

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, February 3, 2009

Roll: (Absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, Dr. Anne Lippert, Dr. Robert Ruble, Mr. Thomas Stevick, Dean Karen Condeni, Ms. Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, Interim Dean Lisa Robeson, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Dean David Crago, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Julie Adams, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Toni Clarke, Dr. Pat Croskery, Mr. Trevor Eagle, Prof. Randy Ewing, Dr. Errol Katayama, Dr. Brian Keas, Dr. John Lomax, Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Michael Milks, Prof. Traci Moritz, Dr. Kelly Shields, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Jon Smalley, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Marjorie Walker, Dr. Bob Ward, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany.

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

- I. Minutes of January 20, 2009 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs has new business this evening.
  - b. Student Activities met this past week and voted to tentatively approve the formation of three new student organizations on campus. Minor editing changes with the materials submitted are needed to clear the way to full acceptance.
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
  - a. International Affairs: Anne Lippert reported that she is setting up a meeting for the committee to choose recipients of the Shuhaibar Scholarship for international students.
  - b. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala reported that the committee met to discuss the protected chapel hour under the semester conversion plan.
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council has not met. Marketing and communications is currently working on the look of the Strategic Plan publication. Planning Council will meet after the upcoming Board Meeting.
- V. Other Reports:
  - a. Anne Lippert reported that the candidates for A&S Dean will be on campus for interviews next week.
  - b. Karen Condeni reported that three candidates for VPAA will be on campus for interview the week following the A&S Dean candidates.
  - c. Lisa Robeson reported that the Fulbright scholar from Mexico, Juan Manuel Guerra Hernandez, is on campus and is available to speak to students in classes or to student organizations. Contact Laurie Bell to set arrangements.
  - d. Trevor Eagle announced that this is his last Council meeting in the official capacity of Student Senate President. The transition to new leadership in Student Senate is underway with the inauguration set for February 15. Next Council meeting, Trevor will introduce the new Student Senate President, Michael Hamper. Student Senate will be dorm storming again this quarter during the middle of week 10 to spread the word on Student Senate and to wish students well on their upcoming final exams. Finally, Trevor thanked Council for his two years of service on Council.

VI. Announcements:

- a. Lisa Robison announced that Marc J. O' Reilly will conduct a lecture on his new book, "Unexceptional: America's Empire in the Persian Gulf, 1941-2007," this evening in Dicke Hall at 7 p.m.
- b. Karen Condeni announced the completion of the final scholarship event of the school year: Distinguished Achievement Scholarship Day. Karen reported that the University has hosted approximately 970 outstanding students through the Scholarship Days of January. Karen expressed her gratitude to everyone who helped.

VII. Questions of the President:

- a. Dr. Baker reiterated that four candidates for A&S Dean and three candidates for VPAA are being brought to campus for interviewing. The positions will begin after June 2009. However, the search for VP of Student Affairs has been suspended due to austerity measures. The majority of the search costs for both Dean and VPAA positions have already been spent, whereas this is not the case with the VPSA search. The VPSA search will reopen when we feel more fiscally comfortable.
- b. Dr. Baker announced two open meetings this week to discuss budget issues with the University employees on Wednesday morning in the Dicke Forum and on Thursday afternoon in The Ballroom. Dr. Baker noted that class schedules preclude some faculty from Pharmacy from attending either meeting. He is willing to talk to small groups of faculty individually on the budget issue if needed. Dr. Baker previewed his message telling Council that we are not in dire straits. We expect a modest shortfall for this year of less than 0.5% of budget. We are not compromising any of our goals or aspirations. He will be seeking major board contributions at the upcoming Board Meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- a. Sunny Zank introduced the second reading of the Personnel Committee's proposal to increase the faculty travel fund allotment by \$100 per year for the next four years to \$1,500 per year and increase the max to \$4,500. The committee understands that the university may not be able to implement the increases immediately due to current economic circumstances.
- b. Dr. Baker said that he is supportive of the proposal but will appreciate the patience of the faculty in its implementation. It could take longer than four years to accomplish the objectives due to other University priorities.
- c. Motion carries and will be forwarded to President Baker for his approval. (See attached vote.)

IX. New Business:

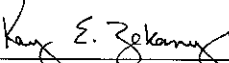
- a. Laurie Laird offered the first reading of the Personnel Committee's motion proposing additions to the language regarding the awarding of degrees. John Lomax suggested the Committee consider inserting the word "or" before "readmission."

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 5:50PM. Council will next meet on February 17<sup>th</sup> at

5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kay E. Zekany, Secretary

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
**Attendance and Voting Record for February 3, 2009**

Council Attendance	Attendance	Annual Faculty Travel Allowance					
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	x						
VP Anne Lippert	x	x					
Dr. Bob Ruble	x						
VP Thomas Stevick							
VP Karen Condeni	x						
VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw	x						
Interim Dean Lisa Robeson	x	x					
Dean Eric Baumgartner							
Dean Jon Sprague	x		x				
Dean James Fenton							
Dean David Crago	x			x			
Rev. Vernon LaSala	x						
Dr. Julie Adams							
Dr. Jeffery Allison	x	x					
Dr. Toni Clarke							
Dr. Pat Croskery	x	x					
Mr. Trevor Eagle	x			x			
Prof. Randy Ewing	x	x					
Dr. Errol Katayama	x	x					
Dr. Brian Keas	x	x					
Dr. John Lomax	x	x					
Dr. David Mikesell	x	x					
Dr. Michael Milks	x	x					
Prof. Traci Moritz							
Dr. Kelly Shields	x	x					
Dr. Amy Stockert	x	x					
Dr. Jon Smalley	x	x					
Dr. David Smith	x	x					
Dr. Marjorie Walker	x	x					
Dr. Bob Ward	x	x					
Dr. Bryan Ward	x	x					
Mr. Scott Willis	x						
Dr. Sunny Zank	x						
Dr. Kay Zekany	x	x					
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Denotes non-voting member