Minutes, November 19, 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 Lohenhofer, Dr. David Mikesell, Dr. Sue Montenera, 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 5:31 p.m. in Dicke Hall 230.

I. Minutes of October 29, 2013 meeting approved as distributed.

II. Reports from Constitutional Committees
   b. Academic Affairs: New Business (Attachment B)
   c. Student Activities: No further report.
   d. Personnel: New Business (Attachment A)

III. Reports from Operational Committees
   a. Athletics: Fall sports have wrapped up except for one cross country individual who will be competing this weekend. Winter sports are in full swing.
   b. Information Technology: No report.
   c. Cultural & Special Events: CASE sponsorship of guest speakers and other events on campus helps support the university’s commitment to high impact learning.
   d. International Affairs: No report.
   e. Religious Affairs: Committee has not met.
   f. General Education: The Gen Ed assessments are ongoing and will conclude tomorrow. Many thanks to the sixteen individuals who made this process possible.

V. Other Reports
   a. Vice-Presidents
      i. Academic Affairs: Nursing has received a full ten-year accreditation. The Health Sciences Initiatives Committee has finished their final report.
      iii. University Advancement: Feasibility study is ongoing for the College of Engineering.
      iv. Admissions and Financial Aid: Since the announcement of the Northern Promise, there has been a 9-10% increase in applications. There have been more than 200 additional requests for early estimates. The Interactive Campus Tour has gone live. Many different groups bring prospective students to campus; when doing so, it helps to let admissions know who they are: name, address, year in school, and the school’s name. This will get them in the system and enable ONU to start sending them information.
      v. Student Affairs: Report submitted by Adrian Thompson-Bradshaw:
         Polar Careers recently hosted two very successful career fairs. The Fall Career and Graduate School Fair was held on October 31, and the Pharmacy Career Fair on November 1. They brought 383 recruiters to campus to provide opportunities for our students. Of these recruiters nearly 100 were ONU alumni!

         Here is the breakdown:
Fall Career and Graduate/Professional School Fair:
158 organizations (21% increase over last year's event. Largest ONU career fair on record.)
101 hiring organizations
57 graduate/professional schools
273 recruiters
(48 of these recruiters are ONU alumni!)
277 ONU students/alumni attended as candidates
121 same day interviews conducted by 22 organizations*
92 candidates interviewed

Pharmacy Career Fair:
45 organizations (13% increase over last year's event.)
110 recruiters
(51 of these recruiters are ONU alumni!)
220 ONU students attended
166 same day interviews were conducted by 8 organizations*
66 candidates interviewed

b. Deans
i. Arts and Sciences: Report submitted by Catherine Albrecht:
- The nursing program received full re-accreditation for ten years through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- On Wednesday, November 20, Scott Johnson will be talking about “The Faces of Lee Harvey Oswald,” at 7 pm in the McIntosh Ballroom.
- Holiday Spectacular begins Thursday, November 21.

ii. Engineering: Fundraising campaign for the new facility is gearing up. There have been many meetings with architects to get through the schematic design phase. The site will be east of the Pharmacy building and north of Heterick Library. Several of these planning items needed to be completed prior to applying for the USDA loan.

iii. Pharmacy: The Dean’s position has been posted and they are accepting applications. They are finalizing their capitalized equipment request.

iv. Business Administration: Report submitted by James Fenton:
The United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) awards the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education Award to one college or university annually. This year five institutions are finalists for the award:
- University of Texas-Austin
- University of Maryland-College Park
- University of Florida
- St. Mary’s University-San Antonio
- Ohio Northern University
The award winner will be announced in January.

v. Law: Admissions numbers for law schools continue to decline nationally, but the decline this year was less dramatic. They are hoping that the Northern Promise will help.

c. Student Senate: Report submitted by Eric Ambos:
Student Senate is working with the Athletic Department to create two spirit events during the basketball season (one during a men's game and one during a women's game). Senate looks to raffle off a prize at each event while also incorporating a "black-out" or "orange-out" to have a great number of students attend the games while also making a visible statement of pride for Ohio Northern. Dates are currently being finalized in conjunction with the Athletic Department's calendar.

d. Health Services Advisory Committee: No report.
VI. Chair/Faculty Comments: Jeff Allison requested that University Committees should have a report in writing made available for University Council meetings at least stating what issues are on the table and in discussion. It has been noted by some faculty members that “no report” is not very informative.

VII. President Comments/Questions: A special Board meeting on December 7th will finalize the decision of whether or not to move forward with the USDA loan application. This is for the rural development program that includes universities. Commercial lenders do not have these kinds of products with very low interest rates for long term loans. The regular Executive Committee of the Board will follow that meeting. This year the USDA removed the option for refinancing from their program, so we will have to look at private refinancing options. The hope is that the combined loan payments, with the new loan plus the refinanced loan payments, would be less than what we are paying now. The branding work group has looked at three different proposals from branding organizations, and they are close to making a decision. It will be announced once the contract has been signed. Working on spreading the word about the Northern Promise within and outside of Ohio. The five presidents from Methodist institutions in Ohio, plus two bishops from the east and west conferences, will continue to meet once or twice per year to come up with program opportunities.

VIII. Unfinished Business: none.

IX. New Business:

a. Appendix 14 (Attachment A): Two friendly amendments: the first would strike part 2 in the first paragraph under Selection, Part 1. The removed phrase was “2) including a woman and a minority person in any cases where such persons are in the department faculty” and it was removed because it was dated and no longer needed. The second friendly amendment corrected a typo in part 4b under selection: “6(a)” should have been “4(a).” The discussion that followed dealt with the use of the word “extraordinary” and what exactly that meant. It was explained that the word was designed to have flexibility. The evaluations for an effective department chair will be different for each college, but the criteria that are used to select the dean should later be used to evaluate them in order to be consistent.

b. Credit Hour Definition (Attachment B): Credit hours are nationally associated with three hours of effort per credit hour. The committee started with 25 types and canceled the ones that were not being used. Discussion followed about the 3+0 formula, where all work would be done in the laboratory, under supervision, and none outside of it. Minimums will be added to each item as a friendly amendment. The importance of using the correct terms in syllabi and descriptions was also discussed. This will help make the HLC audit more accurate.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donley, Secretary