

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, December 6, 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: November 1, 2005 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee has not met since the last meeting of University Council.
 - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
 - C. Student Activities: The committee is meeting next week to act on Student Senate recommendations regarding four new student organizations. Four to five more organizations are in process, and the committee will meet again when those have been acted on by Student Senate. The committee is also working on a proposed manual for student organization advisors.
 - D. Personnel: The committee has met with the president regarding compensation and will be meeting jointly with Budget and Appropriations next week. The committee is also considering a motion regarding constructive credit.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Athletics: The University has withdrawn its appeal to the NCAA. The case is now closed.
 - B. Information Technology: Eight Teaching with Technology grants have been approved from seventeen applicants. More information has been requested regarding four of the proposals. Two additional awards will be selected from among these four.
 - C. Cultural & Special Events: The committee met December 2. Remaining events this year as well as preparation for next year were discussed. The next meeting will be mid-January.
 - D. International Affairs: There are currently sixteen international students on campus. The committee meeting time for this quarter is being set.
 - E. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala and Dr. Baker attended the Five College Commission Meeting. The meeting discussed the ongoing cultural issue regarding human sexuality and the Church's actions. Rev. LaSala felt this was an informative helpful meeting. The Bishop will come to campus if requested in order to participate in a dialogue about the Church's actions.
 - F. Planning Council: Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council continues to meet. The Planning Council is a consultative only group which is thinking about the growth and future of the University.
- IV. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert: The Engineering Dean's Search Committee will meet on the evening of December 7th. Files will have been reviewed by the committee, and candidates to bring to campus will be selected.
 2. VP Condeni: To date we have received 2200 applications, which is two-thirds of the total expected. All colleges are tracking well compared to goals, overall we are three percent ahead of last year at this time. The next few weeks will be important in terms of students getting their applications in before the deadline for the January and February scholarship events.
 3. VP Hilderbrand: Construction on the new housing is moving forward.
 4. VP Green: No Report.
 5. Dean Smalley: No Report.
 6. Dean Bryant: No Report.
 7. Dean Manzer: A number of searches are ongoing. The College is busy with Constitutional revision, program review, and review of merit pay procedures. The Holiday Spectacular will be in Lima next weekend.
 8. Dean Crago: No Report.

9. Dean Fenton: One search is ongoing. The College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering have jointly applied for a planning grant to institute an Entrepreneurship Minor and Option. This grant has been awarded from the Kern Family Foundation and NCIIA. Dr. Kleine and Dr. Yoder were thanked for their efforts on the proposal, and Dean Smalley for his support.
- B. Student Senate: Ms. Davlin: Five student representatives recently attended a national conference on student leadership. They have returned to campus with renewed energy. Four more student organizations have been passed on to the Student Affairs Committee, with another five in process. If all are approved, this will bring the total of new student organizations approved this year to twelve. Student Senate is working with Mortar Board to acknowledge Dean's lists students.
- C. Health Services Advisory Committee: VP Green: No Report.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Prof. Nutter and eight students attended the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) meeting in St. Louis. Two students made a presentation with Prof. Nutter, while others were involved in competitions.
- Dr. Woodley noted that the Pre-Med advisory committee had met and completed mock interviews. In addition, fifteen students took part in a pilot program of computerized testing for the MCAT.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- Dr. Person asked for an update on the timing of decisions regarding the budget priority items. Dr. Baker said that the review of these items had been completed before Thanksgiving. Decisions should be completed right after the Christmas break, if not sooner. When that is complete, some items will be authorized immediately, others will not be authorized until later.
- Dr. Baker encouraged all ONU employees to attend the health care information forums. He further stated that because ONU employees are doing a good job of helping to keep expenses low, the Trust is doing well, and December will be a health-care premium holiday for all ONU employees.
- Dr. Baker encouraged all employees to attend the Christmas party next Thursday.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A vote was taken on the proposal by the Personnel Committee to amend Section 5.10 (Mileage Reimbursement) of the Faculty Handbook. The proposal was unanimously approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Woodley requested that the Parking Committee meet.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of University Council will be January 17, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in rooms 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary