

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, February 6, 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 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: With no additions or corrections minutes of January 16, 2007 were accepted as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley reported the committee meeting regularly, looking at various issues.
  - B. Academic Affairs: see new business.
  - C. Personnel: (for Indra Canagaratna) committee has made compensation recommendations, is considering revision to sections on sabbatical leaves.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Religious Affairs: Chaplain LaSala reported the committee met February 5<sup>th</sup>, reviewed survey results from over 500 students; finds no reason to change chapel services; at least 25% of respondents had attended chapel at least once.
- IV. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert reported six applicants for the residual technology grants; this second wave must meet the same criteria, there would be five grant awards.
    2. (For VP Condeni) VP Lippert reported Admissions working on scholarship days and awards.
    3. VP Hilderbrand: reported Nancy Sheely is interim director of Career Services, the Career Coach returned from leave, an HR professional hired part-time to teach AASG courses, a national search deadline next week. Also courtesy vans on the road during the cold conditions.
  - B. Student Senate
    1. Mr. Wickersham reported Student Senate's last meeting of winter quarter on February 7<sup>th</sup>; new President Trevor Eagle and Vice-President Todd Sega. Student Leadership Conference on March 11(register by March 1), \$20 registration includes three meals. On the proposed smoking policy, Senate voted to take no action. Dr. Person asked what the new law would require. Under any covered area no smoking allowed.
  - C. Health Services Advisory Committee
    1. VP Green reported the committee had not met; was scheduled to meet week of February 12<sup>th</sup>; would deal with hardship deferments, received quotes back on dental coverage.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - A. Prof. Keiser announced Dr. Zank and he would attend Board of Trustees Meeting next weekend;
  - B. Dr. Woodley: reported parking survey received over 1000 responses; committee would review results on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

C. Dr. Gerber announced the third in the Law College Dean's speaker series, Jeffrey S. Lubbers "The Transformation of the U.S. Rulemaking Process: For Better or Worse," February 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the Moot Court Room (129).

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Prof. Keiser asked VP Green for report on information regarding funding for university and college speakers. To be presented at next Council meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Prof. Laird presented proposed amendment to Faculty Handbook, Section 3.31 for professional experience courses, to clarify wording. Dr. Shields asked if this was just for complete experiential courses, or if it covered experiences in other courses. Prof. Keiser stated that the issue would come up for vote at Council's next meeting in March. Appendix 3 Faculty Handbook Code of Student Academic Conduct from this process would also be changed; this would be moving from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs, under a faculty committee. Dr. Gerber asked if the committee considered having students on this committee, as some colleges had students on these. Dr. Goldberg commented that the committee had touched on this issue. VP Hilderbrand asked whether the depository for letters resulting from this process would also be changes, as inquiries from employers and graduate schools usually come to Student Affairs. Dr. Person asked if the Dean could write a letter; Dr. Woodley suggested the deans could report. Dr. Gerber asked Mr. Wickersham what he thought of no student representation; Mr. Wickersham replied he would trust faculty.

Dr. Robeson presented serious issues at Dukes Hall. 48 to 50 degrees indoors; not just a one time thing, impeding student learning and faculty work. Physical Plant has been very helpful; problems both with heating regulators and windows that don't close. VP Green noted that a new boiler had been installed in January; had not heard of an issue with windows; thought problem was solved. Prof. Keiser asked that VP Green also report on heat at the next Council meeting and to departments involved.

Prof. Keiser commented on ducks' ability to survive cold. Stated that a university committee is reviewing issues of avian flu; sheer numbers of ducks/geese do pose a threat; actions taken per Department of Wildlife instructions would continue in spring.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday March 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Person moved for adjournment; the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele A. Govekar, Secretary