Ohio Northern University
University Council

Minutes, March 16, 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. Robert Carrothers, Dr. Toni Clarke, Prof. Randall Ewing, Mr. Michael Hamper, Dr. Errol Katayama, Dr. Brian Keas, Prof. Laurie Laird, Dr. John Lomax, Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Michael Milks, Prof. Traci Moritz, Dr. Sandra Schroeder, Dr. Kelly Shields, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Marjorie Walker, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany.

Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I. Minutes of February 16, 2010 were approved as distributed.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
   a. Budget and Appropriations: No report.
   b. Academic Affairs: No report.
   c. Student Activities: No report.
   d. Personnel: No report.

III. Reports from Operational Committees:
   a. Athletics: No report.
   b. Information Technology: IT is in the process of converting to Banner 8 (new version). A sample of semester courses has been preloaded to test the new system. Departments are encouraged to continue adding new courses and prerequisites into the new semester spreadsheet to facilitate more complete testing.
   c. Cultural & Special Events: No report.
   d. International Affairs: Will meet March 17, 2010 to determine the recipients of the Shuhai-bar Scholarship.
   e. Religious Affairs: Will meet March 18, 2010 to consider recognizing the new group Fusion which has been approved by Student Senate.
   f. General Education: No report.

IV. Planning Council: Meeting roughly every two weeks to develop metrics for strategic planning.

V. Other Reports:
   a. Bob Ruble reported on the potential financial impact of reducing summer school from three to two terms. The worst case will occur the summer of 2011, when the (two) summer terms will still be under the quarter system and thus billed at the quarter rate. If no scheduling adjustments are made – that is, if no courses currently offered in the third term are moved to one of the first two terms – the elimination of the third term could cost the university an estimated $380,000 in lost tuition. In 2012, the two summer terms will be billed at the semester
rate, and the impact would be reduced. Faculty can help alleviate this loss in 2011 by scheduling as much of the current summer content as possible into the first two terms.

b. Eric Baumgartner thanked the campus community for helping make this year’s Spotts Lecture a huge success. The fantastic lecture by Bob Peterson, held in the Sports Center to accommodate the crowd, was very well attended. Eric singled out the Alumni Office for their work in coordinating the event, as well as great efforts from the Communications and Marketing Department, Information Technology, and many others.

c. Catherine Albrecht announced two events for Wednesday, March 17: the ONU Symphony Orchestra will be performing in the Freed Center at 8pm, and Dr. David Bernlohr will deliver the Kritzler Lecture at 7pm in Meyer 107. The lecture is entitled “The Biology of Obesity from Health to Disease.” Catherine also cheered two members of the College of Arts and Sciences for their recent Fulbright-Hays grants. Dr. Jonathan Pitts received a faculty fellowship to travel to Turkey for the next academic year. Dr. Sandra Crosser and colleagues received $88,000 for a Fulbright Group Travel Abroad program on “South Africa: Perspectives on Democracy.” The project builds on three summers in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa. Fourteen faculty, students, and area teachers will travel to South Africa for four weeks this summer. Thanks to support from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the Summer Honors Institute will be held again this year. Dr. Dennis DeLuca received an $18,000 grant to help offset the costs of the institute.

d. Michael Hamper reported that Student Senate is conducting a census awareness campaign, including two articles in the Northern Review and posters to be displayed across campus. Senate is also partnering with Ada High School student government leaders, inviting them to ONU senate meetings and having ONU representatives visit their meetings so that the two groups might learn from one another. Next weekend will be the senate cabinet retreat. Michael also reminded the group that on March 18 the Office of Multicultural Development is presenting an evening with Mr. Jefferson Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a member of the original “Little Rock Nine” and will be recounting his story of how he and his classmates integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas during the 1957-1958 school year.

e. The Health Services Advisory Committee had no report.

VI. Announcements:
   a. None.

VII. Questions for the President:
   a. Dr. Baker reported that among a number of recent initiatives in alumni and advancement work, the first “Annual ONU Scholarship Winter Golf Outing” in Naples, Florida on March 14-15 was well received. Every dollar generated from this event’s green fees supports the general scholarship fund, thanks to the support of Clyde and Pearl Quinby. Advancement was hoping to raise close to $50,000 from this most recent event.

VIII. Unfinished Business:
   a. None.

IX. New Business:
   a. None.
X. **Adjournment**: Dr. Zank adjourned the meeting at 5:42PM. Council will next meet on March 30 at 5:30PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

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David R. Mikesell, Secretary