

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 17, 2014

Present: J. Artiss; L. Beale; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; W. Volz;
M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: R. MacArthur

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of February 17, 2014.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Policy Guidelines on Courses and Credit Hours: Policy Committee has debated the need to have courses uniform across the University to meet federal guidelines and accreditation standards. Thomas Cavalier, Assistant General Counsel, will meet with the Committee next week or make a presentation to the Senate regarding compliance.
 - b. Smoke-Free Campus: The Student Senate wants the University to consider a total ban on smoking on campus. Provost Winters asked for a faculty member to serve on the committee. Mr. Romano will send a message to the Senate seeking a volunteer.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of February 3, 2014, were approved as submitted.
3. Report of the Huron Research Advisory Committee: Mr. Romano received a draft of this report, which is an analysis of the report of the Huron Consulting Group about the University's research enterprise as well as an analysis of Research at Wayne State. Mr. MacArthur served on the HCG Committee; he will discuss the report with the other members of the Policy Committee next week.
4. Graduate Council Meeting: The Graduate Council is meeting February 19. Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the meeting of January 22. Linda Beale will attend the meeting in place of Mr. Romano. The minutes of January 22 mention a Master's Advisory Committee in the Graduate School "to address recent university-wide declines in enrollment in master's programs." One of the issues the Committee will consider is the possibility of establishing a centralized office for master's programs. Policy Committee members gave their opinions about whether such an office was needed and its function.
5. March 5 Senate Meeting: Policy Committee received the first draft of an agenda for the March 5 Senate meeting. They will finalize the agenda next week.
6. Representation from Liberal Arts and Sciences: Mr. Romano reported that there is a vacancy in Senate representation from CLAS on the Senate. The Dean's Office will identify a replacement from among faculty who ran but were not elected in a earlier election.

7. Replacement of James Woodyard: Mr. Woodyard has resigned from the University. He served as a member-at-large, a member of the Policy Committee, Chair of the Elections Committee, and the Policy Committee liaison to the Student Affairs Committee. Policy Committee reviewed the Bylaws and determined that the Senate did not have to fill the vacancies for the at-large seat or for the Policy Committee. Policy Committee selected a replacement to Chair the Elections Committee; Mr. Romano will contact the person to get agreement to serve. Ms. Dallas volunteered to serve as the liaison to the Student Affairs Committee for the remainder of the academic year.

8. Appointment of a Faculty Member to the Budget Advisory Committee: Policy Committee selected Mr. Romano to serve as the faculty member to the Budget Advisory Committee. This Committee reviews the proposed budgets of all academic and administrative units for fiscal year 2015.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of February 24, 2014