

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 24, 2014

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

Absent with notice: M. Winters

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 24, 2014.

1. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences made a presentation to the Board of Governors on March 21. Their enrollment and retention rates are good but they have not been able to recruit many minority students. The College will work to change that. Also at the Board meeting Tim Michael, Associate Vice President and Chief Housing Officer, reported on the status of campus housing. Rick Nork, the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, reported on the use of bond money to renovate the second floor of Manoogian Hall. Faculty who teach in the building were consulted about the layout of the rooms and the IT needed.
 - b. A Policy Committee member raised the need for the University to increase bandwidth. The demand doubles every year. The Division of Computing and Information Technology does not have a fixed budget. It relies on the money from the student services fee.
 - c. Mr. Artiss told the Policy Committee that the University is investigating changing the e-mail system because the current system can no longer handle the demand. Policy Committee will seek more information about the plans.
 - d. The Graduate Council, at its meeting of March 19, approved a new Masters program in the Department of Theatre and Dance.
 - e. Mr. Romano asked for volunteers to represent faculty at the Commencement ceremonies on May 1, and they responded.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 3, 2014, were approved as corrected.
3. Mentoring of Faculty: The Faculty Affairs Committee has discussed faculty mentoring. When faculty are hired they are to be assigned a faculty mentor. The Committee would like to do a follow-up survey to find out how effective the mentoring program is. In order to maintain confidentiality, specific classifications cannot be targeted for the survey. This issue will be on the agenda for a meeting with Provost Winters.
4. Huron Research Advisory Committee: The HRAC, which was established to respond to the report of the Huron Consulting Group about research at Wayne State, submitted its report. Mr. MacArthur, who served on the HRAC, noted that one of the recommendations called for "a University level examination of the

reasons for the lack of investment in the research enterprises at the School of Medicine.” That was done with President Wilson’s hiring of two consulting firms to examine the state of research at the University, one looking specifically at the possibility of our getting an NIH grant for clinical and translational research, the other looking at the entire research enterprise. Mr. Romano thought the statement about the difficulty of encouraging clinical track faculty to do research when their salaries are heavily dependent upon bringing in clinical revenue should be stronger. He also thought more emphasis should be placed on the need to develop and strengthen the research cores. In addition, it was thought that the Research Office should have a role in raising money through development.

5. Agenda for the Senate Meeting: The Policy Committee approved the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of April 2, 2014.
6. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Student Affairs Committee: At the Student Affairs Committee meeting of March 18, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Robert Kohrman talked about the new Transfer Student Success Center. Michele Grimm (Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering) is the Director of the Center, which is part of the Educational Outreach Office. The Center is to increase recruitment of transfer students and to provide support when they do enroll.
 - b. Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee: A faculty member in the School of Medicine brought a problem in his research laboratory to the attention of Mr. Artiss, who chairs the FSST Committee. Mr. Artiss sought the advice of the Policy Committee, which thinks the problem should be resolved within the Medical School.
 - c. Research Committee: Alexey Petrov, a member of the Research Committee, would like to update the Policy Committee on the drop in the University’s research rank especially as it applies to our not being included in international rank lists. This limits the number of internationally-trained students, who would be funded by their government, from coming to Wayne State. Policy Committee will put him on a future agenda.

Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of April 14, 2014