

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 31, 2014

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

Absent with notice: R. MacArthur; W. Volz

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of March 31, 2014.

1. Report from the Chair:
 - a. Provost Winters visited China and Korea last week. She signed memoranda of understanding with five universities.
 - b. The Provost has completed the interviews of the candidates for the Dean of the Law School. She is now interviewing the candidates for the Dean of the School of Business Administration.
 - c. The Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee is completing its work.
 - d. The Provost has asked Associate Provost for Student Success Monica Brockmeyer and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Corinne Webb to prepare a list of bullet points how faculty can help in the recruitment and retention of students.
2. Report from the Senate President:
 - a. Mr. Romano reviewed the activities planned to celebrate the inauguration of President Wilson.
 - b. The Senate's Budget Committee held a meeting with the Chairs of the unit budget committees. Robert Kohrman, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis, presented information about the budget for fiscal year 2015.
3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: Action on the Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of March 24 were postponed until the next meeting because revisions were needed.
4. Faculty Mentoring: The Faculty Affairs Committee has been discussing faculty mentoring and the need to check if departments are mentoring their junior faculty. Policy Committee discussed how to learn what departments are doing. One idea was to ask the faculty who have tenure if they were mentored and what the mentoring involved. Also faculty should be asked if they were offered mentoring but chose not to avail themselves of mentoring. This issue will be returned to the agenda for the next meeting.
5. Email: Members of the Facilities, Support Services and Technology (FSST) Committee have attended meetings of the Email Collaboration Services Advisory Committee that is studying new email services because Zimbra needs to be replaced. Mr. Artiss, the Chair of FSST, reported the status of the ECSAC's work.

Computing and Information Technology (C&IT) is considering two systems, Google and Microsoft. Mr. Artiss explained the attributes of both systems. A proposal will be submitted to the administration. Chief Information Officer Joseph Sawasky will be invited to a Policy Committee meeting to discuss the change.

6. Research Computing Assessment: This issue will be taken up at the next Policy Committee meeting.
7. Transfer Student Success Center: Policy Committee members had many questions about this new Center. Michele Grimm, who is the Director of the Center, will be invited to a meeting.
8. Report from the FSST Committee: Mr. Artiss reported that at the recent meeting of the Committee, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel John Vander Weg and Senior Director of Human Resources Alicia Pendleton talked about the new centralized human resources office. The Committee also talked about the Google and Microsoft e-mail systems.

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