

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, November 6, 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 Jon 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

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

I. MINUTES: The minutes of October 16, 2007 were approved as distributed.

II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:

A. Academic Affairs: Dr. Goldberg reminded Council that another open forum discussion the calendar issue will be Wednesday November 7th at 9AM in the McIntosh Ballroom.

III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

A. Athletics: Dr. Smalley announced that all NCAA sanctions have been lifted.

B. Cultural and Special Events: Dr. Zank reported that the committee is proceeding with its planning of cultural and special events for next year.

Chair Keiser announced that the ad hoc committee of University Council will be reporting on the question of funding for speakers. This report should be forthcoming soon since it has budgetary implications.

C. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala announced that the Religious Affairs Committee has formally recognized Pastor Randy Davis as the football team chaplain.

IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL

Dr. Baker reported that the Planning Council will continue to discuss relationships between the community of Ada and the University. Council members recognize the community of Ada is an important factor in the strategic evolution of both our University and our community.

V. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Vice-Presidents and Deans:

1. VP Hilderbrand announced that the new University disciplinary procedures are now in place.

B. Student Senate

1. Mr. Eagle reported:

(a) Inaugural "Ghost and Goods" was held two weeks ago. Students dressed in costumes and brought canned goods as entry fees. Sodexo donated the refreshments. All proceeds went to the Ada food pantry.

(b) Student Senate is continuing to revise its by-laws with the recent passage of a new by-law

in reference to proposal writing. Senators will be debating and voting on an addition concerning resolution writing after break.

(c) On behalf of the students, Trevor wished Council a Happy Thanksgiving.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Comments by President Baker

- All NCAA sanctions have been fully removed.
- The TIAA discussion is continuing. A meeting, led by our consultants, is scheduled for November 16th for individuals affected by the issue. There will be a general meeting followed by individual meetings to discuss settlement.
- As the budget cycle continues and requests are discussed, priorities can be set. However, our budget is highly dependent on enrollment. At this point the flow of student applications has not been as strong as last year. Dr. Baker described two contributing factors: competition and caution. Competition in the recruiting environment is greater than ever due in part to increased competition from state-supported institutions. The caution factor relates to high school students and their parents waiting to physically visit a campus. Electronic capabilities are being used extensively. Also, prospective students are seeking a financial aid plan that matches the value and accomplishments of students, irrespective of financial need.
- Dr. Milks indicated that one factor pulling the application trend downward is the change in the Raabe College of Pharmacy's application process which now requires an interview for its completion.

Question for the President:

- Chair Keiser asked about our collective discount rate. Dr. Baker replied that the rate, since he's been here, has been stable at approximately 42%. This year is up a little bit to approximately 43%. Given the competitive environment, the rate may increase next year. Dr. Baker noted that there are differences in the collective discount rates across colleges. He further noted that the University would like to reduce the discount rate.

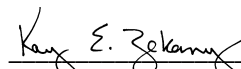
VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Allison, representing the Personnel Committee, proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook integrating Appendix 12, Improvement of Teaching Grants Procedures and Guidelines, with Appendix 19, Undergraduate Faculty Development Grants. The change is proposed for clarification of language. Dr. Smalley observed that he still finds the required date of application wording to be unclear. Dr. Croskery explained the procedure and then recognized the problem. The Personnel Committee will revisit its proposal before the next Council meeting, at which time a vote on the matter is expected.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02. Council will next meet on December 4 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay E. Zekany, Secretary