

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, August 30, 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. Bill Theisen, 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 4:46 PM.

He reported that Dr. Toni Clarke had agreed to serve as Parliamentarian; also that Dr. Michele Govekar had agreed to serve as Secretary. Then he called for nominations for Vice-Chair of Council. Nomination of Dr. Sunny Zank was moved by Dr. Robeson and seconded by Dr. Theise. Hearing no other nominations, closing nominations was also moved by Dr. Milks and seconded by ; all present voted 'YES' to close nominations. Dr. Sunny Zank was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Prof. Keiser mentioned that this year he would try to institute some changes in University Council member expectations this year. Particularly making certain that those offices in the University required to report to Council would need to have meaningful reports on a regular basis of their office's activities and the activities of the faculty committees they represent. This would make the work of Council more meaningful. these 'changes' in reporting expectations are currently being discussed with President Baker.

Dr. Woodley asked what University Council does. Dr. Robeson stated that she had never been at a university where the Academic Affairs committee doesn't do anything, thus resulting in 'no report.' Dr. Woodley questioned lack of communication regarding work done and reports from an ad hoc committee on Parking.

Dr. Gerber added that a related question is what role the faculty has in governing the university.

Dr. Person wondered if Council could facilitate communication between committees and all faculty. Could Council members receive minutes from committees, when their work/actions are not confidential? He continued that this would be a good use of Council time. Dr. Gerber stated that many committees don't meet and the related administrators do the committee's work but may still have 'no report.' VP Stevick commented that he had learned to never say 'no report.' Dean Manzer stated that as a political scientist he concludes that University Council is not a faculty senate; Prof. Keiser stated that University Council makes recommendations to the President, the University Faculty can veto those recommendations, and that it is extremely unusual for the University President to ignore/refuse the recommendations. Dr. Woodley stated that an ad hoc parking committee prepared a proposal, sent its report to the administration, and never heard anything except 'no.' Dr. Robeson wondered if faculty have concerns, how they could come to Council, if committees do not report. Prof. Keiser reminded members that issues of concern in the colleges could be brought directly to Council by any member of Council if necessary,

The next regular Council meeting will be September 19, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Dr. Durkin and seconded by Dr. Gerber; with no dissent the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Govekar