

Ohio Northern University

TO: Members of University Council
FROM: Sunny Zank, Chair ^{SZ}/_{SLW}
RE: Agenda for Meeting of September 23, 2008

The regular meeting of University Council will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30 pm in Dicke Hall Forum.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes of April 29 and September 3, 2008 meetings.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees
 - a. Budget & Appropriations Liaison
 - b. Academic Affairs Beaschler
 - c. Student Activities Lomax
 - d. Personnel Roecker
 - Allison
 - Chair
 - Beaschler
 - Laird
 - Roecker
 - Theisen
- III. Reports from Operational Committees
 - a. Athletics Lippert
 - b. Information Technology Lippert
 - c. Cultural & Special Events Allison
 - d. International Affairs Lippert
 - e. Religious Affairs LaSala
 - Simmons
 - Gulbis
 - Bell
 - Lippert
 - LaSala
- IV. Report from Planning Council - Dr. Baker
- V. Other Reports
 - a. Vice-Presidents; Deans
 - b. Student Senate Eagle
 - c. Health Services Advisory Committee Eagle
 - Ruble
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Questions for the President
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Report - Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Speakers - Professor Clarke (Please see Attachment A)
- X. Adjournment

MEMORANDUM

To: Terry Kaiser, Chair, University Council
From: Toni Clarke, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Speakers
Date: November 12, 2007
Subject: Committee Report

Overview: In order to expose Ohio Northern students to the broadest collegiate experience possible, and to increase University visibility and reputation, it was proposed that the University develop a means of bringing in national level speakers that transcends the interests of any individual college. An ad hoc committee was formed to address the feasibility of creating a University-wide program. The following is a report from that committee, along with proposals for implementing the "Presidential Speaker Series."

Proposal: Establish an annual series of speakers and/or presentations to occur over the course of the academic year, designed to address topical issues relevant to a pre-determined theme. The "Presidential" imprimatur will stress the importance of this series to the higher echelons of University governance while enhancing the attractiveness of the Ohio Northern venue for potential speakers. In addition, the series will provide each college the opportunity to offer a speaker and/or presentation that reflects the chosen theme through the lens of each college's academic interests. The series will be coordinated by a standing committee composed of representatives from each of the five colleges.

- A. Each college will select two representatives to serve on the standing committee. Their terms should be staggered, such that the entire composition of the committee changes every three years. No single department or branch should have more than one representative. This process will serve to diversify the assumptions and perspectives of the committee, and ensure constant reinvigoration with new members, energy, and ideas
- B. The Committee will solicit from the President two or three suggestions and ideas for an appropriate topic or theme to present. The Committee will then choose the topic or theme, select the format of the series, and

select proposed speakers, based on the available budget. The President will have final approval of the program.

1. It is anticipated that the Committee members will solicit input from their colleagues and students about the speakers they wish to see or the events they would like to offer the college community.
 2. The Committee will determine the appropriate format of the series each year – either to stagger the presentations over the academic year or to present a single, week-long event.
 3. Cat (Freed Center) will assemble and maintain catalogues and other sources for speakers, which will be made available to each college representative.
 4. The Committee will also coordinate publicity for all speakers at each of the colleges, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts and competing events. It is recommended that students in arts administration serve as interns to assist in this publicity.
- C. Given that the remuneration to be paid speakers varies widely with the speaker's reputation and availability, the suggested minimum funding for this series is \$100,000.00. If feasible, the presentations should be offered free to the audience.
1. In addition to contributions from the University, the Director of Development should be involved as a non- voting member in order to assist the Committee in obtaining outside funding.
 2. The College of Law can be of invaluable assistance in negotiating and reviewing the necessary contracts, within the constraints of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

The Presidential Speaker series can provide the entire University community the opportunity to acquire knowledge of a variety of pertinent world issues from diverse perspectives. It will not only enhance both student experience and professional development, but it will promote intra-college coordination of public events. A standing committee to coordinate and annual funding are integral to the success of such an undertaking. While more specific details and logistics must necessarily be left to the standing committee, the suggestions outlined above should furnish the basic framework for the Presidential Speaker series.