

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, March 20, 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 5:32 PM.

- I. MINUTES: Minutes of March 6, 2007 were accepted as distributed. Prof. Keiser announced that Pres. Baker has approved the items voted at the March 6 Council meeting, changes to Faculty Handbook 3.31 and Appendix 3.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley reported meetings finished, with an approved budget going forward.
 - III. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported Planning Council had previewed ONU's new website, also mentioned in the Northern Sun last week; faculty should find it useful. The issue now is how to identify the most important information to important constituencies and make it available with one click. Also discussed a lot about tuition and university costs; increased pressure to address these issues.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert reported a group went to an OBR Student Success Plan session; Michele Govekar, Julie Hurtig, Dean Manzer, Cara Calvo, Heather Hutchings, Janelle Crossgrove and she. The Student Success site for the state of Ohio is going to link what we have been working on for several months. We will be putting the results of assessments faculty have been doing there; Ohio public, private, 2 & 4 year colleges realize that forced reliance on just standardized tests could be very unproductive. Ken Colwell and Carol Flax have renamed the 'compliance' webpage 'Students' Right to Know,' this information must be up to continue getting federal aid. Private colleges must post as viewers anticipate we'll be there. Dr. Broekemeier commented that it seems some of the assessment data is not yet in final form; Dr. Lippert agreed; Pres. Baker commented we must get it right. Dr. Lippert noted if it's not on the Student Success website, it needs to be on the department/program web pages. What it takes to get in, what they're learning, graduation data, and work or graduate school placement.
 - B. Student Senate
 1. Mr. Wickersham reported the MOVE Conference a success; seven universities involved, over 100 students, great speakers.
 - C. Health Services Advisory Committee
 1. VP Green reported the committee still meeting, reviewing voluntary dental plans.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - A. Dr. Woodley: reported District Science Day a success; 56 projects sent on to state, tremendous volunteer support, nothing but positive feedback.
 - B. Rev. LaSala noted that at 8:07 p.m. tonight Spring begins; suggested remembering Rosie Williams at that hour.
 - C. Dr. Hunt reported that March 28th would be the 6th annual Math Awareness Day; eleven schools and 45 students participating; thanks to Admissions for support. He passed around the t-shirt.
 - D. Dr. Woodley reported the Parking Committee would soon forward its proposal approved

unanimously, after absent members responses are tallied. The proposal will eliminate all 'any valid permit' lots, will reserve faculty and staff lots only from 8-5p.m.

- E. Dr. Zank reported Korean singer Jan Park will present traditional Korean P'ansori singing on March 28th at 8 p.m. in Presser Hall.
- F. Prof. Keiser reported for Dr. Person that Dr. Eric Meslin, of the Indiana University Bioethics Center would speak at 7p.m. in McIntosh Ballroom.
- G. Prof. Keiser noted that the Elections Sub-committee report would be at the next meeting, nominations for the May Faculty meeting elections. Nominations would be accepted from the floor at the May meeting.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

A. Pres. Baker asked members to pay attention to current events in the state of Ohio; moving away from the State Board of Regents as regulators to where the Chancellor will be appointed by the governor; one bill under consideration will really change education. Already in the governor's budget the Ohio Choice grant is in jeopardy; many of our students rely on these grants as part of their package. This may be the largest period of change since the creation of the Board of Regents.

B. Dr. Robeson asked when would the new web pages be finished. Pres. Baker noted that much was already complete; some links are not yet completed. They will bring them online as they're ready. VP Lippert noted that the colleges will take time. [(insert website link here.)]

C. Pres. Baker commented on VP Lippert's evaluation, dated March 12. 150 responses (69%), overall average 4.00, previously 4.17; strong areas integrity, credibility, conveying pride in ONU, emphasis on long range planning; slightly less strong ability to re-evaluate, amend or retract decisions, promoting innovation, openness to others' views. Few negative comments, consistent positive comments.

D. Speakers; the question raised seemed simple; in order to get to the desired level of specificity had to ask the units. Of \$1,740,350 in 2006-07 allocation for programming (\$1,596,409.19 last year), this contains \$100,000 for Pharmacy continuing education, \$62,500 for Student Planning Committee, \$10,000 for Residence Life, \$231,400 for Music Department and \$186,800 for Performing Arts. Upon asking Deans to identify money dedicated to speakers, could identify \$61,780(FY06). In Political Science, of \$19,295[as of March 20, 2007], \$6,266.24 for Model UN, \$9,161.80 for Mock Trial, and \$2,956.94 for Western Civ field trips. We will change the accounting process so a report can be made regularly.

Pres. Baker called for discussion of what should the money number be? Prof. Keiser asked Dr. Loughlin to repeat his initial inquiry; Dr. Loughlin stated lots of important issues going on, but engagement with those issues seems missing on campus; we've got students who deserve a taste of these. Dr. Woodley stated we might want a repository of speakers, paid and unpaid who've been on campus as reference for building a budget. Pres. Baker related he hoped to find a way to publish major speakers addresses in a book or the magazine. Dr. Robeson asked if Cultural and Special Events (CASE) might review speakers, types, and funding. The English department budget hasn't changed much; nationally known speakers now cost much more. Pres. Baker added that most colleges have speakers; it may be that the funds are inadequate. This is more a matter of what, how and why. Speakers play an important role in the educational process. VP Lippert noted that CASE budget has increased slightly to \$7500, but even new writers now want \$15,000. Prof. Keiser noted the President put forth willingness. Rev. LaSala added a need for someone experienced at negotiating with agents. Pres. Baker noted that some parts of university infrastructure might eventually be developed further. Dr. Loughlin noted that CASE is so focused on the Arts, it might not be the best group.

Prof. Keiser noted he had authority to appoint an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations on the speakers issue; he would do so.

- X. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday April 3, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Durkin moved for adjournment; the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
Attendance and Voting Record for March 20th, 2007

Council Attendance	Attendance	VOTE 1			VOTE 2			VOTE 3			VOTE 4		
		yes	NO	abstain	yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain	yes	no	abstain
Baker, President Kendall	x												
Baumgartner, Dean Eric	x												
Broekemeier, Dr. Kim	x												
Clarke, Dr. Toni	x												
Condeni, V Pres Karen	x												
Crago, Dean David	-												
Durkin, Dr. Keith	x												
Essinger, Prof. Alice	X												
Ewing, Prof. Randy	X												
Fenton, Jr., Dean Jim	X												
Gerber, Dr. Scott	-												
Govekar, Dr. Michele	X												
Green, V. Pres. John	X												
Hilderbrand, V. Pres A-K	X												
Hunt, Dr. Donald	X												
Keiser, Prof. Terry	X												
LaSala, Rev. Vernon	X												
Lippert, V. Pres. Anne	X												
Loughlin, Dr. Michael	X												
Manzer, Dean Robert	X												
Milks, Dr. Michael	X												
Person, Dr. Ray	-												
Witte, Prof. Kate	-												
Reza, Dr. Farhad	x												
Robeson, Dr. Lisa	X												
Sawyers, Dr. David	X												
Shields, Dr. Kim	-												
Sprague, Dean Jon	-												
Stevick, VP Thomas	-												
Wickersham, Mr. Dustin	x												
Wills, Mr. Scott	x												
Woodley, Dr. Nancy	x												
Yoder, Dr. J.D.	-												
Zank, Dr. Sunny	x												
TOTALS	27												

Denotes non-voting member

