Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Meeting

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

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Errol Katayama.

III. Minutes from January 8, 2008 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Approval of Winter Term Graduates: The list of graduates presented by Mr. Carpenter was approved as distributed.

VI. Questions for the President: Dr. Baker discussed the Board of Trustees meeting, which occurred in Cleveland last weekend. At this meeting the Board approved recommendations for promotion, tenure, and sabbatical leave. The Board also voted to approve the move to semesters in 2011. Dr. Baker will coordinate with the University Council leadership to establish a steering committee that will oversee the transition. Dr. Baker noted that a reference to academic calendar/semesters had been found in Board minutes from 1954.

VII. University Council: Dr. Zank reported that the Council approved a change to the Faculty Handbook regarding salary increments for promotion, as described in the attachment to today’s agenda. She also noted that Pr. Keiser emailed the faculty this afternoon with a summary of his comments on the recent Board meeting.

VIII. Reports of Constitutional Committees
a. Budget and Appropriations: The committee will be meeting twice in the next two weeks to discuss the budget for next year.
   b. Academic Affairs: The committee is currently discussing ways to address student concerns about the transition to semesters. One suggestion is to establish a FAQ page on the university website.
   c. Student Activities: No report.
   d. Personnel: No report.

IX. Reports of Operational Committees
a. Committee on Athletics: No report.
   b. Cultural and Special Events: The committee will meet on Friday, February 15.
   c. International Affairs: New bi-lateral exchange agreements have been completed with Da-Yeh University and Ming Chuan University, both in Taiwan. Also, ONU’s existing affiliation agreement with AustraLearn has been extended to include EuroLearn and AsiaLearn. The new umbrella entity is known as “GlobalLinks.”
   d. Religious Affairs: The committee has been interviewing students for chapel staff. Letters have been sent and the appointments will be announced before the end of finals week.
   e. Information Technology: At the recent Board meeting, the IT staff gave a presentation to the audit committee that was well-received.

X. Other Reports: None.

XI. New Business: None.
XII. **Announcements:**

a. District Science Day will be held on campus Saturday, March 15. Faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer as judges, as are students who are at least 21 years of age or who have attained at least Junior status. Those willing to volunteer should contact either Dr. Woodley or Mrs. Brown in the Biological Sciences office.

b. The NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held on campus March 14 and 15.

c. The inaugural Keiser Lecturer in Life Sciences is Dr. Carl Winter, Director of the FoodSafe Program at the University of California-Davis. Dr. Winter is a nationally recognized expert on pesticide residues and naturally-occurring toxins in food. He will be on campus March 11-13, and will interact with various groups in addition to Biology, including faculty and students in Business, Philosophy and Religion, Law, and Music. Major events include:
   i. A public lecture on March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Freed Center, titled “How Do Organic Foods Stack Up? A Food Safety and Nutritional Comparison of Organic and Conventional Foods.”
   ii. A lecture to Sigma Xi on March 12 at 7:00 pm in HPPEC 151 (in the Hakes-Pierstorf Family Pharmacy Education Center), titled “Assessing, Managing, and Communicating Food Safety Risks.”
   iii. A musical performance on March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Freed Center, titled “Still Stayin’ Alive: A Musical Look at Contemporary Food Safety Issues.”
   iv. Two breakfasts that will be open to a limited number of faculty. Additional information will be provided via email.

d. Pr. Veltri noted that most members of the Law Faculty abstained from the vote on semesters. Dr. Baker added that if those abstentions were not included in the total vote count, the participation rate would be well over 90%.

e. Dr. Baker thanked Pr. Lobenhofer for filling in today as Faculty Parliamentarian.

f. Dr. Baker reported that 22 complete applications had been submitted for the position of Vice-President for Financial Affairs. Four candidates will be visiting campus in early March. There will be a number of opportunities for faculty to meet with these candidates during their visits.

g. Dr. Baker noted that, after attending the recent Board meeting and retreat he was once again impressed with the extent to which the current Board of Trustees is engaged with the University. Approximately six to ten Board members will be visiting campus this Spring, including the President and Vice-President of the Board, who are scheduling their visits in order to attend University Council meetings.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Submitted by,

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