

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, April 15, 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, Dr. Brian Keas, 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 April 1, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES: none
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES: none
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL – Dr. Baker: Planning Council is continuing to make good progress in revising the strategic plan with respect to each goal and strategy. Dr. Baker expects the process to probably be completed at its next meeting. The expectation is to bring the revised Strategic Plan to the faculty in the fall.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - VP Lippert reported on the progress of Semester Transition Coordinating Committee. The committee is presently developing the principles to guide the transition process. The minutes of the Committee are available, and will continue to become available, from the Academic Affairs website.
  - Student Senate President, Trevor Eagle, announced that the new Student Senate Cabinet will be announced tomorrow. Inauguration of the new President and Vice President will take place on Friday.
  - Health Services Advisory Committee: Mr. Green announced that the Committee will meet in the next few weeks to consider hardship cases and to begin a careful review of the plan.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - Dr. Croskery announced this Thursday's "open house" in the Faculty Lounge in McIntosh Center hosted by the University Steering Committee for Gen-Ed Programs to discuss their University Gen-Ed proposal. All faculty members are encouraged to attend.
  - Rev. LaSala announced this evening's lecture by Páll Skúlason, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iceland, speaking on "Religion, Ethics and Nature."
- VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT: Dr. Baker announced that an offer was made to fill the VP for Financial Affairs position last week. The candidate is considering the offer carefully this week and will be on campus this week. A final decision is expected soon.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Before new business was brought before Council, Chair Kaiser reiterated his comments from our September organizational meeting that comments and questions should be offered freely without fear of retribution.

- (a) Dr. Gerber moved that Council adopt a resolution to the ONU pension plan controversy. The lengthy resolution, brought forth by Dr. Gerber, was attached to the Council agenda for the meeting of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Zank seconded the motion.

As a response, Dr. Baker respectfully presented a lengthy statement on the TIAA controversy. Dr. Baker's prepared response is available directly from either Council's Secretary ([k-zekany@onu.edu](mailto:k-zekany@onu.edu)) or Council's Chair ([t-keiser@onu.edu](mailto:t-keiser@onu.edu)). In an effort to conserve paper, the response is not included herein.

In addition to Drs. Gerber and Baker, the discussion included questions and/or comments from the following: Drs. Milks, Croskery, Broekemeier, R. Ward, Smalley, Canagaratna, Mr. Green, Prof. Ewing and Prof. Canagaratna. The issues were freely discussed and are under consideration. If the resolution passes, both the resolution and its response will be sent out.

- (b) Prof. I. Canagaratna brought forth a motion from Personnel Committee recommending an addition to Faculty Handbook App. 27 – Policy on Conflicts. The attachment provided along with the agenda will be slightly modified due to suggestions made by University lawyers. An updated version will be provided along with the agenda for our next Council meeting.

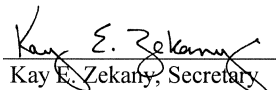
Dr. Milks complimented the committee's work as well thought out and articulate.

Prof. Keiser objected to barring employees from using equipment of a non expendable nature for personal use. Dr. Clarke asked that appropriate language be emailed to her for further consideration by the Personnel Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. Council will next meet on April 29th at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kay E. Zekany, Secretary