Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Meeting

I. President Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Lisa Robeson.

III. Minutes from April 8, 2008 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Approval of Spring and Summer Term Graduates: The list of graduates previously distributed to the faculty was approved as amended.

VI. Questions for the President:
   a) In response to a question from the faculty Dr. Baker indicated that discussions regarding increasing the faculty travel fund would be conducted next year. Prof. Canagaratna noted that this subject has been discussed in the Personnel Committee in the past, and would be reconsidered next year.
   b) Dr. Baker thanked Dr. Ludanyi for his Honors Day speech, and noted that the speech received numerous compliments from students and parents.
   c) Dr. Lippert announced that contracts for the 2008-09 academic year should be distributed on May 15. Faculty members will have two weeks to respond. Anyone who will be gone before then should contact her to ensure the letter is forwarded to the proper address.
   d) Dr. Baker noted that the Board will be meeting on campus this Thursday through Saturday, with some Board members remaining on campus for Commencement on Sunday. On Friday, Dr. Baker will present recommendations to the Board on what needs to be done to increase the reputation of the University. This will include a $12-13 million increase in operating expenses and $15-20 million in capital investment. The proposal will also include 100 new personnel, including 71 new faculty. The total increased expenditures of approximately $33 million would occur over a 12 year period. Dr. Baker noted that, since 1999 the University has invested $9.3 million in new initiatives, including 60 new positions, so the proposed targets are achievable. However, changes will need to be made in how the University finances its operations. This will include reducing the reliance on tuition increases and increasing the draw on the endowment returns. If the presentation to the Board is successful, Dr. Baker will discuss the proposal in more detail during the Opening Session this fall.

VII. University Council
   a) Dr. Baker thanked Prof. Keiser for his two years of service as University Council Chair.
   b) Elections to Faculty Committees and Council: See attached.

VIII. Report of Constitutional Committees
   a) Budget and Appropriations – No report.
   b) Academic Affairs – Dr. Lippert noted that an email had been sent to all faculty requesting input regarding the transition to semesters. The Semesters Transition Committee will be meeting tomorrow, and probably will have one further meeting in May. At tomorrow’s meeting the committee plans to finalize the transition timeline. When assigning tasks, existing committees will be used as much as possible. Various materials, including committee membership and meeting minutes can be found on a Semester Transition Coordinating Committee webpage that can be reached by a link from the Academic Affairs website.
   • Concern was raised by a member of the faculty that the Academic Affairs Committee would not be directly involved in approval of proposals for a new university general education program. It was suggested that the university general education requirements should be approved at the university level, rather than allowing each college to approve their own requirements with no coordination. Dr. Baker agreed that this was a legitimate concern, and indicated that he would consult with Dr. Lippert and Prof. Laird on the issue.
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c) Student Activities – No report.
d) Personnel – No report.

IX. Reports of Operational Committees:
a) Committee on Athletics – Prof. Simmons announced that Ohio Northern University has won the OAC men’s and women’s All-Sport Trophies. This is the first time in OAC history that a school has won both All-Sports titles in two consecutive years.
b) Cultural and Special Events – No report.
c) International Affairs – No report.
d) Religious Affairs – No report.
e) Information Technology – No report.

X. Other Reports: Dr. Lippert noted that the agendas and minutes of University Faculty meetings are available on the Academic Affairs website. It has been suggested that printed copies no longer be sent by regular mail. Dr. Lippert solicited feedback from the faculty on how best to distribute these documents.

XI. New Business: Concern was raised about scheduling University Faculty meetings during undergraduate Finals Week, especially considering the importance of the elections occurring during the present meeting. Dr. Goldberg noted that this was an unusual situation that will not happen again in the near future. He also noted that the first regular faculty meeting in the Fall is sometimes moved to avoid being held on the first day of classes, so there is a precedent that could be used to justify moving the year-end meeting.

XII. Announcements: Dr. Baker noted that over 1200 people were served at the Honors Day luncheon. This is the largest number ever served.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Submitted by,

[Signature]
Dr. David R. Sawyers, Jr.
Secretary
Faculty Election Results - May 13, 2008

1. University Council Chair - Sunny Zank, 2008-09

2. University Council -
   Kelly Shields, 2008-10
   David Smith, 2008-10
   Marjorie Walker, 2008-10

3. Committee on Athletics - Sandy Hrometz, 2008-11


5. Grievance Committee -
   Khalid Al-Olimat, 2008-10
   John Lomax, 2008-10
   Marjorie Walker, 2008-10

   Alternates
   Dennis Kratzer
   Steven Hundersmarck
   Wei-Kian Chen
   Sue Montenery

6. Promotion and Tenure -
   Appeals
   Sandy Hrometz, 2008-10
   Kelly Shields, 2008-10

   Alternates
   Dave Retterer
   Khalid Al-Olimat
   John Estell

7. Board of Appeals
   Howard Fenton, 2008-09
   Christine North, 2008-09

8. Review Committee on
   Dismissal of Faculty
   Robert Alexander, 2008-10
   Julie Hurtig, 2008-10
   Louis Lobenhofer, 2008-10
   Rob Scott, 2008-10
   Adam Stienecker, 2008-10

   Substitutes
   Terry Maris
   Amy Stockert
   David Mikesell
   Sriniv Vemuru
   Hui Shen

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9. Hearing Committee on Dismissal of Faculty
   Jeff Allison, 2008-10
   Amy Aulthouse, 2008-10
   Jed Marquart, 2008-10
   Steve Veltri, 2008-10
   Linda Young, 2008-10

   Substitutes
   Bryan Ward
   Al Cohoe
   Bruce French
   Joanne Brant
   Michael Rider

10. Tuition Exchange Selection Committee
    Deidre Myers, 2008-10

    Alternate
    Laurie Laird

11. Honorary Degrees
    Terry Keiser (Arts & Sciences), 2008-12

    Randall Ewing (Bus. Administration), 2008-12