Minutes, October 29, 2013

Roll: (Absentees Underlined) President Daniel DiBiasio, VP David Crago, VP William Ballard, VP Ken Block, VP Larry Lesick, VP Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, Dean Catherine Albrecht, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Interim Dean Thomas Kier, Dean James Fenton, Dean Richard Bales, Chaplain David MacDonald, Dr. Alisa Agozzino, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Mr. Eric Ambos, Dr. Joanne Brant, Dr. Denise D’Arca, Prof. Jennifer Donley, Dr. Kami Fox, Dr. Paul Govekar, Dr. Firas Hassan, Dr. David Kisor, Prof. Kelly Kobiela, Dr. Lou Lobenhofer, Dr. David Mikeshell, Dr. Sue Montenero, Dr. Michelle Musser, Dr. Brian Myers, Dr. Kristie Payment, Dr. Ronald Peterson, Dr. Susan Schertzer, Dr. Sandy Schroeder, Dr. Jenny Walton

Jeff Allison, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Dickie Hall 230.

I. Minutes of September 17, 2013 meeting approved as distributed.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees
   a. Budget & Appropriations: Meetings have focused on the economics of the ONU Promise. The final operating budget was approved by the Board in October. The committee met this week to focus on budget requests for AY 2014-15.
   b. Academic Affairs: No report.
   c. Student Activities: Report submitted by Jenny Walton:
      The University Student Activities Committee met on October 29th and approved the following items:
      - The Northern Ski and Board Club
      - The ONU Law Students for Reproductive Justice
      - Northern Gaming
   d. Personnel: No additional report. A question was asked about the eight sabbatical applications that are under review and how many of the eight could be approved. The committee will aim to approve all eight, but they will have to consider the spread of applications across the colleges and what the deans would need to hire to cover course loads.

III. Reports from Operational Committees
   a. Athletics: There is a lot going on this time of year due to the overlap between winter and fall sports.
   b. Information Technology: Moodle rooms users: there is a faculty role and a student role. If a faculty member wants to temporarily share a Moodle room with another instructor, there is now a role called “guest faculty.” The guest faculty role can perform almost all functions except access the gradebooks, outcomes, and roster. If they need to access the gradebook, they should be entered in Banner as an instructor for the course; there can be multiple instructors listed. There is also a way for an administrative assistant to have faculty access, but Julie Hurtig needs to be made aware of this need so that FERPA training can be completed.
   c. Cultural & Special Events: Committee is scheduled to meet again on Nov. 15. Several of the subcommittees have been active.
   d. International Affairs: No report.
   e. Religious Affairs: Get Connected ONU has been going well. There are 196 active accounts, 82 referrals (those who have volunteered), and 2500 page views since it launched. On Nov. 11th at 11am there will be a Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony.
   f. General Education: Freshman, sophomores, and juniors have been advised that they are in Taskstream and how that will progress for them as they work towards graduation. In the P-drive’s General Education Tagging folder there is a subfolder called Advising Info with instructions and guide sheets. There are 1086 students currently in Taskstream.
IV. Other Reports

a. Vice-Presidents

i. Academic Affairs: The Pharmacy Dean search committee profile is being professed. There will hopefully be an ad in the Chronicle within two weeks.

ii. Financial Affairs: The final operating budget for the year was approved by the Board. It reflected the lower student tuition and revenue. $600,000 of planned contingencies had to be used. An RFP was sent out to 8-10 major banks for ONU’s 2008 bonds and refinancing is expected to be finished by the end of this calendar year. This will address the concerns that Moody had for those bonds. Financial affairs is continuing to work on the USDA refinancing for the fixed rate debt form the early 2000s, as well as to finance a new engineering building and possibly some athletic facilities.

iii. University Advancement: The ONU Promise is 20 days into a 90 day action plan for promotion. The website traffic, at 13,000 page views, is huge. They are planning interviews, radio spots, and mobile device advertising. Also reaching out to high school teachers and counselors. Everyone should have received a flyer about the ONU Promise. There are a couple weeks left for the campus campaign, and we are currently at 74% overall campus participation. The Alumni Relations Team is currently on the west coast for events.

iv. Admissions and Financial Aid: Over 100 students have signed up for the Open House this Saturday, which is up significantly from last year. Report submitted by Larry Lesick:

Report from Enrollment Management, 10/29/13:

1. Since the announcement of the Ohio Northern Promise on 10/10, we have received 481 applications for admission, a 19% increase over the same time last year. We are still trailing overall in applications, by about 6.5%.

2. There is an open house on Saturday. For the last two Experience ONU days, the number of attendees was up over the last year.

3. We are in the final stages of the search for a director of international admissions. Reference checks are being made now.

4. Faculty and staff are encouraged to tell students who have questions about the impact of the Ohio Northern Promise on their financial aid to contact Mel Weaver or her staff in the financial aid office.

v. Student Affairs: Two career fairs are coming up this week. There are 165 organizations registered for Thursday, which is the largest number the school has had. The Pharmacy fair is on Friday. Tonight is the last night for the Pharmacy Health Clinic. Polar Pal training is going on tonight. Students who applied and were selected will be mentors for incoming international students. This is a new program to pair existing international and domestic students with new international students to help them with their transition. Over Homecoming weekend the new Dean’s Heritage Conference Room in McIntosh Center was introduced.

b. Deans

i. Arts and Sciences: There are several events going on right now to bring High School students to campus. Report submitted by Catherine Albrect:

A&S announcements:

- Math Shoot-out, 18 teams
- All-Ohio Choir Day, Friday, November 1 – 7:30 p.m. (175 students and teachers)
- High School Model UN, Saturday, November 2 (180 students)
- Social Studies Day, Friday, November 15 (focus on Gettysburg)
- Band-o-rama, Sunday, November 3 – 4 p.m.
- Men’s and Women’s chorus, November 10 – 7 p.m.
- ONU Symphony Orchestra, November 11 – 8 p.m. (Presser Hall)

ii. Engineering: No report.

iii. Pharmacy: No report.

v. Law: ONU graduates placed 2nd out of all nine Ohio law schools for the July 2013 examination passing rate. ONU’s overall pass rate was 90%. OSU was the only higher school, at 93%. The reaccreditation process is going well. There are 8-10 months left until the process is complete.

c. Student Senate: Student senate is continuing to hear Budget Appropriations appeals. The Senate is working with the Interim Director of Heterick Library to create a Library Student Advisory Board to provide feedback to the library staff regarding existing and future services.

d. Health Services Advisory Committee: Have held two successful health screenings. There was a retiree meeting on Saturday that also went well. Julie Hurtig requested that the 2014 health insurance rates get posted on the website, as the 2013 rates are still up.

V. Chair/Faculty Comments: Jeff Allison: Attended the recent Board meeting. Lou Lobenhofer: Sat in on the financial meeting with the Board and was impressed with the conversation concerning the ONU Promise.

VI. President Comments/Questions: No report.

VII. Unfinished Business: None.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Announcements: Jenny Donley: There will be a Halloween party at Heterick Library this Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

X. Adjournment at: 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donley, Secretary