

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, November 4, 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. Minutes of October 21, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs has an item of old business to bring before Council.
  - b. Personnel has two new items of new business to bring before Council.
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
  - a. Cultural & Special Events continue to meet.
  - b. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala announced that Jim Fenton will speak at tomorrow's Faith Lift Event.
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that Planning Council did not meet in October, but will be meeting in November to continue its Strategic Plans discussions and to discuss financial matters. The new version of the Strategic Plan will be distributed to the faculty soon.
- V. Other Reports:
  - a. Bob Ruble reported the Budget and Appropriations reviewed the proposal for additional student workers and will act on the related budget request shortly.
  - b. Karen Condeni announced this Saturday's Fall Open House which will bring 130 – 150 students and their families to campus. Karen expressed her appreciation to all involved.
  - c. Jim Fenton reported on three items. First, the next networking event for students in the Dicke College will be on November 11 in at Cardinal Health Columbus with Mike Kaufmann and Larry Boord hosting. Second, he just formed an ad hoc committee to discuss the possible expansion of Dicke Hall in four to five years. Third, he announced the creation of the Pharmaceutical Business Program Advisory Board to help us maintain our competitive edge in our pharmaceutical business program. Members include pharmacy alumni Tip Parker and Norm Scarazzo. Bob McCurdy agreed to be a member of the advisory board and to act as its chair for at least one year. Jim expressed his appreciation to the Raabe College of Pharmacy for their assistance.
  - d. Jon Sprague announced that ONU is hosting for the first time the District IV meeting of NABP/AACP on November 12-14. 77 registrants will be staying at The Inn for the meeting.
  - e. Eric Baumgartner reported that ABET representatives will be on campus November 9 – 11 to evaluate the Smull College of Engineering for renewal of program accreditations.
  - f. Lisa Robeson reported on three items. First, the Getty College of Arts and Sciences is in the middle of identifying its signature programs. Second, the recent Keiser Lecture was very successful. Dr. Marc Bekoff spoke to a full capacity crowd on "Animal Passions, Beastly Virtues, and Wild Justice: Reflections on Redecorating Nature" in the Freed Center. Third, the opening of the annual Student Juried Exhibition that runs through December 17 in the Elzay Gallery of Art. All are invited to an opening reception this evening until 7PM.
  - g. Trevor Eagle announced that Student Senate has just finished their budget appropriations to 84 student organizations without a single appeal. Trevor also announced that the State of the Senate Address will

take place this Wednesday. Finally, he also announced that Student Senate will pass out candy and a message of encourage to all students on campus during dead week.

- h. Bob Ruble reported that the Health Services Advisory Committee is considering changes to the employee health insurance plan.
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- VI. Announcements: Toni Clark announced that students who graduated from the Pettit College of Law in May 2008 had a 93 percent passage rate on the Ohio bar examination administered this past July. This follows the 100 percent success rate of ONU graduates who sat for the bar examination for the first time in February. She explained that the figure reported in the newspaper will not be as high due to the influence of graduates from many years ago taking the bar exam for the first time who did not pass.
  - VII. Questions of the President: Dr. Baker reported that the Saturday evening kickoff to the \$100 million comprehensive campaign was wonderful. Priorities for the multi-year fundraising campaign include student aid and faculty and program enrichment. Currently the University has raised \$65 million during the silent phase including funds for the Mathile Center, the naming of the Dicke CBA, and 46 endowed scholarships. He offered many thanks to all in attendance.
  - VIII. Unfinished Business: Motion from Academic Affairs Committee – Recommendation on Undergraduate Academic Calendar Beginning 2011-12 (including Attachments A and A1-A4).
    - a. John Lomax clarified that committee revised its motion based on Council's and others' recommendations in three ways. First, there is added clarification regarding weekly laboratories in Attachment A4. Second, there is added structure to the evening schedule in Attachment A4. Finally, the summer schedule concern regarding the 50 minute issue was not formally incorporated in the motion as it was deemed unnecessary.
    - b. John Lomax moved and Toni Clark seconded an amendment to A1 to include a Labor Day holiday. Dr. Baker had requested Labor Day off for non-teaching employees, consistent with past practices. He would not have made this request if he felt it would short-change student learning. An examination of peer institutions indicates that 74 instructional days per semester is greater than peer figures. Mike Milks asked if those teaching laboratories would be adverse to this amendment. Brian Keas indicated that labs are generally held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday and would not be affected. Based on a voice vote, the Labor Day amendment carries.
    - c. Rev. LaSala asked if the guidelines regarding the protected chapel hour have been set. John Lomax replied that Academic Affairs has not taken up that issue. The purpose of the Thursday protected hour is for chapel. The purpose of the Tuesday protected hour is unspecified. Dr. Baker asked if we lost the 4PM Tuesday hour that has been used for the faculty meeting. John Lomax responded no, but explained that classes may be scheduled during that hour. Dr. Baker agreed that the issue should and will be looked into by an appropriate committee.
    - d. Marjorie Walker explained that off-campus nursing clinicals are not entirely under our control. John Lomax responded that the motion only covers on-campus classes and laboratories and not off-campus experiences including student teaching or clinicals.
    - e. Randy Ewing expressed concern that the Easter Monday Holiday (classes recess) is missing. After discussion, John Lomax moved and Bob Ward seconded to amend the motion to include a holiday for Easter Monday. Pat Croskery asked if this amendment maps with the Fall Semester's Labor Day amendment. It does. A voice vote proved indecisive. Based on a roll call vote, the Easter Monday amendment carries 11 to 9 with 2 abstentions (see attached).
    - f. Based on a roll call vote of the full motion, including the two amendments, passed unanimously (see attached).
    - g. Sunny Zank thanked Laurie Laird and the Academic Affairs Committee.

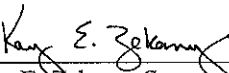
IX. New Business:

- a. Bill Theisen offered the first reading of the Personnel Committee recommendation to clarify current policy of salary for sabbatical leave. Jeff Allison indicated that the recommendation is not changing current practice, but instead clarifying the description of how it is handled. This motion will be up for vote at our next meeting.
- b. Bill Theisen also offered the first reading of the Personnel Committee recommendation to add new language regarding Summer Session Compensation to cover the off-campus RN-BSN completing program and high school summer camp programs. After considerable deliberation, the committee will withdraw its RN-BSN recommendation and look into it further.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:39PM. Council will next meet on December 2nd 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 November 4, 2008							
Council Attendance	Attendance	Easter Monday Amendment VOTE			Semester Calendar VOTE		
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	x						
VP Anne Lippert							
Dr. Bob Ruble	x						
VP Thomas Stevick							
VP Karen Condeni	x						
VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw							
Interim Dean Lisa Robeson	x	x			x		
Dean Eric Baumgartner	x		x		x		
Dean Jon Sprague	x		x		x		
Dean James Fenton	x	x			x		
Dean David Crago							
Rev. Vernon LaSala	x						
Dr. Julie Adams							
Dr. Jeffery Allison	x		x		x		
Dr. Toni Clarke	x	x			x		
Dr. Pat Croskery	x	x			x		
Mr. Trevor Eagle	x	x			x		
Prof. Randy Ewing	x	x			x		
Dr. Errol Katayama	x	x			x		
Dr. Brian Keas	x		x		x		
Dr. John Lomax	x			x	x		
Dr. David Mikesell	x		x		x		
Dr. Michael Milks	x	x			x		
Prof. Traci Moritz	x		x		x		
Dr. Kelly Shields	x		x		x		
Dr. Amy Stockert	x		x		x		
Dr. Jon Smalley							
Dr. David Smith	x	x			x		
Dr. Marjorie Walker	x		x		x		
Dr. Bob Ward	x	x			x		
Dr. Bryan Ward	x			x	x		
Mr. Scott Wills							
Dr. Sunny Zank	x						
Dr. Kay Zekany	x	x			x		
<b>TOTALS</b>		11	9	2	22	0	0
Denotes non-voting member							