

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, May 5, 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 April 21, 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 unfinished business from the Committee is on the Agenda.
 - c. Student Activities: No report.
 - d. Personnel: No report except an item of unfinished business from the Committee is on the Agenda.
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
 - a. Athletics: Anne Lippert reported that our softball team won the 2009 OAC Tournament and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA III Tournament as the top seed.
 - b. Information Technology: No report.
 - c. Cultural and Special Events: No report.
 - d. International Affairs: No report.
 - e. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala announced that the Religious Affairs Committee decided that Chapel next year will be a blend of Faith Lift with our traditional chapel service. He also announced that a Greek Bible Study Group (made up of fraternity and sorority members) has agreed to sponsor 1 chapel service per quarter next year.
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that Planning Council is continuing its discussion of metrics to assess our success in achieving our goals and strategies. They will try to meet this month and discussions will continue in the fall.
- V. Other Reports: Michael Hamper gave 5 announcements. First, the Student Senate's first ever Newsletter is nearing completion and will be distributed to students during the upcoming dorm-storming. Second, Welcome Fest planning is going well. Third, an evaluation committee is reviewing ways to improve Hall Council. Fourth, Student Senate is making a Parking Proposal to improve the parking situation surrounding student housing. Finally, Senate's Spring Olympics is taking place today.
- VI. Announcements: Sunny Zank expressed her appreciation to those Council members who are completing their term of service this evening. These members include the following: Anne Lippert, Lisa Robeson, Julie Adams, Jeff Allison, Pat Croskery, Jon Smalley, Amy Stockert and Bob Ward.

VII. Questions of the President:

- a. John Lomax asked about tuition increases for next year. Dr. Baker responded that undergraduate tuition will increase just 3.5%, room and board by 5.0% and Law School tuition by 4.8%.
- b. Dr. Baker praised everyone associated with Grand Hotel for their extraordinary performance.
- c. Dr. Baker thanked all for their hard work on the University budget this year.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

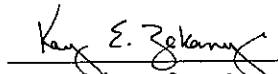
- a. Jeff Allison offered the final reading of the Personnel Committee's motion to amend the Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.12.3 regarding unpaid leave to expand the exemptions list for activities which are encouraged by the University that should be treated similar to Fulbright Fellowships. The list is expanded to include NSF funded research or similar activities with the approval of the VPAA. The motion carried with no dissent. See attached voting record.
- b. Laurie Laird offered the final reading of the Academic Affairs Committee's recommendation on the University General Education Program.
- c. Brian Keas thanked the committees for their efforts which resulted in a significant well-done improvement to our students' general education. He also noted that there remain many unanswered questions. Because this motion makes such a significant change in the overall curriculum, he moved that Council send the matter to the full faculty for a vote rather than voting on it in Council. Julie Adams seconded. Much discussion ensued.
 - i. Bryan Ward spoke to the procedural issue that we have been elected by our peers, "to act as representatives of the Faculty with delegated authority to act on behalf of the Faculty" (Appendix 2, first paragraph).
 - ii. Rob Kleine spoke at length describing the tremendous faculty participation over the past 2 ½ years.
 - iii. John Lomax asked if the faculty could bring a motion to reconsider this action by the Faculty.
 - iv. Roger Goldberg stated that two mechanisms for reconsideration exist in Section 6. (A) and (B) of Article V of the Faculty Constitution. (See Appendix 1 of the Faculty Handbook.)
 - v. Further discussion touched on these same issues. The motion failed. See attached voting record.
- d. University Council then approved the University General Education Committee Final Report as amended by the Academic Affairs Committee. See attached voting record.

IX. New Business: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sunny Zank adjourned the meeting at 6:06PM by thanking all for their much appreciated work this year. Council will next meet during Opening Activities for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay E. Zekany, Secretary

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
Attendance and Voting Record for May 5, 2009

Council Attendance	Attendance	Unpaid Leave			Full Faculty Vote			General Education		
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	X									
VP Anne Lippert	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Bob Ruble	X									
VP Thomas Stevick	X									
VP Karen Condeni	X									
VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw										
Interim Dean Lisa Robeson	X	X				X		X		
Dean Eric Baumgartner	X	X				X		X		
Dean Jon Sprague	X	X				X		X		
Dean James Fenton	X	X				X		X		
Dean David Crago	X	X				X		X		
Rev. Vernon LaSala	X									
Dr. Julie Adams	X	X			X			X		
Dr. Jeffery Allison	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Toni Clarke										
Dr. Pat Croskery	X	X				X		X		
Prof. Randy Ewing	X	X				X		X		
Mr. Michael Hamper	X			X			X	X		
Dr. Errol Katayama	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Brian Keas	X	X			X			X		
Dr. John Lomax	X	X				X		X		
Dr. David Mikesell	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Michael Milks	X	X				X		X		
Prof. Traci Moritz	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Kelly Shields	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Amy Stockert	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Jon Smalley	X	X				X		X		
Dr. David Smith	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Marjorie Walker	X	X			X			X		
Dr. Bob Ward	X	X				X		X		
Dr. Bryan Ward	X	X				X		X		
Mr. Scott Wills										
Dr. Sunny Zank	X									
Dr. Kay Zekany	X	X				X		X		
TOTALS		24	0	1	3	21	1	25		

Denotes non-voting member