

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, October 18, 2005

Roll: (Absentees underlined) Dr. Baker, Dr. Lippert, Mr. Green, Dean Condeni, Dean Hilderbrand, Dean Manzer, Interim Dean Smalley, Dean Bryant, Dean Fenton, Dean Crago, Rev. LaSala, Prof. Essinger, Dr. Theisen, Dr. Loughlin, Dr. Robeson, Prof. Nutter, Dr. Sadurski, Dr. M. Govekar, Dr. Zekany, Dr. Reza, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Gerber, Dr. Hrometz, Dr. Shields, Dr. Allison, Dr. Streib, Dr. Putt, Dr. Person, Dr. Woodley, Ms. Davlin, Mr. Block, Prof. Canagaratna

University Council Chair, Indra Canagaratna called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: October 4, 2005 were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: The Committee met last week and recommended approval of the budget revisions which were approved at the Board meeting. The Committee will meet later this week to review the audit report.
  - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
  - C. Student Activities: No Report.
  - D. Personnel: The Committee has sent a recommendation to the Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding the budget process for next year. The Personnel Committee has also passed a mileage-related motion, which will be brought to the next University Council meeting.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Athletics: No Report.
  - B. Information Technology: The deadline for 2005-6 Teaching with Technology grants is approaching (Nov. 3).
  - C. Cultural & Special Events: The next meeting of the full committee will be December 2.
  - D. International Affairs: The Committee will be meeting next week.
  - E. Religious Affairs: Due to a student group being inactive, the Committee has had only one student member this year. The Chapel Staff has selected a second student to serve on the Committee.
- IV. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert: The Dean's search is continuing in Engineering, and is currently in the nominations phase.
    2. VP Condeni: A search for a Director of Financial Aid is continuing, with two candidates having been interviewed to date and another scheduled. 43 high school students took part in the overnight event last Sunday night. Another 150 students are expected for the Open House on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
    3. VP Hilderbrand: A problem was recognized in splitting the Student Handbook from the Judicial Handbook, in that this required changing certain course syllabi. Student Handbooks are available, and the new Judicial Handbook is at the printers. Any inconvenience caused by this change was unintentional.
    4. VP Green: No Report.
    5. Dean Smalley: No Report.
    6. Dean Bryant: No Report.
    7. Dean Manzer: The first 8-week term in the Nursing Completion Program is finishing at Lima Memorial. A new program will begin next week at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. Program reviews are expected to continue through Christmas. The College is continuing its effort to modify the merit pay structure to make it less punitive.
    8. Dean Crago: No Report.
    9. Dean Fenton: Dr. Kleine and his marketing class will be examining the handling of prospective students in the College. This will include a survey regarding interviews, as well as focus groups. The CBA Advisory Board is being asked to provide assistance in three areas: job placement, internships, and student mentoring.
  - B. Student Senate: Ms. Davlin: To date, students have raised \$2102.12 as part of Operation Lifesaver, while faculty have raised \$428.28. The Budget and Appropriations process continues in Student Senate.
  - C. Health Services Advisory Committee: VP Green: No Report.

D. Other Reports: None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dr. Lippert announced that the second part of the Clery Act training will take place Thursday. This impacts more than just the Security office, as advisors of student organizations and coaches are also affected.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- Dr. Streib asked the President to comment on how the absence of Mr. Hunt will affect the search going on in the Law College. Dr. Baker said that all initiatives and efforts in Advancement are moving forward. The marketing consultant will continue working. Another Board Advancement Committee meeting will take place before the Board retreat scheduled for November 18 & 19. A search for a new Vice President of Advancement will be launched in the next 3-4 months, but there is a lot going on right now in Advancement as evidenced by the success of the Homecoming weekend. Dr. Baker is confident of success, and is currently acting as interim V.P. of Advancement and is confident in a strong program. He is interviewing all professional staff in the office in order to continue moving forward.
- Dr. Streib asked if there might be an interim appointment. Dr. Baker indicated that this possibility would be considered.
- Dr. Person asked if there was any additional information that faculty who might be involved in the search for a new V.P. would need about the desired direction for Advancement. Dr. Baker indicated that any candidates would have a very clear indication of the direction that the Board wanted for the Office of Advancement.
- Dr. Robeson expressed gratitude that the marketing initiative was moving forward. She then raised a concern shared by her colleagues regarding the workload associated with large sections of 100-level courses. She acknowledged the recent report prepared by Dr. Goldberg showing that the percentage of 100 and 200-level courses with over 20 students had been reduced from 67% to 64%. However, Dr. Robeson would like to know if there is a goal, or a plan, to continue this reduction. Dr. Baker indicated that this had not been brought forward as a priority by any of the Colleges, and is therefore not among the issues currently being addressed. Dr. Robeson asked if a comparison of our situation to peer institutions in terms of class sizes could be done, and Dr. Baker indicated that this could certainly be done, but that it must be remembered that solving this concern must compete with other priorities.
- Dr. Woodley asked how this related to the policy of balanced growth. Dr. Baker said that the administration is tracking multiple indicators (such as the number of 100 and 200-level sections with over 20 students) to ensure that we are achieving balanced growth. Dr. Woodley also noted that keeping small class sizes is an important part of our marketing, and Dr. Baker agreed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of University Council will be November 1, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in rooms 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary