

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, September 18, 2007

Roll: (absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, VP Anne Lippert, VP John Green, VP Thomas Stevick, VP Karen Condeni, VP A-K Hilderbrand, Dean Robert Manzer, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean John Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Dean David Crago, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Julie Adams, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Danny Benbassat, Dr. Kim Broekemeier, Dr. Pat Croskery, Dr. Keith Durkin, Mr. Trevor Eagle, Prof. Randy Ewing, Dr. Scott Gerber, Prof. Terry Keiser, Dr. Michael Milks, Ms. Traci Moritz, Dr. David Sawyers, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Jon Smalley, Dr. Bob Ward, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Prof. Kate Witte, Dr. J.D. Yoder, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany

University Council Chair, Terry Keiser, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: The spelling of Dr. Allison's name will be correct. Dr. Sawyer will be duly noted as being present. Chair Keiser's message to the Council encouraging free expression by saying "that members need to speak freely as they see fit without fear of retribution" will be added. The minutes of August 29 were accepted as corrected. The minutes of May 1 were accepted as distributed.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Smalley reported that the committee reviewed the University's monthly financial information and will review the audit report on Thursday of this week.
 - B. Personnel: Dr. Allison encouraged those who have items to bring before the Personnel Committee to address them to their college representatives.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Cultural & Special Events: Dr. Zank reported that the budget to support cultural and special events has been increased this year to enhance programming.
 - B. International Affairs: Drs. Lippert and Goldberg announced that the number of international students this year attending ONU is up by 17 students. There are 46 undergraduate students, 8 graduate (LL.M.) and 8 visiting exchange students for a total of 62 international students.
 - C. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala reported that the committee will meet on Wednesday of this week.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL

President Baker reported that the Planning Council has been discussing the composition of the institution's aspirational institutions and the University's relationship with the community of Ada.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. Dean Sprague reported that the Raabe College of Pharmacy is hosting guests from their accrediting agency this week for a site visit.
 2. Dean Fenton reported:
 - (a) Mr. Jack Shewmaker, former WalMart president, will be speaking at the Freed Center this Wednesday at 7PM as part of the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series about the importance of ethics in business.
 - (b) The CBA's first issue of *Business Exchange* magazine for the James F. Dicke College of Business Administration has just been issued and is available in the atrium.
 - (c) The preparations for the Dicke celebratory event are moving forward.
 - (d) The DCBA Networking events will continue this year. Events in four cities have been scheduled with plans for Chicago in the works.
 - B. Student Senate
 1. Mr. Eagle distributed a written report to Council. He summarized that Student Senate in active with activities, by-law revisions, and constitutional revision.

C. Health Services Advisory Committee:

1. VP Green reported that the first meeting of the committee is scheduled for next week.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Announcement from Chair Keiser: The nominating committee will be chaired by Dr. Bryan Ward, Law. College committee members are: Drs. Adams, Arts and Sciences; Zekany, Business; Stockert, Pharmacy; Yoder, Engineering.
- B. President Baker addressed the TIAA-CREF issue. 30 employees and 15 retirees are affected. The President and the Personnel Committee, with help from an outside consultant, are working actively to resolve the issue.
- C. A reminder and clarification: Minutes of all Constitutional and Operational Committee are to go to all University Council members. As suggested by Rev. LaSala, the correct email address of all Council members will be appended to these minutes and distributed to the Chairs of the respective committees to facilitate the distribution of minutes.
- D. Rev. LaSala announced that a Jazz Group from New Orleans will be performing in the Chapel this Wednesday at 8PM.
- E. Dr. Gerber announced that the Constitution Day program was a success. He commended panelists Dr. Brant, Dean Manzer and Dr. J. Scott.

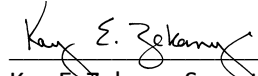
VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- A. Dr. Scott Geber asked a follow-up question from the May meeting asking the President if the suggestion regarding familiarization with college constitutions and by-laws has been carried through. The President responded that yes, it has been done.
- B. President Baker announced that enrollment is 3603, down by 17 students from last year. Most of the loss is from high school student enrollment. On-campus enrollment looks like 3560 this year (versus 3569 last year). On-campus enrollment was budgeted at 3580, 20 students greater than enrolled. The consequence is (1) an under-funding of net budgeted needs and (2) a need to make up the shortfall. The University will prepare a revised budget by October 12 for the board meeting.
- C. Dean Baumgartner mentioned that in addition to the increase in international students, we have also seen an increase in returning veterans.
- D. Dean Manzer noted that 17 of the students in last year's count were from a lag count of nursing students.
- E. President Baker announced that the Board of Trustees is concerned by our tuition dependency. As a result they are seeking to contain costs and accordingly, are looking at our Health Care Plan. Dr. Baker forewarned Council members that this is on their agenda and to expect there will be some changes this year.
- F. In terms of tuition dependency, Dr. Gerber asked if there is also a search for new revenues. The President said that we are looking at both revenues and costs.
- G. Dr. Broekemeier asked about the calendar issue timeframe. The President responded that Academic Affairs has scheduled an open faculty forum on the issue on October 30. He noted that Ohio University, that recently considered a conversion to semesters, has pertinent information posted on their web site.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Prof. Canagaratna presented the first reading of the Personnel Committee's recommended amendments to the Faculty Handbook Sec. 2.12.2 – 2.12.7 intended to clarify the language to bring the Handbook in line with University practice. Dr. Gerber explained that maternity and FMLA run concurrently despite the language discussing each separately. Dr. Lippert provided a historical perspective to explain why the Handbook was not updated in 1978-79.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. Council's next meeting will be October 2, 2007 at the Dicke Forum at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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