Minutes of the September 14, 2010 Meeting

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

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Ray Person.

III. Minutes from May 11, 2010 and September 1, 2010 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None

V. University Council: An organizational meeting was held on Sept. 1, 2010. Dr. Mike Milks was elected as vice chair and Prof. Laurie Laird was elected as secretary. Dr. Lisa Robeson noted that the faculty governance system is under-utilized. She encouraged all faculty members to speak with their representatives and to utilize available committees. A listing of Council members can be found in Appendix 2 of the 2010-11 Faculty Handbook (see the Academic Affairs website). She also noted that faculty members are welcome to attend Council meetings. The University Council agenda and minutes will be available on the Academic Affairs website.

VI. Report on Opening of School: President Baker reported the following (see accompanying Powerpoint file for additional details):
   a. The first day enrollment number for Fall 2010 was 3320. This is the number of students on campus counted for budgeting purposes. The first day enrollment was 55 students lower than the enrollment number used to develop the budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year.
   b. The number of new students has declined since 2008, but the majority of the decline occurred from 2008 – 2009 when the whole country was in a recession. There was only a small drop in new students from 2009 – 2010. The decline in new student enrollment appears to be slowing down.
   c. Despite a decline in enrollment, the quality of students is increasing. The quality of the freshman class, as measured by ACT scores, is the highest ever, with an average composite ACT score of 26.5. Diversity numbers also keep increasing. The number of international students has increased substantially since 2005.
   d. The enrollment reported above (3320) consists of 740 new students, 2574 continuing students and 6 LLM students. Total headcount enrollment on the first day of class (including high school, PSOP and PMCP) was 3608, which is about 3% of the same number from 2008 – 2009. Total headcount enrollment has remained relatively stable due to an increase in the number of high school students.
e. Operating budgets are based upon the enrollment number of 3320. This number is down from 3430 in 2009 – 2010 and 3594 in 2008 – 2009. This equates to a 7.6% decline in our operating budget since 2008 - 2009.

f. However, the university saved a lot of money last year. There is a $3.7 million carryover from 2009 – 2010 that will assist us during 2010 – 2011. Currently, the operating budget is balanced with a positive margin of $71,890. This budget is based upon the enrollment number of 3320.

g. The 2010 – 2011 budget includes a 2% salary increase with controllable expenditures held flat. Electricity costs are up substantially. In the future, wind turbines should help to curb some electricity costs. No TIAA CREF reductions are expected at this time. Equipment expenditures in the operating budget has been reduced by 50%.

h. Dr. Baker noted that enrollment needs to increase, but to also not lose sight of the positive things that have happened this year. Dr. Baker urged all faculty members to be recruiters for Ohio Northern University.

VII. Questions for the President:

a. Dr. Nancy Woodley inquired about receiving paper calendars. Dr. Baker indicated that paper calendars were not printed this year due to budget concerns.

b. Dr. John Christoff asked whether an update to the campus phone books would be available. Dr. Baker noted that 2010-11 telephone books will be available for departments to purchase later this fall. Dr. Julie Hurtig added that the current phone book is also available as a pdf file on the Human Resources website. A Faculty-L will be sent describing how to access the phone books.

c. Dr. John Lomax inquired about the state of the Inn. Dr. Baker indicated that occupancy and food and beverage have increased over the past 12 months. Food and beverage exceeds expectations, but occupancy still needs to increase. Dr. Baker also noted that the subsidy for the Inn is substantial if you include the mortgage. Operating support for the Inn is about $1 million and the mortgage/debt service contributes another $1 million.

d. In response to a question from Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Baker noted that high school consortium students pay $55/credit hour. All students enrolled in the program are taught by ONU certified teachers.

e. Dean Fenton offered constructive criticism regarding the approach to the ONU operating budget. He noted that these economic times are unprecedented. The operating budget has a significant need for constructive improvement. Debt management is difficult without full knowledge of the budget and available balances on all lines. Dean Fenton also urged for a prospective approach to the budget rather than a retrospective approach. He anticipated the new budget director, Ms. Suzette Fronk, will help with a prospective approach in the future.
f. In response to Dr. Nils Reiss, the President indicated that the unknown balances in the budget are a mechanical problem and that the budget needs to be finalized.

g. Dr. Lisa Robeson commented that without basic budget information, it is very difficult to plan ahead and move forward.

h. Dr. Nancy Woodley commented that Northern on Main has had a regular negative operating budget (-$50,000) in past years and was inquiring about the current operating budget. Dr. Baker indicated that he was not sure but would find out.

VIII. **Other Reports:** None.

IX. **Recognition of Endowed Chairs for 2010 – 2011:** Dr. Baker presented recipients of endowed chairs with a certificate in recognition of their award. The endowed chair holders for 2010 – 2011 are:

   a. Dr. David Mikesell, Mechanical Engineering Dept.
   b. Dr. Michele Govekar, College of Business Administration
   c. Dr. Errol Katayama, Philosophy and Religion Dept.
   d. Dr. John Christoff, College of Law
   e. Dr. Tevye Celius, Chemistry Dept.
   f. Dr. Brit Rowe, Art Dept.
   g. Dr. Sandy Schroeder, Mathematics Dept.
   h. Dr. Rob Alexander, History, Politics & Justice
   i. Dr. Ken Reid, Electrical & Computer Engineering and Computer Science Dept.
   j. Dr. John Lomax, History, Politics & Justice
   k. Dr. Ron Kieffer, Education Dept.

X. **New Business:** None

XI. **Announcements:**

   a. On Thursday, September 23 in the Dicke Forum from 7:00-8:15 p.m., the Phi Beta Delta International Forum will sponsor a presentation by Dr. David R. Smith titled "Water War in Central Asia? Implications for Regional and US Foreign Policy."

   b. Mr. George Gulbis provided a point of interesting trivia. The challenge for information technology right now is accommodating the number of electronic devices on the network. Currently, there are 3084 devices on the residence hall networks for 1976 students.

   c. Mr. Tom Simmons announced that in May 2011, Joe Campoli and the 1993 men’s basketball team will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.
XII. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Submitted by,

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Dr. Leslie A. Riley
Secretary

Attachment 1

Invocation:

“Be Thou My Vision”