

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, May 1, 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. 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. Eagle, Mr. Wills, Prof. Keiser.

University Council Vice-Chair, Sunny Zank, called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

- I. MINUTES: With no additions or corrections minutes of April 17, 2007 were accepted as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Student Activities: VP Hilderbrand reported receiving constitutions from new student organizations for the Committee to review..
  - B Personnel: Prof. Canagaratna reported possible changes to medical and maternity leave provisions in the Faculty Handbook..
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Athletics: Prof. Witte reported season success; with Men's Tennis team competing in Kalamazoo, Women's Golf competing in Orlando, Women's Softball; hosting conference championship at ONU playing at 1 p.m. on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Cultural & Special Events: Dr. Zank reported the next meeting will be in fall.
  - C. International Affairs: Dr. Goldberg reported ONU expects at least sixteen new degree-seeking international students, plus eight international exchange students in fall.
  - D. Religious Affairs: Dr. Person reported annual Chapel program review conducted Monday.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported the committee had reviewed National Survey on Student Engagement (NSEE) and Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) results; also began conversation about moving away from dependence on tuition and fees.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Lippert reported sending notices to appointed members of a review committee to look at General Education, recommended by Deans of the undergraduate colleges; also added Christy Cole from Institutional Research. Review could be connected with the issue of semester calendar and work of Academic Affairs Committee. Assessing learning outcomes will be a serious issue with Higher Learning Commission. General education review committee members will read 'Our Underachieving Colleges' by Derek Bok and 'My Freshman Year' by Rebekah Nathan.
    2. VP Hilderbrand reported an ad hoc committee working on a policy of medical withdrawal is about ready for a draft; housing selection continues through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to faculty, staff and students Education Expo was a great success.
    3. VP Green shared with Council the May 2007 Parking Advisory Committee Parking Proposal, recommending re-designating and color coding parking lots, and also renaming lots.
    4. Dean Baumgartner reported ONU chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) won Region 3 award as most outstanding chapter, would compete against six schools for the Robert Ridgway award.
    5. Dean Fenton reported the Advisory Board reviewed the five networking events; satisfied with the results, members committed to underwriting five events next year. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competing nationally in Dallas TX.
  - B. Student Senate: Mr. Eagle reported the car wash for ideas to be held Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>;

continuing discussion of Continuous Achievement Scholarship details.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Dr. Zank recognized Council members leaving at completion of two-year terms; Dr. Clarke, Prof. Essinger, Dr. M. Govekar, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Loughlin, Dr. Person, Dr. Reza, Dr. Robeson, Dr. Shields, Dr. Woodley.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

A. Dr. Gerber stated that the Law College had its own Constitution and By-Laws; asked that Deans be encouraged to familiarize all with these each fall. Pres. Baker agreed to make certain all deans are aware.

B. Dr. Robeson read an anonymous letter from a faculty member seeking more details of VP Lippert's evaluation and commenting on evaluations. Pres. Baker noted these evaluations are personnel matters, thus private; that descriptive statistics were provided; that only five of the twelve questions elicited more than twelve separate comments, one having eighteen. Pres. Baker stated willingness to meet with the individual, also to meet with the faculty to discuss the evaluation process as appropriate.

C. Pres. Baker continued that the Ohio budget had passed out of the House will some changes; more funding plus a Student Choice Grant phase-out threshold at \$95,000 helps ONU students; unanimous vote indicates support. Thanks to Mr. Eagle and students who traveled to Columbus; many comments received on ONU students' professionalism.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion from the Personnel Committee to adopt evaluation forms for VP of Financial Affairs, VP for Advancement, VP and Dean of Enrollment, and VP for Student Affairs, in accordance with Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.9.4. Motion passed with 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. (see Attendance and Voting Record for May 1, 2007, attached.)

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Council will next meet during Opening Activities in August. Dr. Zank called for adjournment; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele A. Govekar, Secretary



