

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, November 7, 2006

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. Wickersham, Mr. Wills, Prof. Keiser.

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

- I. MINUTES: With no additions or corrections minutes October 17, 2006 were accepted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
  - A. Budget and Appropriations: Dr. Woodley reported it will meet Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Academic Affairs: See New Business. VP Lippert reported that the additional compensation notices were mailed to faculty homes today; copies were sent to each Dean's Office.
  - C. Student Activities: VP Hilderbrand reported no meeting.
  - D. Personnel: Prof. Keiser read a written report from Indra Canagaratna; "The Committee discussed the procedure for denial of insurance claims. Currently, the decision to deny a claim is made by the trustees of the plan. The Committee decided to request the trustees to inform the Health Services Advisory Committee when a claim is denied and to provide the reasons for the denial. The Committee also decided to request the Health Services Advisory Committee to explore the feasibility of faculty representation in the denial of claim process. The Committee continues to review the sections in the Faculty Handbook dealing with sabbatical leaves."
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
  - A. Religious Affairs: Rev. LaSala reported the committee met with Christy Cole and Dr. Keith Durkin on a survey on decline in chapel attendance targeted for Week 2 Winter quarter; thanks to Student Senate for their support.
  - B. Information Technology: VP Lippert reported receipt of fewer technology grant applications than the number available; the submitted applications will be reviewed and another deadline set to allow additional applications. This does not mean that all will be funded as selection criteria still apply.
- IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL: Pres. Baker reported the committee will be meeting two times in November, next Tuesday for discussion of Spellings Report and implications for ONU.
- V. OTHER REPORTS:
  - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
    1. VP Hilderbrand: reported Residence Life staff is working with faculty and students needing to stay late or return early due to student organizations.
    2. Dean Fenton: in conjunction with the College Advisory Board and Career Services, there will be five networking events. The first is in Columbus on Thursday for approximately 32 students and 20-25 employers/alums. December Cleveland, January Dayton, February Toledo and Cincinnati.
  - B. Student Senate: Mr. Wickersham: reported Student Senate in recess until Winter Quarter; continuing with Budget & Allocations; notice for Student Organization Advisor Handbooks to be obtained by advisors went out via Faculty-L; regular projects in the works.
  - C. Health Services Advisory Committee: VP Green: met today at 2 p.m.; reviewing minor plan changes for 2007 calendar year; Received Personnel Committee request cited above; Plan Trustees will do that. Prof. Keiser asked who Plan Trustees are. V.P Green answered

himself, the Controller, and the Asst. Controller (Bursar).

- D. Nominating Committee: Dr. Gerber reported the following faculty nominees for University Disciplinary Board; Jeff Allison, Forrest Clingerman, Bruce French, Jennie Kline, John Lomax, Jun Luo and David Raack. For University Board of Appeals; Susan Bates, Kevin Hill, Jed Marquart, and Pat Parteleno.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: (occurred after Questions for the President)

- A. VP Lippert reported athletic teams did very well; members of men's soccer and women's volleyball will be going on to playoffs and may ask for final exam accommodations.  
B. Dr. Woodley: University parking committee met; will meet again in a few weeks. Receiving complaints; will put together a survey to gain wider input regarding the proposed plan.  
C. Dr. Clarke reported the American Bar Association concluding its accreditation visit tomorrow.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT: (before announcements)

- A. Regarding power failures, two weekends in a row, President Baker reported speaking with AEP. He thanked Physical Plant Staff, Residence Life Staff and Faculty (Dr. Woodley, Dr. Young, Dr. De Luca), all those who stepped up very quickly to help.  
B. A lot of visitors have been on campus since the last Council meeting. Major donors, alums and foundation persons have all been very impressed with the facilities and programs.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. Person referred to the motion passed by Council on October 3<sup>rd</sup>; To date he has only received one set of minutes; what can be done to implement this. Pres. Baker suggested note takers be identified and send notes to Tammy Everhart or Sue VanDyne for distribution to members. Dr. Woodley asked whether draft or approved minutes/notes; Pres. Baker & Prof. Keiser answered approved.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Prof. Laird presented two items from the Academic Affairs Committee; the first regarding Transient Student at Another Institution (3.11); the second regarding Grades and Quality Points (3.14). She noted item referring to Pharmacy should not be bolded. Dr. Hunt asked whether exactly which courses would be excluded could be stated, adding it should be the very earliest. Dr. Person asked about another issue; repeat courses cause the quarter GPA to be recalculated; he stated it seems that while the cumulative GPA might change, records should show the quarter GPA actually earned. Dr. Woodley asked about the Pharmacy policy (bolded); Dr. Milks answered that those grades are averaged. Mr. Wickersham asked regarding Transient Students whether the policy differed for each Dean. Prof. Keiser answered that in Arts & Sciences there are policies.

ADJOURNMENT: The next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday December 5, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Prof. Keiser called for adjournment; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele A. Govekar, Secretary