Minutes, September 21, 2010

Roll: (Absentees Underlined) President Kendall Baker, Dr. David Crago, Dr. Robert Ruble, Mr. Thomas Stevick, Dean Karen Condeni, Ms. Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, Dean Catherine Albrecht, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, Dr. Nathaniel Bird, Dr. Bob Carrothers, Dr. Keith Durkin, Mr. Michael Hamper, Dr. Kevin Hill, Dr. Brian Keas, Prof. Laurie Laird, Dr. Michael Milks, Prof. Sue Montenery, Prof. Traci Moritz, Mr. Clyde Pickett, Dr. Harold Putt, Dr. Lisa Robeson, Dr. Sandra Schroeder, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Bryan Ward, Dr. Rob Waters, Dr. Dexter Woods, Dr. Kay Zekany

Dr. Lisa Robeson, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2010-11 University Council and had new members introduce themselves.

I. Minutes of the May 4, 2010 and September 1, 2010 meetings were approved as distributed.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
   b. Academic Affairs: Julie Hurtig reported that the committee is meeting regularly to review policies and procedures related to the semester conversion. She also noted that the 2010-11 Faculty Handbook is located on-line. Hard copies will not be distributed this year.
   c. Student Activities: No report.
   d. Personnel: Kay Zekany reported that the committee is reviewing phased retirement policies of aspirational schools in preparation for discussion of an ONU policy.

III. Reports from Operational Committees:
   a. Athletics: No report.
   b. Information Technology: Julie Hurtig reported that the committee is verifying the characteristics of cloud computing. She also reported that Banner 8 is working well and that the IT department is dealing a great deal of network traffic (the ratio of registered devices for students is 2:1).
   c. Cultural & Special Events: No report.
   d. International Affairs: No report.
   e. Religious Affairs: No report.
   f. General Education: Julie Hurtig reported that the committee has met twice and will continue to meet regularly. They are developing the General Education Program extra-disciplinary theme and will present that council for approval before end of fall quarter. They are also accepting courses for tagging.


V. Other Reports:
a. Catherine Albrecht stated that the new astronomy observatory is open and a reception and open house will be held on October 8 at 8:00 p.m.

b. Student Senate: Michael Hamper reported that Senate Awareness Week was last week, the Senate is working with Advancement to help students understand the process that will be followed to raise funds for a new student center; final details are being put together on a recycling proposal and initial details are being put together on a laundry proposal. Additionally, the budget appropriations process will start this Friday (September 24) with a meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the Senate is sponsoring a Spirit Bus to take students to the football game at Mount Union on Saturday, October 2.

c. Health services Advisory Committee: Has not met yet.

VI. Announcements:
   a. Lisa Robeson requested each committee chair to submit an update on their committee for each agenda.

VII. Questions for the President:
   a. Dr. Baker reported that the 10-day headcount enrollment shows a loss of 27 students from the 1st to the 10th day and the administration is reevaluating the 2010-11 budget for areas where reductions can be made in order to achieve a balanced budget. Additional information will be presented to the faculty and staff as soon as it is available.

   b. Dr. Baker shared with council a letter he recently received from the IRS regarding the retirement investment policies for ONU employees in the years 2002-2006. ONU had voluntarily invited the IRS to review the retirement policies and actions taken during those years. The IRS has concluded its investigation and is not requiring any further action by ONU on this matter. Employees affected by this matter have been sent a copy of the IRS letter. Anyone who would like to discuss the details of this matter further should contact Dr. Baker.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None.
IX. New Business: None.
X. Adjournment: Lisa Robeson adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Council will next meet on October 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie K. Laird, Secretary