Minutes of the January 12, 2010 Meeting

I. President Baker called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Invocation was offered by Prof. Paul Nutter.

III. Minutes from December 8, 2009 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Questions for the President
   a. Dr. Baker reported that the number of applications received is currently about 2-4% higher than at the same time last year. International applications have increased by about 35% and out-of-state applications are about 4-6% higher. The quality of applicants continues to improve.
   b. A decision regarding the position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs is expected to be made very soon.
   c. Dr. Baker also provided an overview of several energy-related activities on campus. The Affinity Complex is expected to receive a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold rating as a result of the geothermal heating and cooling system that was installed over the summer. The University will be working with NexGen Energy to install three 400-kW wind turbines to the west of Klingler Road. The College of Engineering recently received a $500,000 grant from AEP to develop renewable energy education programs.

VI. University Council:
   a. Council will meet next week.

VII. Reports of Constitutional Committees
   a. Budget and Appropriations – The committee met today, and will meet again next week.
   b. Academic Affairs – No report.
   c. Student Activities – No report.
   d. Personnel – Recommendations for sabbatical leave have been sent to the administration. The committee submitted a proposal to University Council on extending the tenure clock. The committee also submitted a recommendation to the Budget and Appropriations Committee on faculty salaries.

VIII. Reports of Operational Committees
   a. Committee on Athletics – Tomorrow evening will be Employee Appreciation Night as the Women’s Basketball team host Baldwin-Wallace, beginning at 7:30 pm. The wrestling team will host Wilmington tonight. The Track and Field teams will be at home on January 15. The Swimming and Diving teams will be at Kenyon on January 15, and at home on January 16.
   b. Cultural and Special Events – No report.
   c. International Affairs – No report.
   d. Religious Affairs – No report.
   e. Information Technology – The University will be hosting a workshop on “Quality Matters” to evaluate online instruction. The workshop will be held on February 26, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Dicke Forum.

IX. Other Reports: None.

X. New Business: None.

XI. Announcements:
   a. Phi Beta Delta, in association with the Cultural Affairs and Special Events Committee and Student Senate, will host a presentation by Fran Quigley titled “International Law and Ethics in America’s ‘War on Terror’: Torture, Rendition and the Predator Program,” to be held in the Ballroom on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm.
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b. Award-winning author Michael Martone will speak at the Freed Center on Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm. Martone is director of the creative writing program at the University of Alabama and a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana.
c. The ONU Faculty Brass Quintet will be performing in the Snyder Recital Hall on Wednesday, January 24 at 4:00 pm.
d. Presidential Scholars Day will be Saturday, January 16. Approximately 275 students are expected.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,

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Secretary