Ohio Northern University Faculty

Minutes of the September 11, 2007 Meeting

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

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Ray Person.

III. Minutes from May 8, 2007 and August 29, 2007 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. University Council: No report.

VI. Report on Opening of School: President Baker reported the following:
   a. Student enrollment is over 3600.
   b. The quality of the incoming students continues to improve, with this year’s freshman class being
      the best on record.
   c. Since the anticipated enrollment has been reached, all funds that were held back last spring have
      now been released. This includes $200k for faculty salary adjustment in 2007/08, bringing the two-
      year total to $525k. In addition, the TIAA-CREF matching fund allocation has been increased by
      0.5%, reaching the target of 10%.
   d. An assessment of the transition to Sodexo was conducted over the summer. Financially the
      agreement has worked out even better than expected. A survey of department chairs produced a
      few concerns about responsiveness and cleanliness in certain areas that are being addressed. Marc
      Staley will be setting up focus groups in various settings around campus, and Dr. Baker encouraged
      the faculty to participate if invited to attend one of these sessions. In response to a question from
      the faculty, the President noted that the morale of those directly affected by the transition has been
      an important part of the process from the beginning. He believes that this has been successful for
      the most part, as indicated by participation in events such as the opening dinner. However, he
      agreed that there are a few people who are unhappy with the new arrangement, and that the
      administration is continuing to interact with and counsel them.

VII. Questions for the President: None.

VIII. Other Reports: Nancy Woodley reported that the Parking Committee met on September 10. Reports from
       Security indicate that the new parking system seems to be working. The committee is now discussing penalties
       for repeat offenders and how to deal with major events on campus. In response to a comment from the faculty,
       VP Green noted that additional bike racks have been ordered to accommodate the increased demand.

IX. Recognition of Endowed Chairs for 2007-2008: Dr. Baker presented the following endowed chairs with a
    certificate of recognition of their award:
    a. Kernan Robson Chair: Dr. Robert Alexander
    b. Engineering Alumni Chair: Dr. Subhi Bazlamit
    c. Eleanor H. & Robert W. Biggs Chair in the Arts: Dr. Laurie Bell
    d. Eleanor H. & Robert W. Biggs Chair in Chemistry: Dr. Christopher Bowers
    e. Mary Reichelderfer Chair: Dr. Mihai Caragiu
    f. Sara A. Ridenour Chair: Dr. Pat Croskery
    g. Pharmacy Alumni Chair: Dr. Sandy Hrometz
    h. George W. Patton Chair: Dr. Robert Kleine
    i. Wilfred E. Binkley Chair: Dr. John Lomax
    j. LeRoy H. Lytle Chair: Dr. Jed Marquart
    k. The Irene Casteel Chair in Education, Professional and Social Sciences: Dr. Tena Roepke
    l. Bower, Bennett & Bennett Endowed Chair Research Award: Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh
    m. Mary Alice Accountis Endowed Chair: Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh
    n. Ella and Ernest Fisher Chair: Dr. Victor Streib
    o. Bower, Bennett & Bennett Endowed Chair Research Award: Dr. Jeff Talbot
    p. Herbert F. Alter Chair: Dr. Srinivasa Venuru
    q. Eleanor H. & Robert W. Biggs Chair in the Sciences: Dr. Nancy Woodley

X. New Business: None.
XI. Announcements:
   a. The University will again be offering ten Teaching with Technology grants of up to $5,000 each. Faculty interested in applying should submit a proposal to Dr. Lippert by Friday, November 2.
   b. A Constitution Day Program will be held in the Freed Center at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 17.
   c. Dr. Murtala Bidmos will be providing a presentation titled “The Impact of Islamic Education on Nigeria” at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 25 in the McIntosh Ballroom.
   d. James Shewmaker will discuss “Building and Maintaining Corporate Ethics” at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 19 in the Freed Center. Mr. Shewmaker’s talk is presented by the College of Business Administration Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series.
   e. Dr. Baker reminded the faculty that, in accordance with the Faculty Constitution Art. IV. Sec. 1, matters will not be put before the faculty for a vote unless they are included on the agenda. Faculty members who wish to include such an issue may contact Dr. Goldberg’s office.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Submitted by,

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Secretary