

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, November 1, 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 18, 2005 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: No Report.
  - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
  - C. Student Activities: No Report.
  - D. Personnel: Prof. Keiser stated that there was no report other than the item on the Agenda.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Athletics: The volleyball OAC Quarterfinals are November 1 at 7pm.
  - B. Information Technology: The deadline for 2005-6 Teaching with Technology grants is this Friday (Nov. 4).
  - C. Cultural & Special Events: The next meeting of the full committee will be December 2.
  - D. International Affairs: The committee met on October 25 and heard reports on international student enrollment; admissions initiatives; study abroad activity including a new bi-lateral exchange with Kansai Gaidai University in Japan; anticipated resumption of Sakae ESL program next summer; and possible external funding for the international LL.M. program in the law college.
  - E. Religious Affairs: The committee just completed an electronic meeting. The subject of the meeting was the 11:00 hour on Wednesdays, and finding ways to encourage everyone at the University to honor the Faculty Handbook and keep this hour free.
- IV. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert: No Report.
    2. VP Condeni: Last weekend was the fall Open House, with 173 students, and 444 total visitors. In addition, many athletic recruits were on campus.
    3. VP Hilderbrand: A large number of student incidents occurred last weekend.
    4. VP Green: No Report.
    5. Dean Smalley: No Report.
    6. Dean Bryant: No Report.
    7. Dean Manzer: No Report.
    8. Dean Crago: Dr. Toni Clarke reported that the 2005 Bar pass rates have been reported, and ONU placed 4<sup>th</sup> among Ohio Law Schools, at 84%. In addition, for students taking the bar out-of-state, the pass rate was 100% in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Kentucky, and 83% in Florida. A few other states have yet to report.
    9. Dean Fenton: A recent ONU graduate took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a recent Global Student Entrepreneurship competition.
  - B. Student Senate: Ms. Davlin: Operation Lifesaver is ongoing, and expects to reach \$3500-\$4000 in donations. An email will be sent to remind faculty of how they can donate. The Budget and Appropriations process has concluded in Student Senate.
  - C. Health Services Advisory Committee: VP Green: The committee has been very active, reviewing 6 proposals from outside providers (third-party administrators and stop-loss bids). The plan is currently running better than it has in recent years. Possible changes are being considered for the 2006 year.
  - D. Other Reports: None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rev. LaSala noted that it was the Feast of all Saints.
- Dr. Gerber announced that the Kormendy Lecture will be held Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Moot Court Room at the College of Law. Professor James White, a leading authority on commercial law, will present the lecture, titled "Against E-mail."

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- Ms. Davlin expressed gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Baker for their hosting of the Coffee House.
- Dr. Baker gave congratulations to the Law School for the Bar pass rates and to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finisher in the Global Student Entrepreneurship competition. He also commented on the great representation from the students at the Mt. Union game. On behalf of the University, he formally and publicly thanked them for their support, and for their good representation of ONU.
- Dr. Baker also followed up on Dr. Robeson's questions from the previous meeting. He provided the following numbers regarding class size compared to peer institutions. All numbers represent the number of undergraduate sections of fewer than twenty students. For ONU, this number is 54%.
  - This is lower when compared to the 60% average for other "Selected Ohio Schools – Private" including (among others) Ashland, Capital, Case Western, Cedarville, Mount St. Joseph, Wooster, Defiance, Denison, Heidelberg, Hiram, Kenyon, Malone, Marietta, Oberlin, Otterbein, Findlay, Walsh, Wilmington, and Wittenberg.
  - This is exactly the same at the 54% average reported by ONU's peer institutions which Dr. Baker described at the opening meeting this year.
  - This is considerably higher than other Ohio schools which have a similar combination of professional and liberal arts courses such as Dayton, Xavier, Bowling Green, Miami, Kent State, Ohio, and Ohio State.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Prof. Keiser opened the floor for questions regarding the suggested change to the handbook which had been included in the agenda. There were no questions. A vote will be taken at the next Council meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of University Council will be December 6, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in rooms 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary