OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes, April 1, 2008

Roll: (absentees underlined) President Kendall Baker, VP. Anne Lippert, VP John Green, VP Thomas Stevick, VP Karen Condeni, VP A-K Hilderbrand, Dean Robert Manzer, Dean Eric Baumgartner, Dean Jon Sprague, Dean James Fenton, Dean David Crago, Rev. Vernon LaSala, Dr. Julia Adams, Dr. Jeffery Allison, Dr. Kim Broekemeier, Dr. Pat Croskery, Dr. Keith Durkin, Mr. Trevor Eagle, Prof. Randy Ewing, Dr. Scott Gerber, Dr. Brian Keas, Prof. Terry Keiser, Dr. Michael Milks, Ms. Traci Moritz, Dr. David Sawyers, Dr. Amy Stockert, Dr. Jon Smalley, Dr. Bob Ward, Dr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Scott Wills, Prof. Kate Witte, Dr. J.D. Yoder, Dr. Sunny Zank, Dr. Kay Zekany

Vice Chair of Council, Dr. Sunny Zank, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I. MINUTES of March 18, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. REPORTS from CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES: none.

III. REPORTS from OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES:

a. International Affairs: Dr. Lippert announced that the International Affairs Committee will meet on April 21 to discuss criteria for the Shuhaibar Scholarship for international students.

b. Religious Affairs: Reverend LaSala announced that a proposal to hold a Baccalaureate Service in the English Chapel in conjunction with graduation on the evening of May 17 has passed.

IV. REPORT from PLANNING COUNCIL – Dr. Baker:

Dr. Baker announced that the Planning Council is continuing to progress on its revision to the strategic plan.

V. OTHER REPORTS:

- Dr. Lippert reported that the first meeting of the Semester Transition Committee would take place Wednesday April 2 and that weekly meetings would continue throughout the quarter. At this point, the Committee will begin to develop a schedule of when and who will take responsibilities for specific parts of the transition.

- In Dean Manzer’s absence, Dr. Croskery announced that this year Nick Dunn, a Chemistry major, received a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. Sam Manzer, also a Chemistry major, received an Honorable Mention. Over the last four years Ohio Northern has had three Goldwater winners and 2 Goldwater Honorable Mentions. The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship for achievement in the sciences for undergraduates.

- Dean Fenton announced that three teams of students are representing the Dicke College in statewide, regional and national competition: SAM (Society for the Advancement of Management) students placed 2nd in the state for their case competition, SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) placed first runner-up in their regional competition, and AMA (American Marketing Association) is competing this week in New Orleans.
• Mr. Eagle reported that the annual Student Senate leadership transition is well underway. He also reported that Student Senate is hosting a Coffee House with President Baker this evening.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Dr. Bryan Ward thanked the Nominating Subcommittee for completing its work. Additional nominations may still be submitted through either Dr. Ward or Dr. Goldberg.
• VP Hildebrand announced that the Office of Student Affairs is accepting nominations for both the Catherine Freed Awards and the DeBow Freed Leadership Awards. Nominations are encouraged.

VII. QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

1. Dr. Baker announced that Chapel Service will take place at 8:15 PM Saturday evening May 17 just following the Graduation Banquet. The event will take place, but missed being printed in the Commencement Booklet. Chapel Service will be publicized in the Northern Sun and other outlets.

2. Dr. Baker reported on the VP of Financial Affairs search progress. Three candidates have been identified with the expectation that an offer will be extended toward the end of this week or next week.

3. Dr. Baker reported on the success of the recent Alumni Events held in Washington, DC and Boston. With 110 participants, the DC event was the largest single event outside of the state of Ohio. The Boston event drew 50 to 60 participants.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Prof. Canagaratna presented the second reading of the Personnel Committee’s motion to amend the Faculty Handbook, Section 2.17.4 regarding “Emeritus or Emerita Policy.” Responding to a question from Council regarding Associate Professors and full Professors, she explained that the motion provides that both ranks will be eligible since this practice is consistent with those of peer institutions. The vote was called and passed unanimously. See attached (Vote 1).

IX. NEW BUSINESS: none

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM. Council will next meet on April 15th at 5:30 PM in the Dicke Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay E. Zekany, Secretary
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