

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, February 17, 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, Prof. Randy Ewing, Mr. Michael Hamper, 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 February 3, 2009 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
 - a. Budget and Appropriation: no report
 - b. Academic Affairs: no report
 - c. Student Activities: no report
 - d. Personnel: no report
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
 - a. Athletics: no report
 - b. Information Technology: no report
 - c. Cultural and Special Events: no report
 - d. International Affairs: no report
 - e. Religious Affairs: no report
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council will meet on the evening of March 10. The topics of discussion include (a) budget planning for next academic year and (b) benchmarks for various goals and activities.
- V. Other Reports:
 - a. Michael Hamper, President of Student Senate and new member of University Council, introduced himself to Council. He looks forward to his year on Council.
- VI. Announcements:
 - a. Rev. LaSala announced that this week's Faith Lift speaker is J.D. Yoder.
 - b. Kay Zekany announced, on behalf of the administration, that ONU has entered into a bi-lateral exchange agreement with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan.
 - c. Bryan Ward announced that nominations are sought for Faculty At-Large committee positions. The Nominations Subcommittee will be seeking nominations from their respective colleges. Additional nominations may be offered directly to Bryan Ward. The nominations are due March 25.
 - d. Lisa Robison announced a 100% pass rate on the most recent PRAXIS II exam for 2007-08 program completers. Lisa also announced that Jake Zimmerman was just awarded a \$50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society's Petroleum Research Fund through the Undergraduate New Investigator Program which seeks to (1) support fundamental research in the petroleum and energy fields, and (2) develop the next generation of engineers and scientists through support of advanced scientific education.

- e. Jon Smalley announced that Dr. Steven Squyres, Goldwin Smith professor of astronomy at Cornell University and principal investigator for the science payload on NASA's Mars Exploration Rover project, will speak on "Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity and Exploration of the Red Planet" as part of the College of Engineering Spotts Lecture Series in the Freed Center at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

VII. Questions of the President:

- a. Dr. Baker announced that on campus interviews for the dean of Arts and Sciences search were conducted last week and interviews for the VPAA are being conducted this week and next. Faculty participation is encouraged.
- b. With respect to the University budget, Dr. Baker offered good news. He offered his gratitude first for what all are doing to hold costs down. The results are showing up in the most recent numbers, which are good. At this time, the drawback of \$200,000 from the Colleges is on hold. The hope is that the University will not need these funds. The administration is watching the budget numbers carefully with the hope that the good news will continue.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

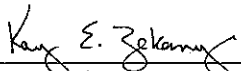
- a. Sunny Zank introduced the second reading of the Academic Affairs Committee's motion proposing additions to the Faculty Handbook Sec. 3.27 Awarding of Degrees. The motion carried and will be reported to the Faculty and then transmitted to President Baker. (See attached vote.)

IX. New Business: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 5:45PM. Council will next meet on March 17th at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay E. Zekany, Secretary

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Attendance and Voting Record for February 17, 2009

Council Attendance	Attendance	Graduation Requirements					
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	x						
VP Anne Lippert	x	x					
Dr. Bob Ruble	x						
VP Thomas Stevick							
VP Karen Condemi	x						
VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw							
Interim Dean Lisa Robeson	x	x					
Dean Eric Baumgartner							
Dean Jon Sprague							
Dean James Fenton	x	x					
Dean David Crago							
Rev. Vernon LaSala	x						
Dr. Julie Adams	x	x					
Dr. Jeffery Allison	x	x					
Dr. Toni Clarke							
Dr. Pat Croskery	x	x					
Prof. Randy Ewing	x	x					
Mr. Michael Hamper	x				x		
Dr. Errol Katayama	x	x					
Dr. Brian Keas							
Dr. John Lomax	x	x					
Dr. David Mikesell	x	x					
Dr. Michael Milks	x	x					
Prof. Traci Moritz	x	x					
Dr. Kelly Shields	x	x					
Dr. Amy Stockert							
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 Wills	x						
Dr. Sunny Zank	x						
Dr. Kay Zekany	x	x					
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