

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, October 21, 2008

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. Bob Ward asked if Council can address members in a less formal manner. There were no objections.
- II. Minutes of October 7, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- III. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs: John Lomax reported that the Committee has an item for new business.
  - b. Personnel: Jeff Allison reported that the Committee continues to meet.
- IV. Reports from Operational Committees:
  - a. Cultural & Special Events: Jeff Allison reported that the Committee is meeting this Friday at noon.
  - b. International Affairs: Anne Lippert reported that the Committee is meeting tomorrow.
- V. Planning Council: No report.
- VI. Other Reports:
  - a. Anne Lippert reported that searches for the Dean of Arts and Sciences, IT Position and Registrar are continuing.
  - b. Jim Fenton reported that Ohio Supreme Court Justice Robert Cupp was on campus earlier today to swear in the Freshman class in the Dicke College of Business Administration to their new Honor Code which was written by a committee of two faculty members over the summer and approved by the faculty this fall. He also reported that this year's first networking event takes place in Cleveland on October 30 at Charter One Bank, coordinated by Jan Sweress.
  - c. Eric Baumgartner reported that the Smull College of Engineering will host an alternative energy event October 30, 1-5PM, at the Inn. Regional manufacturers, students and faculty are invited to hear of opportunities that exist in the supply chain of advanced energy, including wind, solar, biomass and biofuels.
- VII. Announcements: none
- VIII. Questions of the President:
  - a. Dr. Baker began by explaining that he was delayed and will need to leave early this evening due to a dinner with the Mathile family and the Mathile Scholars

hosted by he and Mrs. Baker.

- b. Then, he addressed a question he was asked by Brian Keas regarding the phrase "in accordance with past practice" with work duties and expectations of faculty during academic breaks and recesses. He and Anne Lippert concluded that "past practice" is an expectation that faculty be engaged in University activities as necessary and required. This includes meeting students, if needed; working on an urgent issue, if needed; preparing for classes or engaging in research.
- c. Dr. Baker closed by thanking everyone for Homecoming. It was the largest Homecoming attendance ever.

XI. Unfinished Business: none.

X. New Business: John Lomax moved and Bob Ward seconded Academic Affairs Committee's Recommendation on Undergraduate Academic Calendar Beginning 2011-12 (including attachments A and A1-A4 to the agenda).

Laurie Laird, as Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, clarified that the committee recommended a maximum of 75 days of instruction to maximize instructional days. She also explained that the Committee reviewed many pages of input from faculty regarding the issues pertaining to the semester calendar.

Bob Ward commended the Committee members for their excellent job. Sunny Zank characterized their work as incredible.

Errol Katayama asked about Summer Session contact hours and late enrollment. John Lomax explained that the 100-minute blocks allow for 5-6 minute breaks. Laurie Laird explained that the details of the summer session can be revised to recognize registration needs.

Brian Keas thanked the Committee for inviting him to their recent meeting. He noted that two time slots, one on Tuesday and another on Thursday, from 4:30 to 5:45 is missing. John Lomax indicated that those time slots are missing in error and will be included.

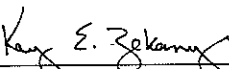
A question about the evening time slots was posed. Laurie Laird explained that, in contrast to the day-time time slots, the evening time slots for classes are not specified beyond the indication that evening classes do not begin before 6PM or extend beyond 9PM. Jon Smalley pointed out that the report does allow for Friday evening classes.

College and University faculty meetings will have to be scheduled around the class schedule.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:22PM. Council will next meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kay E. Zekany, Secretary