

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, May 2, 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, Mr. Wickersham, Mr. Block, Prof. Canagaratna

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

- I. MINUTES: April 18, 2006 minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: The committee has will meet tomorrow to review next year's budget.
 - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
 - C. Student Activities: No Report.
 - D. Personnel: The committee met with Dr. Baker to discuss the review of sabbatical requests.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Athletics: No Report.
 - B. Information Technology: No Report.
 - C. Cultural & Special Events: No Report.
 - D. International Affairs: No Report.
 - E. Religious Affairs: Dr. Person reported that Rev. LaSala was with Bishop Ough, who would be speaking in the Chapel on May 2nd, at 7:30 pm.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: No Report.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert: No Report.
 2. VP Condeni: Reported that the Northern Commitment Option registration would be taking place, with 88 students here (a total of 130 are in the program). Junior Visit Day was a success, with 163 Juniors visiting the campus, which is more than last year. While deposits overall are down about 12% compared to last year, it varies widely by College. Admissions will be working hard with the approximately 1000 students who are currently listed as undecided. Dr. Sadurski asked if there was a possibility that more Pharmacy students would be admitted to make up any shortfall. Dr. Lippert answered that this would not happen.
 3. VP Hilderbrand:
 - a. Staffing for the residence halls has been announced.
 - b. Approximately 200 people took part in an informal open house in the new housing.
 - c. The Multicultural Fair is underway and will continue until approximately 8p.m.
 4. VP Green: The Facilities Committee met with the consultant working on the Master Plan. . The consultant will be meeting with the focus groups from all segments of the University on May 3rd and 4th. Mr. Green appreciates the participation of all those involved. The goal will be to present the new Master Plan in the fall.
 5. Dean Smalley: No Report.
 6. Dean Bryant: No Report.
 7. Dean Manzer: No Report.
 8. Dean Crago: No Report.
 9. Dean Fenton: No Report.

- B. Student Senate
 - 1. Mr. Wickersham: Donation Station will be the last major project of the year. The final General Assembly meeting will be later this week.
- C. Health Services Advisory Committee:
 - 1. VP Green: The committee will meet next week.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Dr. Clarke announced that the February Bar Exam pass rates had been announced, and ONU placed 4th in the state of Ohio, just behind Ohio State, and far above our peer institutions.
- B. VP Hildebrand announced that a temporary worker would be staffing the McIntosh desk for the next few weeks. Faculty are asked to contact VP Hilderbrand or Mark Light directly if they are having problems getting the quality of assistance they need.
- C. Prof. Canagaratna announced that the President had approved the measures previously recommended by University Council during this academic year.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- A. Dr. Gerber asked what was being done to allow students to gain access and documentation to counseling services in a more timely manner. Dr. Baker and VP Hilderbrand stated that there is a plan in place to hire an additional counselor, although the exact job description is still being discussed.
- B. The President stated that interviews are taking place this week for the Vice President for University Advancement, with the hope of announcing who will be taking that position by May 20th. The President also noted that there will be open forums to discuss the budget on May 9 and 10. Finally, there will be steel construction next week as part of the renovation of Lima Hall, and while student issues have been resolved, it is likely to be quite loud.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Prof. Keiser reviewed the recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding changes to the sabbatical policy. There was no further discussion, and the measure passed unanimously (see VOTE 1 on the attached voting record).
- B. Prof. Keiser introduced the recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding changes to the policies regarding promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor for faculty with four-year contracts. Dr. Person reviewed the recommendation. Dr. Govekar raised a concern that the CBA accrediting body may not accept such standards. Dr. Person stated that the handbook would list the minimum requirements, and that individual colleges and departments could maintain higher standards. There was no further discussion, and the measure passed unanimously (see VOTE 2 on the attached voting record).

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None.

- X. ADJOURNMENT: Professor Canagaratna thanked those members (Dr. Allison, Mr. Block, Dr. Bryant, Dr. Hrometz, Prof. Nutter, Dr. Putt, Dr. Sadurski, Dr. Smalley, Dr. Streib, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Zekany) of University Council whose terms are expiring this year. In addition, she thanked the Nominations Committee, and her fellow officers on University Council, and noted that Parliamentarian Dr. Gerber had perfect attendance at University Council this year. She further thanked Dr. Baker for his involvement with University Council, and Dr. Goldberg for all of his help. Dr. Gerber thanked Prof. Canagaratna for her service. Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. This was the final meeting of University Council for the 2005-6 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary