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Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Meeting

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

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Suzanne Morrison (see Attachment 1).

III. Minutes from April 14, 2009 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Approval of Spring and Summer Term Graduates: The list of graduates previously distributed to the faculty was approved as amended.

VI. Questions for the President:
   a) Dr. Baker provided an update on admissions data for 2009/10. Applications remain at 3-4% behind last year, with deposits continuing to be 14-16% behind. As of May 1, enrollment was approximately two-thirds of the needed level; at the same time last year three-fourths of the required enrollment had been reached. Dr. Baker noted that the quality of students who have submitted deposits is higher than ever before.

VII. University Council
   a) Dr. Zank reported that Council unanimously approved several amendments to the Faculty Handbook (attached to the agenda). In addition, Council unanimously approved the General Education Proposal submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee (also attached to the agenda). Pr. Keiser noted that this was the first major change in perhaps 30 years that was not done with direct faculty approval. While he approves the proposal, he felt that it should have been forwarded to the full faculty for a vote. Dr. Lomax responded that the proposal was approved according to the process specified in the Faculty Handbook, and that it had been scrutinized by more people than any other proposal he could recall. He also noted that a motion for reconsideration could be made during the current meeting, thereby giving the faculty an opportunity to overturn the Council’s decision. Pr. Keiser moved that the general faculty approve the General Education program as specified by University Council. This motion was seconded, but subsequently withdrawn after the Parliamentarian indicated that the only acceptable action at this point would be a motion to reconsider the decision of University Council. Pr. Schuck then moved for reconsideration. After this motion was seconded, discussion followed. Dr. Baker noted that it would be possible to call a special faculty meeting before the end of the academic year if necessary. After the discussion, the motion to reconsider was defeated unanimously by hand vote.
   b) Elections to Faculty Committees and Council: See Attachment 2.

VIII. Report of Constitutional Committees
   a) Budget and Appropriations – The committee will meet next Tuesday to approve the preliminary budget before it goes to the Board of Trustees.
   b) Academic Affairs – No report.
   c) Student Activities – No report.
   d) Personnel – No report.

IX. Reports of Operational Committees:
   a) Committee on Athletics – Dr. Baker announced that Ohio Northern University has won the OAC men’s and women’s All-Sports Trophies for the third consecutive years. Pr. Schuck also announced that the men’s rugby team won the Division III Midwest Championship, beating Michigan-Dearborn by a score of 17-7.
   b) Cultural and Special Events – No report.
   c) International Affairs – No report.
   d) Religious Affairs – No report.
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c) Information Technology – Dr. Lippert reminded faculty that support for WebCT 4 will be ending.

X. Other Reports: None.

XI. New Business: None.

XII. Announcements:
   a) Phi Beta Delta is holding a study abroad presentation Thursday, May 14th from 8-9:30 pm in the Activities Room of McIntosh. A number of ONU students will be discussing their experiences studying at foreign universities.
   b) The ONU Jazz Ensemble, featuring guest trumpeter Scott Belk, will perform at the Freed Center on Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00 pm
   c) The ONU Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lloyd Butler, will present an all-Beethoven concert at the Freed Center on Saturday, May 16 at 8:00 pm. There will be a pre-show discussion at 7:15 pm.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Submitted by,

[Signature]
Dr. David R. Sawyers, Jr.
Secretary
Invocation:

Let us be together.
Let us eat together.
Let us be vital together.
Let us be radiating truth.
Let us be radiating the light of life.
Never shall we denounce anyone.
Never shall we entertain negativity.

—Upanishads

Faculty Election Results - May 12, 2009

1. University Council Chair - Sunny Zank, 2009-10

2. University Council - Laurie Laird, 2009-11
Amy Stockert, 2009-11

3. Committee on Athletics - Russ Crawford, 2009-12

4. Religious Affairs - Shane Martin, 2009-12

5. Grievance Committee - Howard Fenton, 2009-11
Brian Myers, 2009-11

Alternates
Jimmy Wilson
Jill Christopher
Bob Carrothers

6. Promotion and Tenure - Appeals
Rob Alexander, 2009-11
Michele Govekar, 2009-11
Jed Marquart, 2009-11

Alternates
Yousif Rojeab
Amy Stockert
John Estell

7. University Disciplinary Board
David Kisor, 2009-11
Jay Mager, 2009-11
Kristie Payment, 2009-11

8. Board of Appeals
Kelly Shields, 2009-10
David Smith, 2009-10
9. Committee on Academic Conduct
   Kim Broedel-Zaugg, 2009-11
   Bruce French, 2009-11
   Jed Marquart, 2009-11
   Ellen Wilson, 2009-11
   Linda Young, 2009-11

   Alternates
   Jay Mager
   Traci Moritz
   Jill Christopher
   Janelle Crossgrove

10. Health Services Advisory Committee
    Jeff Allison, 2009-12

    Alternate
    Karen Kier

11. Honorary Degrees
    Lou Lobenhofer (Law), 2009-13

    Kim Broedel-Zaugg (Pharmacy), 2009-13