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Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Meeting

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

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Sunny Zank.

III. Minutes from March 9, 2010 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Questions for the President
   a. Dr. Baker reported that the number of applications received continues to be higher than at the same time last year. The quality of applicants has also increased, with an average ACT score of 27.7 for accepted students. The number of deposits is down due to the fact that many applicants are waiting until the May 1 deadline this year.
   b. Several construction projects are currently underway. An entry plaza is being added to the Pharmacy building, with funding from the Meyer Foundation. An observatory is being built at the northwest corner of campus, near the baseball field, as part of the Mathile grant. Construction has also begun on three wind turbines located to the west of Country Road 35. All three turbines are expected to be operational by the end of May. In addition, a limited amount of funding for campus maintenance issues such as sidewalk repair is being included in next year’s budget.
   c. Next year’s budget will include a total of $60k in travel funds to be distributed by the college Deans. Also, $65k has been allocated for summer research and faculty development grants. In addition, approximately $200k will be available for operating costs. Five faculty and staff positions have been approved. Some funding will also be available for infrastructure improvements and a modest salary increase. The budget depends heavily on enrollment and on prudent management of current resources – at present, a multi-million dollar margin is expected to be carried over at the end of this fiscal year.
   d. In response to a question from the faculty, Dr. Baker noted that the wind turbines are expected to generate approximately 5-10% of the total campus electricity usage. The development company, NextGen, is providing the capital investment, while ONU has agreed to purchase the electricity at a fixed rate.

VI. University Council:
   a. A slate of faculty at-large position nominations was provided as an attachment to the agenda. Elections will be held during the May faculty meeting.

VII. Reports of Constitutional Committees
   b. Academic Affairs – No report.
   c. Student Activities – No report.
   d. Personnel – No report.

VIII. Reports of Operational Committees
   a. Committee on Athletics – ONU currently has a significant lead in both the Men’s and Women’s all-sport rankings. The softball team currently has a 23-1 record and is ranked 5th in the country.
   b. Cultural and Special Events – No report.
   c. International Affairs – No report.
   d. Religious Affairs – No report.
   e. Information Technology – No report.

IX. Other Reports: None.

X. New Business: None.
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XI. Announcements:
   a. Environmental activist Julia Hill will speak in the ONU English Chapel on Tuesday, April 20 at
      7:00 pm.
   b. Mike Ferner, president of Veterans for Peace, will be speaking on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm
      in the Dicke Forum.
   c. On Wednesday, April 14 the film “Pride Against Prejudice: The Larry Doby Story” will be
      shown in the Dicke Forum. Following the film, Bill Robinson will discuss his experience as
      Travelling Secretary of the Cleveland Indians during Doby’s first year.
   d. On Thursday, April 15 at 7:00PM, a panel discussion will be held in the English Chapel to
      discuss professional baseball and integration.
   e. The musical “42nd Street” will be presented in the Freed Center from Wednesday, April 28 to
      Sunday, May 2.
   f. A team of ONU students placed 2nd out of 50 competitors in a recent Society for the
      Advancement of Management competition.
   g. The Society of Automotive Engineering Mini-Baja team placed 31st out of approximately 100
      teams at a recent international competition in South Carolina. The American Society of Civil
      Engineering Concrete Canoe team placed 2nd at the regional competition.
   h. Relay for Life will be held on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May1.
   i. A presentation on autism will be given at 5:00 on Tuesday, April 13 in Myer 107.
   j. Dr. Baker announced that he will be retiring effective July 1, 2011 at the end of his twelfth year
      as the President of Ohio Northern University.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Submitted by,

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Secretary