

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, February 7, 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: January 17, 2006 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee has approved the capital budget. The committee has also approved tuition and room and board increases.
  - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
  - C. Student Activities: The committee met last week, and continues to look at student organizations. Review of a faculty advisor handbook has been placed on the committee's agenda..
  - D. Personnel: No Report.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Athletics: No Report
  - B. Information Technology: All Teaching with Technology grants have been awarded.
  - C. Cultural & Special Events: No Report.
  - D. International Affairs: It is hoped that there will be additional Saudi students enrolling in fall 2006. There will be a Sakae ESL Program again this summer. The committee is also considering other initiatives.
  - E. Religious Affairs: The committee is working to fill Chapel staff positions for next year.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL - Dr. Baker  
The Planning Council did not meet in January but will be meeting twice in February.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert: The engineering dean search should be completed soon.
    2. VP Condeni: Scholarship days end February 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 900 students have participated. Thanks was extended to all those who assisted.
    3. VP Hilderbrand: No Report.
    4. VP Green: No Report
    5. Dean Smalley: No Report
    6. Dean Bryant: No Report
    7. Dean Manzer: Five A&S College faculty searches have been completed. The off-campus nursing completion program continues to go well. 2 students have been nominated for the Goldwater Scholarship.
    8. Dean Crago: No Report
    9. Dean Fenton: (Rich Meininger)\_ The accounting faculty search has been completed.
  - B. Student Senate
    1. Ms. Davlin: Student Senate has completed financial recommendations and Student Senate elections. Student Recycling will become a separate organization. A bishop of the United Methodist Church will be here for a forum on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - C. Health Services Advisory Committee:
    1. VP Green: The committee has not met.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Dr. Woodley announced that Science Day is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Judges are still needed, and must be 21 and/or have Junior standing.
- b. Dr. Yoder announced that the faculty governance nominations process is starting, and members of the nominations committee will be contacted.
- c. Dr. Gerber announced that Theresa Beiner will present "Diversity and Judicial Appointments" at the Dean's Lecture Series on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.
- d. Dr. Loughlin announced that Phi Beta Delta was sponsoring a talk by Dr. Maris titled "Leftist Drift in Latin America" February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Dicke 230.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT: Dr. Person asked what can be done to deal with the large number of sabbatical requests this year. Dr. Baker noted that not all of the requests could be funded this year. Rather, they were ranked and the top ones were funded. The Administration realizes that the current policy of 6 quarters was created at a time when the University was in a different situation. It is likely that the budget will begin to include a line item for sabbaticals.

The President thanked the University community for its support at the time of the death of his mother.

The February Board meeting will be held this week. The primary business will deal with promotion and tenure recommendations. The Board will also be asked to approve a tuition increase of 4.5% and a room and board increase of 5.6%. The Board will be informed of current concerns with deposits being behind last year (and last year was behind the year before that). Finally, the Board will be informed that a new International LL.M. program will likely be started in the Law School next year with the aid of Federal (Department of State) support.

The President announced that the White Bear will be replaced with a food court aimed at better serving students. A new Faculty/Staff dining room will be built on the location of the current patio behind the White Bear.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary