To: Members of University Council

From: Lisa Robeson, Chair

Re: Agenda for Meeting of May 3, 2011

The regular meeting of University Council will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Dicke Hall Forum.

AGENDA

I. Minutes of April 19, 2011 meeting.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees

- Budget & Appropriations: Ruble, Beaschler
- Academic Affairs: Lomax, Lomax
- Student Activities: Roecker, Roecker
- Personnel: Zekany, Zekany

III. Reports from Operational Committees

- Athletics: Crago, Simmons
- Information Technology: Hurtig, Gulbis
- Cultural & Special Events: Milks, Bell
- International Affairs: Pickett, Crago
- Religious Affairs: LaSala, LaSala
- General Education: Hurtig, Hurtig

V. Report from Planning Council – Dr. Baker

VI. Other Reports

- Vice-Presidents
- Deans
- Student Senate: McMunn, McMunn
- Health Services Advisory Committee: Ruble, Ruble
- Student Center Task Force: Milks

VII. Announcements

VIII. Questions for the President

IX. Unfinished Business

- Academic Affairs Committee – changes to the General Education Program. This motion is withdrawn from council business by the committee.
- Academic Affairs Committee – changes to the Faculty Handbook section 3.40 (see Attachment A).

X. New Business

- None.

XI. Adjournment
CONSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

Budget and Appropriations – Prof. Ron Beaschler
The committee is closely watching the enrollment figures for the incoming class. They expect to receive updated budget information this week from Suzette Fronk that details the latest projection in each line item for the 2011-12 year. These numbers will take into account any requests from departments for additional funding. The committee expects to continue to meet during the summer months as they receive updated enrollment figures and the transition in administration occurs.

Academic Affairs – Dr. John Lomax
The committee decided to withdraw its recommendation to eliminate the common theme for the Extradisciplinary Seminar. They will talk about how to attack that problem at their next regular meeting on May 16.

Student Activities – Dr. Andrew Roecker
No report submitted.

Personnel – Dr. Kay Zekany
No report submitted.

Committee on Athletics – Prof. Thomas Simmons
No report submitted.

Information Technology – Mr. George Gulbis
The committee has nothing new to report.

Cultural and Special Events – Dr. Laurie Bell
No report submitted.

International Affairs – Dr. David Crago
No report submitted.

Religious Affairs – Rev. Vern LaSala
The committee has nothing new to report. However, in other chapel related business, three finalists for the positron of chaplain will be on campus May 2nd, 10th, and 12th. A complete schedule for each is available in the chapel office or by e-mail at: chapel@onu.edu.

General Education – Dr. Juliet Hurtig
No report submitted.
Motion from Academic Affairs Committee: Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). A change in this policy is required to maintain compliance with federal and state financial aid policies.

Rationale: Mrs. Melanie Weaver, director of Financial Aid, reviewed ONU’s current policy on satisfactory academic progress and found it to be out of date with regards to the federal financial aid requirements. Instead of using a fixed number of hours (currently, 36 hours over a three-quarter period), universities must utilize a ratio of the number of earned hours to the number of attempted hours. Thus, withdrawing from a course may have an impact on a student’s financial aid.

A similar policy is being developed for graduate students, specifically those in the fifth and sixth years of pharmacy and those in the law college and will be brought before council at a later date.

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faculty Handbook
3.40 Standards for Satisfactory Progress for Undergraduate Full-Time Students (9/1/88)(8/1/11)

1. The following policy shall be used to determine a student's satisfactory progress relating to eligibility for participation in a competitive activity of individuals, teams, or other groups officially designated as representing the University or any of its colleges. Students must meet standards for satisfactory progress to be eligible for participation in such activities. This policy affects a student’s eligibility to receive federal and state financial aid. It does not affect a student’s eligibility to receive institutional or private financial aid.

2. A full-time student is making satisfactory progress in a degree program when the student’s credit hours earned are at least 67% of the credit hours attempted. The student must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the student’s fourth semester and have maintained that 2.0 cumulative GPA for the duration of the student’s degree program. A student may receive financial aid for a maximum of 1.5 times the total credit hours required for the student’s degree program. Any credit hours that a student attempts but does not earn shall count toward the maximum credit hours allowed.

   A. Exception to the above requirement may be granted upon written petition by the student to the Office of Financial Aid. Circumstances must exist that have prevented a student from successfully earning the number of hours required and/or achieving the appropriate GPA required. A plan for coursework through the time of graduation may be required to demonstrate the student is taking appropriate steps to achieve graduation in the maximum timeframe allowed.

   B. Credit hours completed during summer session at the University will be counted in the accumulative total and SAP progress will be reviewed after each of these periods.

   C. Satisfactory progress is determined after each semester the student is enrolled in accordance with the standard established in 3.40.2, above.

3. Completion of credit hours

   A. Credit hours are earned for purposes of determining satisfactory progress if they are graded "A" through "D" or "S" (Satisfactory).

   B. Credit hours are attempted but not earned for purposes of determining satisfactory progress if they are graded "F", "NR", "IP", "I", "U" and "W".

   C. Transfer credit hours shall count toward a student’s total attempted and earned credit hours.

4. A college may use satisfactory academic progress as a criterion for determining academic standing.

5. A student who fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress shall receive a warning to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by the end of the subsequent semester in which the student enrolls. If a student fails to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress within a semester, the student will be denied federal and state financial aid and will be ineligible to compete in student intercollegiate athletics. The student may file an appeal with the Office of Financial Aid to receive probationary status for a single semester, during which the student may receive federal and state financial aid and will be eligible to compete in student intercollegiate athletics. If the student fails to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress within one semester, the student may file an appeal with the Office of Financial Aid for additional probationary semesters. The appeal must include a plan of coursework from the student’s department or college that demonstrates the student is taking appropriate steps to achieve satisfactory academic progress. The Office of Financial Aid may choose to grant or deny probationary status at its own discretion.