Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Meeting

I. President Baker called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

II. Invocation was offered by Professor Paul Nutter.

III. Minutes from December 11, 2007 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Questions for the President: Dr. Baker noted that a number of alumni activities will be occurring across the country during the next 2 1/2 months. The comprehensive campaign will be one of the principal topics of discussion.

VI. University Council: No Report.

VII. Reports of Constitutional Committees
   b. Academic Affairs:
      i. The committee is sponsoring a second student forum on calendar issues, to be held at 7:00 on Tuesday, January 15 in the Affinity Commons.
      ii. The minutes of the most recent meeting of the committee were discussed. At this meeting, the committee approved the following motions to be sent to President Baker:
         • Persons voting will be in accordance with the definition of the faculty in Section 1 of the Faculty Constitution as in the Faculty Handbook, page 119.
         • Voting will be electronic with faculty on their own computers, and will occur between 8:00AM Tuesday, January 29, 2008 until 4:00PM Thursday, January 31, 2008.
         • Voting assistance, if needed, will be provided through the Academic Affairs Office.
         • The wording for the vote will be “As a faculty member of Ohio Northern University, I recommend to the President that the undergraduate colleges convert to a semester calendar effective Fall 2011-2012” and “The voting options shall be Yes or No or Abstain.
      iii. Further discussion of calendar issues followed. In response to a question from the faculty, Dr. Baker indicated that he is not aware of any plans for a vote on this issue by Student Senate. VP Hildebrand noted that an additional student forum was scheduled to address student concerns. Dr. Baker added that the faculty is responsible for determining the best method of providing the educational experience. Students are encouraged to discuss their concerns with faculty members. Dr. Baker noted that the final decision on calendar issues rests with the Board of Trustees, based on faculty input.
   c. Student Activities – No report.
   d. Personnel – No report.

VIII. Reports of Operational Committees
   a. Committee on Athletics – No report.
   b. Cultural and Special Events – No report.
   c. International Affairs – No report.
   d. Religious Affairs – No report.
   e. Information Technology – Mr. Gulbis reported that on December 26th, a day when very few people were on campus, the University servers received in excess of three million e-mail messages. Of these, fewer than twenty thousand were determined to be valid and were delivered to faculty and student mailboxes (the remainder were identified as spam).

IX. Other Reports: None.

X. New Business: None.
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XI. **Announcements:**
   a. The Working Group on Religion, Ethics, and Nature will host a talk by Dr. Mark Wallace, associate professor of religion at Swarthmore College. The talk, entitled “The New Green Religion: Why Faith is Vital to Saving the Planet,” will be held at 7:00 pm on January 23 in the McIntosh Ballroom.
   b. Dr. Baker introduced Dr. Bryan Ward, who will be serving as Faculty Parliamentarian during the sabbatical leave of Dr. Iseman.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Submitted by,

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Secretary