

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, January 17, 2006

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: December 6, 2005 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee met last week and considered the capital budget for next year. The proposed capital budget will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting in February. The committee will meet again next week.
 - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
 - C. Student Activities: The committee met on January 12 and considered documents of student groups seeking recognition. Documents for two groups (Ohio Northern Street Racing, Tae Kwon Do Club) were sent back for modification. One organization (Smart Money Society) was approved. Three (ONU National Community Pharmacists Assoc., Asian American Student Union, Indian Student Assoc. of ONU) were approved with minor modifications. One (Ohio Northern Fencing Team) was sent to the athletic department for consideration as a club sport. Dr. Person asked about the large number of new organizations seeking recognition. Ms. Davlin explained that the Student Senate was working to eliminate a backlog of such requests. Person and others expressed the concern that participation in multiple extra-curricular organizations may be having a negative impact on student academic performance.
 - D. Personnel: The committee submitted recommendations to the administration on sabbatical leave requests.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Athletics: No Report
 - B. Information Technology: No Report
 - C. Cultural & Special Events: The committee met on Friday, January 13. Items discussed included preparations for the observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the status of subcommittee activities, and the guidelines for the use of CASE funds.
 - D. International Affairs: The committee will meet on February 1, 2006.
 - E. Religious Affairs: Interviews of prospective Chapel Staff members will begin this week. A subcommittee of the committee will meet with the Religious Affairs Committee of the Student Senate to discuss issues concerning the United Methodist Church.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL - Dr. Baker
The Planning Council is a consultation and discussion group that meets to discuss various issues in higher education and their impact on ONU. It has been meeting twice monthly. At recent meetings discussion has focused on cost effectiveness and enrollment.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert: (Dr. Goldberg) The engineering dean search is progressing appropriately.
 2. VP Condeni: (via e-mail to Prof. Canagratna) Thank you to all who helped with Presidential Scholars Day. We had 235 first rate students and 570 visitors to campus. It went quite well! We have another 11 students plus parents coming tomorrow (Wed.) for a presidential Make-Up Day. This Saturday is Trustees Scholars Day and about 200 students plus parents are expected. We anticipate having 900 students here in total for scholarship considerations.

3. VP Hilderbrand: The first draft of a handbook for advisors of student organizations has been completed and is currently under revision. The handbook will be provided to advisors, coaches and others. Dr. Theisen asked if the handbook contained information concerning insurance/liability issues. VP Hilderbrand said that the draft did not contain this information. She welcomed this and other suggestions on the content of the handbook.
4. VP Green: No Report
5. Dean Smalley: No Report
6. Dean Bryant: No Report
7. Dean Manzer: Three A&S College faculty searches have been completed. First choice candidates were hired in each case. Two of the hires are in Communication Arts and one in Chemistry. Three more (Biology, English/Journalism, Education) are in progress with completion anticipated by the end of the month.
8. Dean Crago: No Report
9. Dean Fenton: No Report

B. Student Senate

1. Ms. Davlin: Student Senate and Mortar Board combined to present congratulations coupons to the more than 1000 fall quarter Dean's List students. The organizations will also present coupons to students on the fall semester Dean's List for the Law College. Review of the Student Senate Constitution is progressing. It is currently in the debate stage. Petitions are out for president, vice president, and college representative positions on Student Senate. Voting will take place during week 8 of the quarter.

C. Health Services Advisory Committee:

1. VP Green: The committee was very active prior to the holiday break. It will be meeting soon to consider hardship cases.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT: There were no questions. However, Dr. Baker commented that multi-point budgeting was being implemented. Three new positions have been approved and are being recruited at this time. This process will continue as we become comfortable with the outlook for fall 2006.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagratna adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM. The next meeting of University Council will be February 7, 2006, at 5:30 PM in room 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Putt, Secretary pro tempore