Ohio Northern University
MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2009

To: Faculty and Staff

Re: University Faculty Meeting

The regular meeting of the Faculty for November will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Activities Room of McIntosh Center. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation – Dr. John Lomax.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Approval of Fall Term Graduates – Mrs. Andrea Richardson
6. Honorary Degree recommendations – Dr. David Crago (Attachment I)
8. Report from University Council – Dr. Sunny Zank.
9. Reports from Constitutional Committees
   a) Budget and Appropriations – Professor Ron Beaschler
   b) Academic Affairs – Professor Laurie Laird
   c) Student Affairs – Dr. Andrew Roecker
   d) Personnel – Dr. William Theisen
10. Reports from Operational Committees
    a) Athletic Events - Professor Thomas Simmons
    b) Cultural Events – Dr. Laurie Bell
    c) International Affairs – Dr. Julie Hurtig
    d) Religious Affairs – Chaplain Vernon LaSala
    e) Information Technology – Mr. George Gulbis
11. Other reports.
13. Announcements.

David R. Sawyers
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Secretary
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Dr. Sunny Zank

Council passed the Academic Affairs Committee recommendation for the definition of majors, minors and concentrations. See Attachment II.

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Budget and Appropriations

Prof. Ron Beaschler

No report.

Academic Affairs

Prof. Laurie Laird

A recommendation for the definition of majors, minors and concentrations was submitted to University Council on Tuesday, Nov. 3 for its second reading.

Student Activities

Dr. Andrew Roecker

No report.

Personnel

Dr. Bill Theisen

The committee forwarded a statement to university council concerning ‘extending the tenure clock’ due to major life events. The committee is gathering information from Ohio Northern and peer/aspirational universities in order to discuss various faculty benefits.

Committee on Athletics

Prof. Thomas Simmons

No report.

Cultural and Special Events

Dr. Laurie Bell

The committee's next meeting will be November 6, 2009 at noon in McIntosh room 202.

Information Technology

Mr. George Gulbis

No report.

Religious Affairs

Rev. Vern LaSala

The committee met on Monday, November 2. Meeting minutes will be circulated when available.

International Affairs

Dr. Juliet Hurtig

No report.
HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS FOR 2009-10

Ernest Boyd is the Executive Director of the Ohio Pharmacists Association, a post he has held longer than any other executive director in the country. He is a registered lobbyist in Columbus and Washington, D.C., representing Ohio pharmacists. Ernest is also a media consultant on multiple pharmacy issues. He visits at least annually every college of pharmacy in Ohio, attends annually all local pharmacy association meetings, and speaks at many state association meetings. Ernest holds membership in many professional organizations including the National Community Pharmacists Association, Ohio Society of Association Executives, and Boy Scouts of America. He is a preceptor of ONU (P6) students and presents regularly to ONU pharmacy student classes and student organizations.

MaryAnn Mathile, along with her husband Clay, developed a family business known as Iams Company. Following the sale of Iams to Procter and Gamble, MaryAnn become President and CEO of the Mathile Family Foundation. She has led the Foundation to become one of the leading philanthropic groups especially involved with the plight of women and education. The Foundation, through MaryAnn, has founded a home for single mothers in the Dayton/Miami area. The home calls for strict contracts with the women to work and also take part in an educational program while being a single mother. MaryAnn has shown remarkable insight and generosity to women and education, and she has exhibited incredible leadership as the President of the Mathile Family Foundation. ONU’s Mathile Center is named for Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile who initiated the campaign to construct the center. Additionally, the Foundation supports the ONU top scholarship awards given to two incoming freshmen each year.

Michael Smith was named president of The Washington Center in December 2004. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an independent, nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit. Mike had first joined The Washington Center in 1976 when a staff of 6 served 300 students from 30 colleges annually. During the past 31 years, Mike has served in a series of progressively responsible positions. Today, the Washington Center has 70 full-time staff and over 40,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors in the United States and around the world. Under Mike’s leadership as president, The Washington Center’s enrollment has grown by over 5% per year for the past three years. The Center expects to serve over 2,000 students for the first time in 2008. An active alumnus of Ohio Northern University, Mike has served on the Getty College Council since 1989.
TO: Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair – University Council  
FROM: Pr. Laurie Laird, Chair – Academic Affairs Committee  
SUBJECT: Clarification of terms for use in semester conversion  
DATE: October 29, 2009

The Academic Affairs Committee was requested by the College of Arts & Sciences (through the VPAA Office) to review several items that came up as their departments prepared for the semester conversion. We were requested to clearly define several terms and to offer a recommendation on number of hours for each. Our recommendations were presented at the October 6 University Council meeting and based upon discussion there, we have revised them. The language shown below includes comments made at the October 20 University Council meeting.

The committee recommends that the following rules be adopted for use with the undergraduate coursework in the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Pharmacy.

1. The term “cognate” (and all synonyms) shall be purged from the catalog.
2. The term “track” shall be purged from the catalog.
3. The minimum grade requirements for courses satisfying a major, minor, or option shall be determined by the college offering the major, minor or option.
4. A “major” shall comprise a minimum of 30 hours of coursework.
   a. All courses required for a major that are in the major subject area shall be termed “Major Courses” and count toward the major GPA and major hours.
   b. All courses required for a major, including but not limited to course prerequisites and corequisites, which are outside of the major subject area, if any, shall be termed “Other Required Courses” and listed in the catalog adjacent to “Major Courses.”
5. A “minor” shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework within a specified discipline outside of the student’s major or majors.
6. An “option” shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework and shall consist of courses that a department or college shall choose that are a) external to the student’s major, and b) that enhance the student’s major. The department or college that constructs the option shall control and administer the option.
7. A specialization within a major shall be termed a “concentration.” A concentration shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework within the major.

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Rationale:
Adoption of these rules will allow for uniform terminology between the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Pharmacy and provide guidance to departments and colleges as they develop programs within their disciplines.