

**OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Minutes, March 18, 2008

Roll: (absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, VP Anne Lippert, VP John Green, VP Thomas Stevick, VP Karen Condeni, VP A-K Hilderbrand, Dean Robert Manzer, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Dean David Crago, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Julie Adams, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Kim Broekemeier, Dr. Pat Croskery, Dr. Keith Durkin, Mr. Trevor Eagle, Prof. Randy Ewing, Dr. Scott Gerber, Prof. Terry Keiser, Dr. Michael Milks, Ms. Traci Moritz, Dr. David Sawyers, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Jon Smalley, Dr. Bob Ward, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Prof. Kate Witte, Dr. J.D. Yoder, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany

Council Chair, Terry Keiser, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES of February 5, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES: none
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - a. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala announced that the committee had met on March 10th and had agreed to change the chapel service from worship to faith sharing.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL : Dr. Baker announced that the most recent meeting had been cancelled due to the weather with future meetings planned for after Easter. He also announced that two environmental scans had been taken and that a revision to the strategic plan would be reported to University Council before the end of the term.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice Presidents and Deans
 1. Vice President Condeni announced that Pharmacy Visit Day had been rescheduled to April 3, guidance counselors dinner in Detroit on April 3 and Junior Visit Day on April 26. V.P. Condeni also announced that Melanie Weaver had recently appointed as Director of Financial Aid to begin on April 1.
 2. Dean Baumgartner announced the Spotts Lecture on March 26 by Dr. Joseph Hager, who will speak on "Energy Technology Alternatives in Changing Times."
 3. Dean Sprague announced that at the American Pharmacists Association meeting in San Diego the ONU Chapter won a national award for outreach.
 4. Dean Fenton announced the Dicke CBA is holding an employer event on March 27th with 20 -25 employers and approx. 50 students participating.
 - B. Student Senate: Mr. Eagle announced that Senate elections were underway with results to be announced on Wednesday, March 19th. Senate is currently examining funding for Unite for Awareness and the Multi-Cultural Fair.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Assoc. V.P. Goldberg announced that a representative from Semester at Sea would be on campus on March 26th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. in McIntosh Center.

Council Chair, Terry Keiser announced that final approval had taken place for revision to the

Faculty Handbook, including the changes to sections 2.84 and 2.12.2-2.12.7 as well as those made to Appendices 12 and 19.

Dr. Bryan Ward announced that the nominations committee was still seeking nominees for the various at large faculty positions available.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Dr. Gerber asked the President what individual faculty members should do if a college is not following the rules established within the College.

President Baker responded. He encouraged faculty to bring to issue to his attention first in the hope that it can be resolved informally. He acknowledged that a grievance process did exist if the informal approach did not work.

Dr. Milks urged President Baker to revisit the decision to eliminate the commencement chapel service.

President Baker responded. He indicated a willingness to talk about the service for future years, but indicated that the decision for this year would stand. He also indicated that the problem was that the service conflicted with the Pharmacy hooding ceremony.

Dr. Adams passed on to the President student concerns regarding environmental issues on campus – in particular the issue of plastic recycling.

President Baker responded. President Baker asked Mr. Eagle to discuss how Student Senate had dealt with the issue.

Mr. Eagle indicated that ONU Recycles handles recycling issues and that they have found plastic recycling difficult because of a lack of funding and manpower.

V. P. Green indicated that students were working with the purchasing department on recycling and there are plans to have competition between colleges on recycling.

President Baker expressed thanks for the work over the past weekend on the District Science Day, the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships and the Celebrezze Competition at the College of Law. He also announced that ABA National Moot Court team from the College of Law had the fourth best brief in a recent competition. Finally, he announced that there were four Goldwater finalists from the College of Arts and Sciences.

President Baker then introduced Bob Smith, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Smith made remarks to the Council on the importance of the interaction between the faculty and the Board. He then responded to questions from the Council

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Motion ... Changes to the Faculty Handbook, Section 2.17.4 regarding “Emeritus or Emerita Policy”

Rationale: The subcommittee of the Trustee Academic Affairs Committee had questions regarding the criteria used and the time frame within which the Emeritus or Emerita status is granted. Personnel Committee reviewed the current policy with respect to policies of other Universities and suggests the changes presented.

A question was voiced concerning the minimum faculty rank for emeritus/emera status.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Council will next meet on April 1 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,


Bryan H. Ward, Secretary Pro Tempore