

Ohio Northern University University Council

Minutes, September 22, 2009

Roll: (Absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, Dr. David Crago, Dr. Robert Ruble, Mr. Thomas Stevick, Dean Karen Condeni, Ms. Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, Dean Catherine Albrecht, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, Dr. Robert Carrothers, Dr. Toni Clarke, Prof. Randall Ewing, Mr. Michael Hamper, Dr. Errol Katayama, Dr. Brian Keas, Prof. Laurie Laird, Dr. John Lomax, Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Michael Milks, Prof. Traci Moritz, Dr. Sandra Schroeder, Dr. Kelly Shields, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Marjorie Walker, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany.

Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. Minutes of May 5, 2009 and September 2, 2009 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
 - a. Budget and Appropriations: No report.
 - b. Academic Affairs: The committee is meeting, currently discussing an issue from the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee.
 - c. Student Activities: No report.
 - d. Personnel: The committee is meeting but has no report.
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
 - a. Athletics: No report.
 - b. Information Technology: No report.
 - c. Cultural & Special Events: No report.
 - d. International Affairs: No report.
 - e. Religious Affairs: The committee has discussed goals for the 2009-10 school year. Copies of *Faith Lift 2008-09, A Collection of Essays* are available in the chapel office for \$10.
- IV. Planning Council: Council is organizing its initial meetings for the year.
- V. Other Reports:
 - a. Julie Hurtig reported on current topics in the General Education Committee, which has met twice already. She distributed a draft of "University General Education Committee Course Submission Form" outlining criteria for tagging of general education courses. Discussion ensued regarding the objectivity of the selection criteria and process.
 - b. Jim Fenton reported that the Dicke College has contracted with Prof. Bonnie Fink, Director of the BGSU Teaching and Learning Center, to conduct a faculty workshop on the topic of Student Learning Portfolios. The workshop will be conducted on Sept. 30 from 9am-12pm. Deans of the undergraduate colleges have been invited to send faculty. Dean Fenton also reported that five student employer networking events will be conducted this year, the first of which is in Detroit at the end of this month.

- c. Jon Sprague offered four announcements. The College of Pharmacy kicked off its 125th anniversary this fall, with more activities to come. Pharmacy's full-site accreditation visit will be on campus Oct. 13-15. A search for the new Endowed Chair of Pharmacy Practice is ongoing. Producers of Bravo TV have selected the ONU College of Pharmacy to be their featured program in a special on effective medication management. The special, to be filmed on campus this fall, will reach an estimated total of 110 million viewers through various venues.
- d. Michael Hamper reported a successful Senate Awareness Week, including an ice cream social, picnic, and distribution of ONU-logo paraphernalia at Saturday's football game. Online voting for housing elections will take place this coming Monday, Sept. 28 through Wednesday, Sept. 30. Student Senate is now working to define roles and responsibilities of college representatives.

VI. Announcements:

- a. The Board of Trustees will be meeting Oct. 2-3. Comments may be shared to the board through the chair of council, as she is now full member of this body.
- b. Sunny Zank announced that the Master Teacher Program, initiated in 2008 by a three-day seminar with Dr. Harvey Brightman, continues on campus. Many exciting teaching innovations have been reported as faculty share their efforts and experiences.
- c. Dr. Zank asks that council members please read the portion of the faculty handbook which applies to actions and responsibilities of University Council (pp.128-130).

VII. Questions for the President:

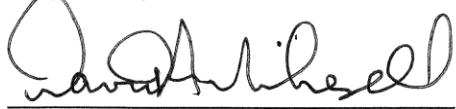
- a. Dr. Baker reported on the status of campus enrollment. The enrollment for budgetary purposes is, as of today, 3419 (compared to 3585 last year). This represents a significant drop in revenue. The actual campus "head count" is 3636 (compared to 3721 last year), which includes high school students but does not include students in the Prison Management Certification Program. The official enrollment reported to the public is 3666 students.
- b. When asked about the recent rescission of the campus hiring freeze, Dr. Baker reports that he is still comfortable with that decision. Several departments are moving forward with faculty and administrative searches.
- c. The campus response to H1N1 was discussed. Though reports of a student contracting H1N1 flu the first week of school were false, as of 3pm today there was a first positive test result. Subsequent tests are pending to confirm the diagnosis. The student remains isolated in the campus infirmary. The university requests any confirmed cases be reported, and continues to follow prevention and treatment recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- d. The university is investigating the possibility of administering the H1N1 vaccine, though not currently authorized to do so. Jon Sprague reports that 30 students currently on campus are qualified to administer vaccines; more are being trained, with the goal of 60 students by October 15, the day which the vaccine is scheduled to be released.

VIII. Unfinished Business: none.

IX. New Business: none.

X. Adjournment: Dr. Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:11PM. Council will next meet on October 6 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Mikesell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "M".

David R. Mikesell, Secretary