

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, April 21, 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 March 31, 2009 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Budget and Appropriation: No report.
  - b. Academic Affairs: No report except an item of new business from the Committee is on the Agenda.
  - c. Student Activities: No report.
  - d. Personnel: No report except an item of old business and an item of new business from the Committee are on the Agenda.
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
  - a. Athletics: No report.
  - b. Information Technology: No report.
  - c. Cultural and Special Events: No report.
  - d. International Affairs: Anne Lippert reported that the Multicultural Fair, "One World: Many Flavors," will be held in the McIntosh Activities Room on this Monday from 5-8 p.m. All are invited.
  - e. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala announced that the committee will meet this Friday to talk about the many responses to their recent survey on Faith Lift so as to enhance future events.
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that Planning Council is meeting every two weeks. The continuing topic of discussion is determining metrics to assess our success in achieving our goals and strategies.
- V. Other Reports: Michael Hamper announced that "Ball Park Night" is postponed due the weather cancelation of the baseball game. He also announced that a Student Senate Newsletter is in the works and will be distributed to students during the next dorm-storming event. Michael also invited all to view the new Student Senate website. Finally, he announced the upcoming "Unite for Awareness Week," to bring attention to issues of discrimination, beginning on Monday, April 27. On Thursday evening Student Senate will present "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" featuring Karen Condeni, Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, and Anne Lippert at 5:30 p.m. in the Dicke Forum.
- VI. Announcements: None.
- VII. Questions of the President: Dr. Baker was very pleased to announce that David Crago has accepted the VPAA position on an interim basis beginning July 1. There will be a 2 month transition period before Anne Lippert retires. Dean Crago will simultaneously continue his duties as Dean of the Law School. There will be a midyear evaluation on whether a search for VPAA or Dean of the Law School will be launched.
- VIII. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Toni Clark offered the final reading of the Personnel Committee's motion to amend the Faculty

Handbook Sec. 2.8.2., 2.8.3, and 2.4.2 to clarify the wording regarding credit for time in service for promotion and tenure decisions. The Committee discussed and incorporated Council's feedback in Attachment 1 to the Agenda. The motion carried with no dissent. See attached voting record.

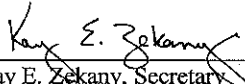
IX. New Business:

- a. Jeff Allison offered the first reading of the Personnel Committee's motion to amend the Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.12.3 regarding unpaid leave to expand the exemptions list for activities which are encouraged by the University that should be treated similar to Fulbright Fellowships. This amendment is a result of Errol Katayama's comments in Council. The only discussion point was a wording suggestion.
- b. Sunny Zank introduced the first reading of the Academic Affairs' recommendations contained in the General Education Committee Final Report as amended by the Academic Affairs Committee. Sunny expressed her gratitude to the committees for their work with a special thanks to John Lomax for moderating an open email discussion of the issues with the faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences. She welcomed Rob Kleine and Harold Putt, co-chairs of the General Education Committee.
  - i. Kelly Shields raised the question of artifacts from transfer students. John Lomax and Laurie Laird explained that the number of artifacts from transfer students will be proportional to the number of credit hours taken at Northern as long as there is at least one artifact for each learning outcome. Student artifacts are central to the proposal. The purpose the artifacts serve is twofold: first to fulfill graduation requirements and second to generate assessment data to evaluate our programs. Hence, artifacts from courses not taken at Northern are not appropriate.
  - ii. Michael Hamper raised several questions from the students' perspective. He recognized that students are responsible for submitting their own artifacts. Issues of authentication and administrative duties were discussed. Likely either the office of the registrar or the office of institutional research will maintain the records. Dr. Baker stated that this is an administrative issue that will be handled by the VPAA office.
  - iii. Michael Hamper and Brian Keas asked if the students may "improve" their artifacts for personal purposes. Rob Kleine explained that keeping a personal portfolio is a separate issue. Lisa Robison explained that technology will evolve over time to address technical issues regarding the artifacts.
  - iv. Marjorie Walker noted that the proposal talks about courses rather than credit hours. John and Rob responded that this approach was taken by design to provide maximum flexibility to the individual academic units.
  - v. Michael Hamper asked for student representation on the General Education Committee.
  - vi. Further discussion ensued on details of the proposal regarding the Writing Seminar, rubrics, and procedural issues. The Committee responded that the purpose of the recommendation is to establish a structure or framework that will be acted upon one step at a time to fill in the details. The governance of the General Education Program is proposed herein to be by the University General Education Committee.
  - vii. Anne Lippert stated that the contents of Attachment A will be posted to the website.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:29PM. Council will next meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kay E. Zekany, Secretary

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**Attendance and Voting Record for April 21, 2009**

<b>Council Attendance</b>	Attendance	<b>Credit for Time in Service</b>					
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	X						
VP Anne Lippert	X	X					
Dr. Bob Ruble							
VP Thomas Stevick							
VP Karen Condeni	X						
VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw	X						
Interim Dean Lisa Robeson	X	X					
Dean Eric Baumgartner	X	X					
Dean Jbn Sprague							
Dean James Fenton	X	X					
Dean David Crago	X			X			
Rev. Vernon LaSala	X						
Dr. Julie Adams							
Dr. Jeffery Allison	X	X					
Dr. Toni Clarke	X	X					
Dr. Pat Croskery	X	X					
Prof. Randy Ewing	X	X					
Mr. Michael Hamper	X			X			
Dr. Errol Katayama	X	X					
Dr. Brian Keas	X	X					
Dr. Jbn Lomax	X	X					
Dr. David Mikesell							
Dr. Michael Milks	X	X					
Prof. Traci Moritz	X	X					
Dr. Kelly Shields	X	X					
Dr. Amy Stockert							
Dr. Jbn Smalley	X	X					
Dr. David Smith							
Dr. Marjorie Walker	X	X					
Dr. Bob Ward	X	X					
Dr. Bryan Ward	X	X					
Mr. Scott Wills							
Dr. Sunny Zank	X						
Dr. Kay Zekany	X	X					
<b>TOTALS</b>		19	0	2			
Denotes non-voting member							