

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, March 21, 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 Vice-Chair, Harold Putt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: March 7, 2006 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee continues to meet weekly.
  - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
  - C. Student Activities: No Report.
  - D. Personnel: No report other than the new business item.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Athletics: No Report.
  - B. Information Technology: No Report.
  - C. Cultural & Special Events: A meeting is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - D. International Affairs: The committee will be meeting about the Shuhaibar scholarship next week.
  - E. Religious Affairs: The committee agreed unanimously to have Rev. LaSala write a letter of response to the letter from Baldwin-Wallace regarding the actions of the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Person answered questions about this response.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL

Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council met and had a productive discussion about student responsibility and student expectations. The discussion centered around what ONU needs in order to support strong expectations of students. Dr. Lippert will be bringing up this issue with the Deans. Students suggested taking a leading role in talking with underclassmen about the need to come to classes and laboratories prepared.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert: No Report.
    2. VP Condeni: 134 students attended the Pharmacy Junior Day (two times as many as last year).
    3. VP Hilderbrand: No Report.
    4. VP Green: No Report.
    5. Dean Smalley: No Report.
    6. Dean Bryant: No Report.
    7. Dean Manzer: For the second straight year, an ONU student has won a Goldwater Scholarship.
    8. Dean Crago: No Report.
    9. Dean Fenton: No Report.

- B. Student Senate
  - 1. Ms. Davlin: Final recommendations for housing selection have been given to Residence Life. Continuous Achievement Scholarships for students who did not receive scholarships before coming to ONU, but have excelled once here, will be awarded starting next year at Honors Day. A Student Government conference will be held at ONU on April 7<sup>th</sup>, with seven other universities taking part. Ms. Davlin introduced Dustin Wickersham, the new Student Senate President, and expressed thanks to Council for the past year.
- C. Health Services Advisory Committee:
  - 1. VP Green: No Report. .

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Dr. Woodley announced that Science Day was a great success, with 219 participants from six counties. Over five hundred people were there, and sixty-three projects were sent to State. Thanks were expressed to all the faculty and students who supported this effort.
- B. Dr. Clarke announced that the Law Review Symposium would be taking place all day Friday regarding reporter's privilege. Also, the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Appeals will be meeting at ONU in the Moot Court Room on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This will give students an opportunity to see a working court.
- C. Dr. Yoder announced that the faculty governance nominations process is continuing. Faculty interested in serving should contact their college representative (Paul Nutter, A&S; Kay Zekany, CBA; J-D Yoder, CoE; Scott Gerber, Law; Jeff Allison, Pharmacy).

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- A. The President answered a question about the progress of the search for a Vice President for University Advancement. Background checks are being conducted on the top nine candidates.
- B. The President noted that deposits are currently 9% below last year's figures and 17% below two years ago. There were 180 early commitment students last year, and 155 this year.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

- IX. NEW BUSINESS: Professor Keiser introduced a proposal from the Personnel Committee. The motion is to change language in the Faculty Handbook regarding credit received at the time of hire toward promotion and tenure. Dr. Gerber noted that he did not feel this was in keeping with national standards, and that the administration should not have flexibility in granting such credit. This motion will be acted upon at the next Council meeting.

- X. ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Putt adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of University Council will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 5:30 PM in room 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary