

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, September 19, 2006

Roll: (Absentees underlined) Pres. Baker, VP Lippert, VP. Green, VP. Stevick, VP Condeni, VP Hilderbrand, Dean Manzer, Dean Baumgartner, Dean Sprague, Dean Fenton, Jr., Dean Crago, Rev. LaSala, Ms. Alice Essinger Dr. Bill Theisen, Dr. Michael Loughlin, Dr. Lisa Robeson, Prof. Kate Witte, Dr. Zank, Dr. M. Govekar, Prof. Ewing, Dr. Reza, Dr. Sawyers, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Gerber, Dr. Milks, Dr. Shields, Dr. Broekemeier, Dr. Durkin, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Person, Dr. Woodley, Mr. Wickersham, Mr. Wills, Prof. Keiser.

University Council Chair, Terry Keiser, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: May 2, 2006 and August 30 2006 (with correction that Dr. Sawyers was present) were approved. Prof. Keiser also noted two corrections to the agenda; Minutes were from May 2 and Cultural & Special Events Liaison is Dr. Zank.

- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley reported it met Tuesday September 12th, electing Dr. Lobenhofer chair and Dr. Broedel-Zaugg secretary. Next meeting September 20 at 3 p.m.
 - B. Academic Affairs: No report.
 - C. Student Activities: VP Hilderbrand reported the committee had elected Dr. Roecker chair, Dr. Raack vice-chair and Dr. Woods secretary.
 - D. Personnel: Prof. Keiser reported for Indra Canagaratna a meeting with Christy Cole of Institutional Research reviewed the faculty salary study for update and further implementation.

- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Athletics: VP Lippert reported completion of the NCAA required rules seminar; ONU is on probation for one more year; Pres. Baker added that the appeal had been turned down.
 - B. Information Technology: VP Lippert reported the paper policy has been implemented; those with concerns about paper usage issues should forward questions to her or G. Gulbis.
 - C. Cultural & Special Events: Dr. Zank reported the committee met Sept. 15th; established six subcommittees and meets again on November 10.
 - D. International Affairs: no meeting yet.
 - E. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala reported intent to revise the Constitution and bylaws of the United Religious Association Council and restructure to include only presidents of religious activities.

- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported the committee will be meeting two times each month; first meeting October 10 discussion of Spelling Commission report.

- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert: Constitution Day event, mandated but still a really good plan. Suggested that discussion of actual issues may lead to careers in public life for some, asked faculty to encourage others to attend.
 2. VP Hilderbrand: thanks to all attending ribbon-cutting and open houses; reported 2192 on-campus housing spaces, 30% apartment-style. This fits with the strategic plan's infrastructure goals to balance growth.
 3. Dean Fenton: Distinguished Lecturer, Jim Dicke II; four are planned; Mentorship program begun with 100 alums participation; plans to fill out this year; Recruitment activities proceed with new faculty, Dr. Matsuda and Prof. Prasad pursuing Japanese and Indian possibilities; Committee reviewing graduate program possibilities, particularly collaborations between the ONU colleges chaired by Dr. M. Govekar
 4. Dean Sprague: new building is proceeding; dedication scheduled for October 6, speaker

Tommy Thompson; soon to announce new experiential practice partnerships Prof. Parteleno has been working on.

5. Dean Manzer: working on strategic planning, a 17 member steering committee in the college (no chairs or deans), to produce vision by February; will be visiting vice-presidents; held a chairs' retreat.

B. Student Senate

1. Mr. Wickersham: reported for the printing issue a wish that faculty who can would send materials to the print shop; previous week Senate Awareness Week, next elections for housing reps will be held online; budget & appropriations deadline Monday Sept.25th; October 18th a planned coffeehouse with Dr. Baker; the new student services website <http://studentsenate.onu.edu/>. Dr. Woodley asked what about what printing; Dr. Loughlin wondered if there is an alternative. Mr. Wickersham responded.

C. Health Services Advisory Committee:

1. VP Green: has not met; first meeting Thursday September 21, at 10 a.m.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Dr. Gerber: Law College first Dean's Lecture, Daniel P. Tokaji Thursday Sept. 21 on voting, 11:30 am in Rm 129.
- B. Rev. LaSala: outdoor concert Broken Yoke.
- C. Dr. Woodley: University parking committee meeting Wed., Sept. 27th; Pre-medical sciences committee preparing Mock Interviews for med school bound students.
- D. R. Goldberg: information session on Tuition Exchange program, 4 p.m. September 19th.
- E. Dean Fenton added the lecture series is co-sponsored by the Kern Foundation.
- F. Prof. Keiser announced the Council agenda will change; meetings will keep to one hour; based on a strong feeling that University Council has not been as participative as it should be

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- A. Enrollment 3587 first day; 10-day probably 3569, increase of 43 students about 1%. [Number 3620 includes high school students required included by IPEDS policy]. Across the colleges, looking very strong, quality potentially at record level, average ACT 25.4-25.6., retention also improving,
- B. Budget implications of enrollment would mean some more funds, a variety of potential uses.
- C. Pres. Baker continued by explaining 'Ohio Northern University Operating Revenue & Expenses 2005-06 Budget Variance,' to be included in the Board of Trustees book for October meeting. Questions regarding net tuition and increased financial aid; Budget Carryover; legal expenses; 'other.'

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

- IX. NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Person presented the following motion: "I move that all university Constitutional Committees and all university Operational Committees submit copies of the minutes of their meetings to members of University Council, removing where necessary confidential material such as personnel matters."

ADJOURNMENT: The next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday October 3, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Person and seconded by Dr. Milks; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Govekar, Secretary