

# Ohio Northern University University Council

Minutes, October 6, 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 September 22, 2009 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Budget and Appropriations: No report.
  - b. Academic Affairs: Item presented as new business.
  - c. Student Activities: No report.
  - d. Personnel: Meeting but 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: This committee will meet Monday at 9AM.
  - f. General Education: Julie Hurtig submitted a draft of the General Education Course Evaluation Criteria. Sunny Zank added that some classes (including hers) are already involved in a trial run, with positive results so far. These criteria will be on the Oct. 13 faculty meeting agenda.
- IV. Planning Council: Council will be meeting in two weeks.
- V. Other Reports:
  - a. Michael Hamper reported that all but two of the housing representative positions have been filled. Applications are due Friday to Student Senate for funding of campus student organizations. Also, a housing representative orientation will be held on Friday, October 16.
- VI. Announcements:
  - a. None.

VII. Questions for the President:

- a. Dr. Baker reported that there are, and have been, no positive swine flu cases on campus. Though minutes from the previous University Council meeting indicated a positive test result, this student's flu was not the H1N1 variety.
- b. Two topics from this past weekend's Board of Trustees meeting were discussed. First was a focus on Career Services. Trustees continue to be concerned about the location and lack of handicapped accessibility of the current facilities (Kennedy House). The board also expressed concern regarding the function of this office, asking the university to evaluate ONU Career Services in light of the best practices at peer institutions. Second, though the board approved the university budget, they expressed concern on the endowment draw in proportion to the endowment's current (sharply reduced) value.
- c. Dr. Baker reminded council of the Homecoming festivities this weekend, asking everyone to prepare campus facilities for the anticipated visitors.

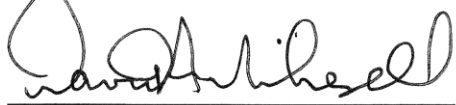
VIII. Unfinished Business: none.

IX. New Business:

- a. Laurie Laird presented the first reading of the Academic Affairs Committee's motion regarding clarification of terms for use in semester conversion. This proposal was discussed at length.

X. Adjournment: Dr. Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:32PM. Council will next meet on October 20 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Mikesell, Secretary