

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, April 17, 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. Alice Essinger Dr. Donald Hunt, 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. Eagle, Mr. Wills, Prof. Keiser.

University Council Vice-Chair, Sunny Zank, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: With no additions or corrections minutes of April 3, 2007 were accepted as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley reported the committee had met; would be meeting with Personnel and VP Green on April 25.
 - B. Personnel: Dr. Allison reported items to bring before Council under Unfinished Business and New Business.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Cultural & Special Events: Dr. Zank reported met last week; schedule decided on for events next year; will be published in Freed Center Calendar.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported the Council had good meetings; will meet next week or week after. Members are interested and concerned with Student Choice Grants; the relationship between ONU and the Community likely to be a continuing component.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. Dr. Zank reported for VP Condeni that Junior Visit Day is April 28 with about 150 students and parents; hoping to hire an admissions counselor and coordinator of international services.
 - B. Health Services Advisory Committee: Dr. Allison reported the committee had not met.
 - C. Parking Committee: Dr. Woodley reported that the committee parking proposal had been presented to the university Facilities Committee; now we need to know what happens with it, where it goes from VP Green. Pres. Baker answered that he understood that VP Green reviews it and sends it to the President with reviews both pro and con, then Pres. Baker makes decisions.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - A. Dr. Woodley announced a speaker, Dr. Richard Lee sponsored by Sigma Xi tonight.
 - B. Dr. Hunt reported several math faculty and six students attended the Mathematics Association of America at Shawnee State University; five students made presentations, three placed 2nd in student team competitions.
 - C. Dr. Zank announced next week would begin The Magic Flute production.
 - D. Dr. Yoder announced two Entrepreneurship activities: Fritz Kucklick speaking Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and the Invention to Venture Workshop Saturday April 21st.
- VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:
 - A. Dr. Gerber asked what relevant faculties should do if their respective administrators do not follow Faculty Handbook Section 2.9.4. Pres. Baker replied that those faculty members should bring these matters to Dr. Lippert, VP of Academic Affairs.
 - B. Dr. Broekemeier brought written questions from several faculty members about what will happen with the report from the task force on the academic calendar.

- C. Pres. Baker reported that the Men's Club Volleyball team won the national championship.
- D. Pres. Baker reported that five students were in Columbus for Student Lobby Day related to Student Choice Grants. Much is going on in Columbus relative to the proposal; at ONU alternatives are under review to deal with the consequences. Some amendments under discussion appear to be increasing the income threshold, phasing in the reduction at \$300 per year or reducing grant to \$450.
- E. Relative to the Virginia Tech tragedy, Pres. Baker reported ONU has some connections there, former professors and graduate students. He noted he'd just come from a staff meeting to review our own procedures; we are going to do some things. Faculty will see more police on campus; we will let students know about procedures and encourage the university's electronic texting service, a special issue of the Northern Sun will remind all of normal procedures, emergency numbers, etc.; we will encourage all to remain aware and alert. Dr. Woodley asked about only one security officer on campus at night; Pres. Baker replied we are addressing this issue through overtime, using bikes, and fully using two vehicles. Dr. Hunt asked if the extra police would be 'driving around;' Pres. Baker replied they'd be mostly on Lincoln, Lima, and Gilbert Streets; also between King Horn and across to apartments. Dr. Woodley asked if there might be drills; Pres. Baker replied not planning anything that might evoke negative reactions, rather working with campus leadership groups.
- F. Relative to Dr. Broekemeier's questions;
- (a) [Committee Work over Summer?] Pres. Baker stated that he had received the Task Force report from Christy Cole to Laurie Laird, chair of Academic Affairs Committee, this afternoon when he returned to campus. He was told it contained the task force report, also a proposal to look formally into conversion from quarters to semesters. The Academic Affairs Committee begins the process; members will receive the report and will begin discussion this spring; with only one month left cannot conclude nor move to faculty discussion, most likely will continue in fall; they may request further information or research from staff over summer.
- (b)[Faculty input?] Academic Affairs will determine how faculty input will be received. This issue needs widespread discussion, debate and examination. We will insure as much faculty discussion as possible.
- (c)[Additional restrictions?] Pres. Baker answered he didn't know; this will be part of the conversations, we have to talk about it. Can't tell in advance what the parameters will be; inevitably these discussions get into such things as faculty loads, class sizes; they can even raise questions about budget neutrality. Dr. Hunt asked about a November deadline; Pres. Baker answered we want sufficient opportunity for thorough discussion. Dr. Lippert stated that as a member of the Task Force she knew it reviewed universities changing from semesters to quarters (none) and surveyed those changing from quarters to semesters; she believes that November was a target date to develop questions to begin faculty discussions. Pres. Baker added that he hoped to have things discussed by end of fall term, but they could take longer. He stated he would address the questions again at the next Council meeting.

- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion from the Personnel Committee to amend Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.12.1 Sabbatical Leaves and Appendix 10 Procedures and Guidelines for Submission, Approval, and Disposal of Applications for Sabbatical Leave (Attachment I to Agenda of April 3, 2007). The motion passed unanimously (see Attendance & Voting Record attached).
- IX. NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Allison presented a motion from the Personnel Committee recommendation to adopt evaluation forms for the VP of Financial Affairs, VP for Advancement, VP and Dean of Enrollment, and VP for Students Affairs, in accordance with Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.9.4.
- X. ADJOURNMENT: The next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday May 1, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Zank called for adjournment; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Govekar, Secretary

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
Attendance and Voting Record for April 19th, 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	Y												
Baumgartner, Dean Eric	Y	1											
Broekemeier, Dr. Kim	Y	1											
Clarke, Dr. Toni	N												
Condeni, V Pres Karen	N												
Crago, Dean David	N												
Durkin, Dr. Keith	Y	1											
Eagle, Mr. Trevor	N												
Essinger, Prof. Alice	Y	1											
Ewing, Prof. Randy	Y	1											
Fenton, Jr., Dean Jim	N												
Gerber, Dr. Scott	Y	1											
Govekar, Dr. Michele	Y	1											
Green, V. Pres. John	Y												
Hilderbrand, V. Pres A-K	N												
Hunt, Dr. Donald	Y	1											
Keiser, Prof. Terry	N												
LaSala, Rev. Vernon	N												
Lippert, V. Pres. Anne	Y	1											
Loughlin, Dr. Michael	Y	1											
Manzer, Dean Robert	N												
Milks, Dr. Michael	Y	1											
Person, Dr. Ray	Y	1											
Witte, Prof. Kate	N												
Reza, Dr. Farhad	Y	1											
Robeson, Dr. Lisa	N												
Sawyers, Dr. David	Y	1											
Shields, Dr. Kim	N												
Sprague, Dean Jon	N												
Stevick, VP Thomas	N												
Wills, Mr. Scott	N												
Woodley, Prof. Nancy	Y	1											
Yoder, Dr. J.D.	Y	1											
Zank, Dr. Sunny	Y	1											
TOTALS		19	19										

Denotes non-voting member

