

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, September 23, 2008

Roll: (Absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, Dr. Anne Lippert, Dr. Robert Ruble, Mr. Thomas Stevick, Dean Karen Condeni, Ms. Alice-Kay Hilderbrand, Interim Dean Lisa Robeson, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Dean David Crago, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Julie Adams, Dr. Jeffrey Allison, Dr. Toni Clarke, Dr. Pat Croskery, Mr. Trevor Eagle, Prof. Randy Ewing, 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.

Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. Minutes of April 29 and September 3, 2008 were approved as distributed.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs will meet Wednesday at 8AM to discuss the annual and weekly semester calendar details (by Dr. Lomax).
  - b. Personnel will meet Wednesday at 4PM (by Dr. Allison).
- III. Reports from Operational Committees:
  - a. Cultural and Special Events will meet Friday at noon (by Dr. Allison).
  - b. Religious Affairs will meet next Wednesday to evaluate the Faith Lift Program. Rev. LaSala added that all comments received to date have been positive.
  - c. Chair Zank reminded the representatives of the Constitution and Operational Committees to email their committee minutes to all members of University Council. She also noted that University Council minutes and agenda will be distributed via email beginning this year.
- IV. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council will be meeting next week to review the final draft of the revised University "Strategic Plan" which was written over the summer.
- V. Other Reports:
  - a. Dr. Lippert reported on two ongoing search processes. The Registrar search is ongoing. It is a national search for an individual with experience in a Registrar's office who has technological abilities. Candidates are currently being evaluated. The Dean of Arts and Sciences search is also ongoing. The first meetings with consultant Allan Koenig were today to begin to establish search criteria.
  - b. Chair Zank announced this year's University Council Nominations Committee as follows:
    - Dr. Adams, Getty College of Arts & Sciences
    - Dr. Ward, Smull College of Engineering
    - Dr. Stockert, Raabe College of Pharmacy
    - Dr. Zekany, Dicke College of Business Administration
    - Dr. Bryan Ward, Pettit College of Law, committee chair
- VI. Questions for the President:
  - a. Dr. Baker reported 10 day numbers as follows. Total number of students on campus is 3610 (as compared to 3587 last year). The total number for federal reporting, which includes high school students is currently standing at 3717 (as compared with 3603 last year); however, this number is likely to be further adjusted. Our headcount for budgetary purposes is 3580 (which is 20 more than projected). Despite the increase in enrollment, the university is not experiencing

greater financial flexibility due in part to rising tuition discounts and in part to having filled open faculty and administrative open lines. Dr. Baker expressed his thanks to Bob Ruble, Stacy Ward, Karen Condeni and her crew for their hard work.

- b. Dr. Bob Ward asked if the University also keeps FTE's, Full Time Equivalent numbers. Dr. Baker responded that we do, but do not use FTE's for planning or reporting purposes. Dr. Baker acknowledged that increased clarity in communicating and describing student enrollment data is needed and will be forthcoming.
- c. Dr. Lomax asked why he and other department chairs discovered that their budgets had been cut by looking at their budget numbers online. Dr. Baker apologized that they were not informed ahead of time. A letter is currently being drafted. Dr. Ruble also apologized and is writing a message to go out to all affected. Essentially, the budget cuts involve student employees and equipment budgets.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None.

IX. New Business: Presidential Speakers Series Proposal

Dr. Baker explained that the discussion proposing that the University bring in world-class speakers started a year and a half ago. Bringing this report to Council was delayed. Dr. Clarke explained that the delay was due to Professor Keiser's illness. The report made it to Dr. Baker's desk last spring.

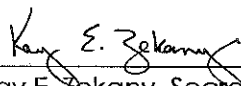
Dr. Baker said that there is no money in the budget for this proposal during this academic year. Beginning with the 09/10 academic year budget, there should be budgeted funds.

Dr. Croskey thinks this is a very good idea, but noted that student culture on this campus does not produce voluntary attendance at events of this sort. To be successful, we will need to create a culture where students will want to attend. Dr. Baker stated that we need to be committed to encourage student involvement. AK Hilderbrand suggested that we should try to involve students at a very early level to help establish the desired interest on campus. Rev. LaSala suggested we think about protecting that hour on campus so as not to conflict with a scheduled class, practice, event or meeting on campus.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Zank adjourned the meeting at 5:57PM. Council will next meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kay E. Zekany, Secretary