vice President for Research

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Action of January 14, 2019.

1. Winter Enrollment: Associate Provost Ellis compared 2018 winter enrollment with the 2019 winter enrollment. Head count is down, but we do not have the final census. Last year we had 25,169 undergraduates enrolled. This year there are 25,055. Credit hours are up about 1,300. We have 17 more first-time-in-any-college enrollment students. We have 2.3% more FTIACS who have continued from fall and the number of credit hour have increased 3.5%. The number of transfer students and other new students is expected to have dropped. Overall undergraduate enrollment is up 1% and credits hours are up 2.5%. Total graduate headcount and credit hours are down 3.5% and professional credits are down 4%. The number of continuing students may be down because students are graduating earlier and because a few years ago the entering classes were smaller and those smaller groups are moving through the system. Mr. Ellis noted that undergraduate enrollment at Oakland University and Eastern Michigan University, which have been strong competitors, has been down significantly for the last couple years. He thinks the strength of our undergraduate programs and our stature among the state's research universities contributed to our increased enrollment. A member mentioned that students are excited about living on campus and being in Detroit. Policy Committee would like to see more effective strategies for marketing our graduate programs. It was suggested that meetings might be held for graduate directors, associate deans, and faculty to exchange ideas about successful marketing programs. Mr. Ellis will return in about a month with preliminary information about spring/summer and fall enrollment for 2019. He was asked to provide information about enrollment in the extension courses and their cost. Mr. Ellis also was asked for an update on the work of the General Education Oversight Committee.

[Mr. Ellis left the meeting. Gail Ryan, Associate Vice President for Research joined the meeting.]

2. RESEARCH: Ms. Ryan was invited to inform the Committee how the partial shutdown of the federal government has impacted research. She reported that the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education are not affected. The University has received money from NIH and from the DOE for financial aid. The major impact is on the National Science Foundation which is not open. Researchers also have a few grants from smaller agencies. The

University has about 75 active awards with NSF with a total expenditure of about \$700,000 a month. No agencies have notified us that they would terminate projects early because of the shutdown. In December the Research Office sent to faculty the links to the agencies' websites that listed their contingency plans if they were to shut down. The University is submitting proposals through the grant submission portal, but they may not be reviewed until the shutdown is over. Most NSF awards are for three years and the funds are given upfront. Universities may continue to spend money if they have the obligation. If a researcher has a normal no-cost extension the university has the authority to process it internally. A second no-cost extension would require the approval by the agency. The shutdown has not had a huge impact from an administrative standpoint. From the research standpoint study sessions are not taking place. If an NSF award ends and there is no funding in house the personnel assigned to the grant would be folded into the payroll expense account. The university would fund those until the government reopened and we receive an award notice on the projects. If the shutdown continues award notices could be delayed.

On another topic, a member asked about the increase in research funding from corporations. Ms. Ryan said that the increase is mainly to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. It was mentioned that our research ranking is due to the lack of support from the state of Michigan.

[Ms. Ryan left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair: Provost Whitfield mentioned that the search committee for the new dean of the Graduate School would be conducted at the same time that the School will be reviewed. He hopes to establish a set of policies to govern the recruitment of graduate students.
4. Report from the Senate President:
  - a. Ms. Beale was contacted by the consultant that is assisting the Division of Finance and Business Operations to develop a review process for administrative units similar to the review process for academic units. She has been arguing for such a review process at both the planning committee and the RCM steering committee. The office of Procurement and Strategic Sourcing will be the first office reviewed. Two faculty members will serve on the steering committee for the administrative review process.
  - b. On January 15 the Provost's Daycare Implementation Committee and the AAUP-AFT are sponsoring a program that will present information about the childcare programs available on campus and near campus and how the university is addressing childcare needs. A consortium in the area monitors the daycare facilities and shares information and wants to find out what the needs and the challenges are. The Policy Committee will track the progress of the University committee.
  - c. The Provost's Office e-mailed the call for applications for the Tenured Faculty/ESS Academic Staff Professional Development Program as provided in the WSU-AAUP collective bargaining agreement. A total of \$75,000 per year is

- budgeted to support the professional development of tenured faculty and \$25,000 for academic staff with tenure or ESS.
- d. The Budget Planning Council and the RCM Committee are meeting and are making progress.
- \*5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Committee approved the Proceedings of its meetings of December 3 and December 10, 2018.
  6. Review of the Graduate School: Provost Whitfield asked the Policy Committee to nominate faculty to serve on the review committee. Ms. Beale will send him the nominations.
  7. Research Budget Committee Information: At the November 26, 2018, Policy Committee meeting, Vice President for Research Stephen Lanier presented information about the budget of the Division of Research. The Committee was concerned about support for research when the University adopts the RCM budget model. They asked Vice President Lanier for more data than he provided at the meeting. He responded to the request but didn't give them all of the information requested. Ms. Beale will contact him about the additional data.
  8. Continuing Title IX Concerns: Ms. Hoogland reported problems that some women graduate students have had with sexual harassment and the advice their department chairs have given to handle the situation. Ms. Hoogland and Ms. Beale will write a memo about the continual need to inform chairs and deans of Title IX policies.
  9. Proposed Revisions to Title IX: Policy Committee will submit comments in response to the U.S. Department of Education's proposed changes to Title IX about sexual harassment.
  10. Academic Staff Hearing Panel: Shortly after opening the election for the University-wide Faculty and Academic Staff Hearings, the office staff was informed that one of the nominees was no longer eligible to serve. A replacement was identified and the election will be re-opened.
  11. Planning for Keast Commons: Timothy Michael, Associate Vice President for Student Auxiliary Services and Chief Housing Officer, is setting up a study group to help shape the future design and use of Keast Commons, the green space defined by the Chatsworth and the DeRoy Apartments, Ghafari Hall, and Towers Suites. The group will explore how the Commons should look, how it ought to function and be used and how it fits into the master plan. Mr. Michael asked that the Senate appoint a representative to the group. The members suggested a faculty member. Ms. Beale will contact the nominee to determine if she will serve.
  12. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda and supporting documents for the meeting of January 16.
  13. February 6 Senate Meeting: Members suggested topics for the February 6 meeting. The agenda will be finalized next week.

14. Reports from Liaisons:

- a. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: Ms. Simon reported that at its December 19 meeting, Laura Hendrick from Facilities, Planning and Management told the Committee that the University would have \$1.1 billion of deferred maintenance over the next ten years. Six systems in six buildings are in horrible condition: roofs, plumbing, exterior envelopes of the buildings, electrical, and interior finishes. There are \$648 million in the backlog and \$219 million in renewal leases. Ms. Hendrick listed the capital projects that will be tackled over the next year or so. The upgrading of the campus Wi-Fi is proceeding.
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee: Ms. Hoogland reported that the Committee discussed the use of academic analytics and mentoring of faculty.
- c. Research Committee: Noreen Rossi, Professor of Internal Medicine and member of the School of Medicine's Budget Advisory Committee, reported on the morale of the members of the University Physician Group.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of February 4, 2019