

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, March 29, 2005

Roll: (Absentees underlined) Dr. Baker, Dr. Lippert, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunt, Dean Condeni, Dean Hilderbrand, Dean Manzer, Dean Farbrother, Dean Bryant, Dean Maris, Dean Crago, Rev. LaSala, Prof. Steele, Dr. Finn, Prof. Cohoe, Prof. Nutter, Dr. Morrison, Dr. Sadurski, Dr. M. Govekar, Dr. Zekany, Dr. Reza, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Hill, Dr. Gerber, Dr. Hrometz, Dr. Allison, Dr. Kinder, Dr. Putt, Dr. Streib, Dr. Broedel-Zaugg, Dr. Lomax, Ms. Davlin, Mr. Block, Prof. Canagaratna

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

I. MINUTES: March 15, 2005 were approved as submitted.

II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:

- A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee continues to meet.
- B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
- C. Student Activities: No Report.
- D. Personnel: No Report.

III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

- A. Athletics: No Report.
- B. Information Technology: No Report.
- C. Cultural & Special Events: Nearly all of next year's activities have been scheduled.
- D. International Affairs: The International Affairs Committee will meet April 15 and select the Shuhaibar scholar.
- E. Religious Affairs: The Committee will meet before the end of the year for evaluation purposes.

IV. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 - 1. VP Lippert: No Report.
 - 2. VP Condeni: No Report.
 - 3. VP Hilderbrand: No Report.
 - 4. VP Hunt: No Report.
 - 5. VP Green: No Report.
 - 6. Dean Farbrother:
 - a. Shara Kerns was the Spotts lecturer on March 21st. Her talk, titled 'Engineering Life' was generally well-received. Among her recommendations was that we should all learn at least 100 words in five languages.
 - b. The Mechanical Engineering faculty search continues, with a pool of 120 applicants having been reduced to a short list of 20. Interviews will be beginning shortly.
 - 7. Dean Bryant: No Report.
 - 8. Dean Manzer:
 - a. The new BSN completion program has been approved by the college faculty. It is aimed at non-traditional students, and will be offered on-site at three local hospitals, beginning at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay.
 - b. Nils Riess will be receiving the Governor's Award for Arts Administrator next week in Columbus.
 - c. The Policies and Procedures Review Work Group is continuing to meet. The Group has

completed changes to the college's final examination policy, and is currently considering whether a single course can be used to fulfill multiple graduation requirements within the college, as well as considering a residency requirement, which would require that students take courses in their major at ONU.

9. Dean Crago: No Report.
10. Dean Maris: No Report.

B. Student Senate

1. Ms. Davlin: No Report.

C. Health Services Advisory Committee:

1. VP Green: No Report.

D. Other Reports: None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dr. Yoder announced that a full slate of nominees for at-large positions was distributed with the agenda. Nominations can continue to be given to Dr. Yoder or Prof. Canagaratna.
- Prof Canagaratna thanked the Nominations Committee for their work. Additional nominations can be made from the floor during the faculty meeting.
- Dr. Gerber announced that Norman Barry, Professor of Social and Political Theory at the University of Buckingham (England), will be speaking on "Dworkin's Judicial Imperialism" on Thursday, March 31st, 2005 in room 129 of the College of Law. All are invited to attend.
- Dr. Putt announced that April is Mathematics Awareness Month. On April 13th, 50 high school sophomores will be on campus participating in math-related activities. 5 out of the 20 students who participated in the program the first time it was offered are currently ONU freshmen.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- Dean Farbrother asked Dr. Baker if he could comment on the status of current deliberations within the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Dr. Baker noted that he is discussing this issue in the various open forums. Currently, deposits are still down compared with last year, so the administration is being cautious with regards to next year's budget.
- Dr. Baker is very excited about the new BSN completion program and its potential to reach a new group of students.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. Next regular meeting of University Council is April 19, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder,
Secretary