

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, February 5, 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. Danny Benbassat, 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 January 22, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES: none
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES: none
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: none
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Dean Manzer announced the hiring of a new physical chemist, Trillisa Perrine. In addition, they are in final negotiations in hiring a new Chair of Music. A search for a faculty member in philosophy is currently underway. Program reviews in physics, modern languages, religion and psychology are also underway.
 - B. Dr. Zank announced the following on behalf of V.P. Condeni:

"The Office of Admissions is most grateful for all of the support for the four recent Scholarship Day events. There have been over 950 accepted students here this past month. Each has had a personal interview, an amazing effort. Over 2400 visitors were here and served lunch. Many positive comments have been received. There is one last Make-up Day (for the Achievement Award event) to be held this Wednesday. This year's attendance is a record-breaking number; this is encouraging in light of the enrollment goals we are working to achieve for this fall. Again, much appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers who make these events a success!!" Thanks, Karen Condeni.
 - C. Student Senate: V.P. Hilderbrand announced the following on behalf of Mr. Eagle: Senate held a Super Bowl pre-game party last weekend. Sodexo served game day food in the cafeteria and WONB provided the music. There were various games and prizes, one which included an official Wilson Super Bowl game ball made in our local Ada factory.

Senate's traditional Kudos From Klondike dinner is being planned for March 12th at the United Method Church to show their appreciation to non-teaching University employees.

Preparations are being made for Senate's Spring elections which will include both College representatives and Senate leadership for next year.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Bryan Ward announced that 24 faculty governance at-large positions will be filled this spring. The Nominating Committee was asked to field nominations for the committees and Council from their respective colleges.

Dr. Gerber reported disappointment with the recent meetings involving the administration's proposal for correcting errors in the Pension Plan that were identified eight months ago. He also reported that a new error occurred in January of 2008. While these errors don't presently affect all employees, all employees will be affected if the IRS declares the Pension Plan unqualified because of the failure to properly correct the errors.
- VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Dr. Croskery asked the President about the semester transition.

Dr. Baker responded. The semester proposal will be brought to the Board for action this week. Dr. Baker has been having conversations with Board members in this regard. In anticipation of the Board's endorsement, materials are available on our website regarding the transition process. Christy Cole has been and is continuing to compile this information to make it widely available on campus. A Steering Committee will be appointed in conjunction with University Council to layout the tasks, timetables and processes involved in the transition. The process will be faculty-oriented. The General Education curriculum revision is making good progress and will be integrated into the semester conversion process. Dr. Lippert's office will provide staff support to the Steering Committee.

Dr. Baker announced that 4 strong candidates have been identified to fill VP for Financial Affairs position. Campus-wide interviews are being arranged.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Bruce Berdanier, representing the Personnel Committee, brought forth, for the second time, the motion to amend Faculty Handbook provisions regarding increments for promotion. The new dollar figures were based on information gathered from peer institutions. The motion also recommends that increments be reviewed every 5 years.

Dr. Gerber thanked and commended the Personnel Committee for bringing forth this proposal, especially since the increments have not been updated for 17 ½ years.

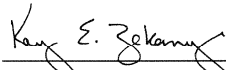
The motion passed. (See attached vote record.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS: none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. Council will next meet on March 4th at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay E. Zekany, Secretary

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Attendance and Voting Record for February 5, 2008													
Council Attendance	Attendance	VOTE 1			VOTE 2			VOTE 3			VOTE 4		
		yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
President Kendall Baker	X												
VP Anne Lippert	X	X											
VP John Green	X												
VP Thomas Stevick													
VP Karen Condeni													
VP A-K Hilderbrand	X												
Dean Robert Manzer	X	X											
Dean Eric Baumgartner	X	X											
Dean John Sprague													
Dean James Fenton	X	X											
Dean David Crago	X	X											
Rev. Vernon LaSala	X												
Dr. Julie Adams	X	X											
Dr. Jeffery Allison													
Dr. Danny Benbassat													
Dr. Kim Broekemeier	X	X											
Dr. Pat Croskery	X	X											
Dr. Keith Durkin	X	X											
Mr. Trevor Eagle													
Prof. Randy Ewing													
Dr. Scott Gerber	X	X											
Prof. Terry Keiser	X												
Dr. Michael Milks	X	X											
Ms. Traci Moritz	X		X										
Dr. David Sawyers	X	X											
Dr. Amy Stockert													
Dr. John Smalley	X	X											
Dr. Bob Ward	X	X											
Dr. Bryan Ward	X	X											
Mr. Scott Wills	X												
Prof. Kate Witte													
Dr. J.D. Yoder	X	X											
Dr. Sunny Zank	X	X											
Dr. Kay Zekany	X	X											
TOTALS		18	0	1									
Denotes non-voting member													