

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, October 4, 2005

Roll: (Absentees underlined) Dr. Baker, Dr. Lippert, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunt, Dean Condeni, Dean Hilderbrand, Dean Manzer, Interim Dean Smalley, Dean Bryant, Dean Fenton, Dean Crago, Rev. LaSala, Prof. Essinger, Dr. Theisen, Dr. Loughlin, Dr. Robeson, Prof. Nutter, Dr. Sadurski, Dr. M. Govekar, Dr. Zekany, Dr. Reza, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Gerber, Dr. Hrometz, Dr. Shields, Dr. Allison, Dr. Streib, Dr. Putt, Dr. Person, Dr. Woodley, Ms. Davlin, Mr. Block, Prof. Canagaratna

University Council Chair, Indra Canagaratna called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- I. MINUTES: September 20, 2005 were approved as submitted.
- II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES:
 - A. Budget and Appropriations: The Committee met last week and reviewed the final numbers for last year which will be submitted to the auditors. The revised budget for this year was also reviewed.
 - B. Academic Affairs: No Report.
 - C. Student Activities: The Student Activities Committee met October 4, 2005. A new campus organization, the Ohio Northern University Campus Girl Scouts, was unanimously approved by the committee after review of their application material.
 - D. Personnel: No Report.
- III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Athletics: No Report.
 - B. Information Technology: No Report.
 - C. Cultural & Special Events: A by-law amendment to place the Director of Multicultural Development on the Cultural and Special Events Committee will appear on the October 11th Faculty meeting agenda for action. This addition should assist in scheduling coordination of University events. A vote will take place at this meeting.
 - D. International Affairs: The Committee will be meeting shortly.
 - E. Religious Affairs: Two motions were approved at the last meeting. The first was to continue the Catholic Mass on campus. The second was to appoint Dr. Subhi Bazlamit as the advisor of the Muslim Student Association until the Association has been re-established and selects their own advisor.
- IV. OTHER REPORTS:
 - A. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 1. VP Lippert: No Report.
 2. VP Condeni: Experience ONU day will be Monday, with 80 to 100 students on campus.
 3. VP Hilderbrand: Sorority recruitment will finish this weekend, and fraternity recruitment will finish next week.
 4. VP Hunt: No Report.
 5. VP Green: No Report.
 6. Dean Smalley: No Report.
 7. Dean Bryant: The College of Pharmacy Job Fair will be held on Monday, October 10th in King-Horn. Approximately the same number of companies will be attending this year as in the past, indicating continued strong interest in ONU graduates.
 8. Dean Manzer: Program reviews have begun in the College of Arts and Sciences to examine the role each department plays in the College and to look at resource usage. In a separate effort, the College is working to establish enrollment targets for the nursing program, balancing the number of students and available resources.
 9. Dean Crago: Dr. Streib noted that next year the ABA will review the ONU Law School's program. This year the self-study is being written. Dr. Clarke noted that the self-study group has met and is soliciting input from various student organizations, as well as through a general student meeting. This input will be taken back to the faculty as the self-study is written.
 10. Dean Fenton: Focus groups have begun to meet to discuss opportunities for a College "brand." In November and December, additional focus groups will meet for curriculum assessment. Dean Fenton has been meeting with members of other colleges to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
 - B. Student Senate: Ms. Davlin: Operation Lifesaver has been a success. \$700 was raised at the talent show, with student donations now totaling \$1200-\$1500. Dr. Baker has said that the administration,

faculty, and staff will match student donations dollar for dollar. In addition, student organizations have requested funds for the year. Meetings will be held October 12-19 with the 90 organizations requesting funds.

- C. Health Services Advisory Committee: VP Green: The Committee met and reviewed balances. The Trust is doing well this year, based largely on the changes implemented over the past few years. Third party quotations are being solicited for comparison purposes, and will be reviewed in three weeks.

D. Other Reports: None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dr. Putt announced that the Math Shootout will be held on October 5, 2005.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- Dr. Woodley asked about the possibility of reducing publication costs by asking faculty, staff, and alumni whether or not they wish to receive the Ohio Northern Magazine. Dr. Baker said that faculty and staff would be asked whether or not they wish to continue receiving the magazine. The magazine took its current format based on the wishes of alumni, and Dr. Baker has often heard from alumni that they enjoy receiving the magazine. All of the 400-500 publications that the University produces annually are being looked at for potential cost savings.
- Dr. Baker noted that the new housing project has begun, and that this construction will continue throughout the year.
- Dr. Baker provided an update on the budget. It is estimated that the number of students this year (106 over budget) will generated an extra \$1,059,000 if typical rates of retention, financial aid, etc. hold true. Of this, \$232,000 was spent on part-time faculty to provide additional courses (there are 15 more sections offered this year than last). The number of freshman students in sections with less than 20 students has decreased. The remainder of this surplus will be divided in a variety of ways. \$75,000 will be used to bring the University TIAA-CREF contribution to 8.5% starting in January. \$100,000 has been put aside for rising energy costs, and \$131,000 will be used to deal with increasing costs in other areas. Current plans are to spend \$300,000 to address issues in the strategic plan (marketing, equipment, technology, supplies, staffing, etc., these decisions have not been finalized), leaving \$200,000 as margin applied to the budget. (Secretary's note: Per subsequent conversation with John Green, the revised budget is listed in more detail below):

	Budget	Expenses	Margin
Initial Budget	75,848,000	75,724,000	124,000
New Students	1,059,000		
Financial Aid changes	(250,000)		
Better interest rates	50,000		
Increased housing rev.	55,000		
Additional Faculty+Fringe		232,000	
Additional TIAA-CREF		75,000	
Additional Energy Costs		100,000	
Additional Misc.		131,000	
New Initiatives		300,000	
Revised budget	76,762,000	76,562,000	200,000

- Dr. Hrometz asked if this surplus was based on the quarter or the year. Dr. Baker stated that this was for the year.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Prof. Canagaratna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of University Council will be October 18, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in rooms 7 and 8 of McIntosh Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John-David Yoder, Secretary