

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, January 16, 2007

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. Essinger Dr. Hunt, Dr. Loughlin, Dr. Robeson, Prof. 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 5:31 PM.

- I. MINUTES: With no additions or corrections minutes of December 5, 2006 were accepted as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley
  - B. Academic Affairs: Dr. Goldberg reported an item on undergraduate professional experiences, Faculty Handbook 3.31 will come to Council's next meeting, then the committee will review Appendix 3.
  - C. Student Activities: VP Hilderbrand reported review of several proposed student organization constitutions; after any recommended changes, these will go forward.
  - D. Personnel: VP Lippert reported the committee is meeting; reviewed sabbatical requests; forwarded to office of Academic Affairs then to the President. Will hold joint meeting with Budget & Appropriations January 17.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Religious Affairs: Chaplain LaSala sent the following; The Religious Affairs Committee will begin Chapel Staff Interviews on January 29th. On February 5th will review the results of chapel attendance survey conducted in December.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported that Planning Council will meet January 29.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Condeni sent the following: Presidential Scholars Day brought 243 students and parents to campus. All had personal interviews and eight also interviewed for two Mathile Scholarships. THANKS to all. 28 are scheduled for Make-UP day tomorrow. This Saturday, the Trustee Scholars Day will see approximately 225. Close to 900 students will participate in all of the scholarship events running through Feb. 7th.
    2. VP Hilderbrand: referred to Northern Sun article; Office of Career Services director left in December, Nancy Sheeley is Interim Director; the other full-time professional is on sick leave.
    3. VP Green reported Purchasing Department will hold an auction of excess equipment on Saturday January 20, with net proceeds going back to the departments.
    4. Dean Manzer reported the Steering Committee is drafting the College Strategic Plan due on February 6<sup>th</sup>; on January 23 & 24 consultants will work with departments under-enrolled on developing business plans.
    5. Dean Fenton: reported the last two student employer networking events will be in Piqua on January 24<sup>th</sup> with 40-45 students and approximately 20 employers, and on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. The purpose of these is to enhance job placement.
  - B. Student Senate
    1. Mr. Wickersham reported Student Senate approved new bylaws, changes to terms going into effect next year. In Week 8 students will vote online for College reps; in

Week 9 for President and Vice-President. Working on a smoking proposal, calling for no smoking within 30 feet of building doors and addressing cable TV channels based upon results of a student survey.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Dr. Gerber announced that Prof. Strieb would speak Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 on the topic of his recent book, capital punishment and women.
- B. Dr. Loughlin announced Phi Beta Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha events concerning war in Iraq and Iran, on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in McIntosh Ballroom, David Courtright; then next week a film with student response and discussion Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. Dr. Hunt announced that math faculty and students had attended 2007 National MAA; three students presented in the Undergraduate Poster Session and won awards.
- D. Mr. Wickersham announced that some would soon be receiving 'Kudos from Klondike' invitations.
- E. Dr. Woodley announced that the Parking Committee meeting was rescheduled until after the parking survey, which would go out this week.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT: President Baker noted that 243 participants had attended Presidential Scholars Day, 20 more would compete Wednesday; 650 persons were on campus. Thanks to all.  
Board of Trustees would meet mid-February; will take up personnel decisions, recommendations will be to the committee by January 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Decisions on new positions for next year should be made by 1<sup>st</sup> of next week. For next year's budget we hope to fund salary adjustment money, put some 'hard money' for sabbaticals  
In the near future will be travelling.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Prof. Keiser announced that recent recommendations of University Council reference Faculty Handbook 3.11 on Transient Student at Another Institution, and 3.14 Grades and Quality Points had been approved by President Baker on December 15, 2006.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Loughlin, Cultural & Special Events Committee subcommittee on speakers, noted a funds deficiency. It's particularly important to be able to get first rate speakers. Dr. Robeson stated she would say the same thing about the English Department speakers. President Baker stated this would be an important area to take a look. Prof. Keiser asked that VP Green report on the budget and monies for speakers at the next Council meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday February 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Prof. Keiser called for adjournment; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele A. Govekar, Secretary