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Minutes of the October 10, 2006 Meeting

I. President Baker called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Invocation was offered by Dr. Tena Roepke.

III. Minutes from September 12, 2006 were approved as submitted.

IV. Unfinished Business:
   a) Professor Fenton, on behalf of the Judicial Task Force on Non-Academic Violations, moved that the proposed "Disciplinary Procedure for Non-Academic Violations" be amended with the technical and conforming changes agreed to by the Task Force at items 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 13-19 of the document previously distributed to the faculty. The proposed amendment at item 8 has been withdrawn. The task force has accepted amendments at items 2 and 4.
   b) Professor Lomax seconded the motion, and noted his appreciation to the Task Force for their willingness to respond to his concerns.
   c) The motion to amend was approved.
   d) The recommendations of the Judicial Task Force on Non-Academic Violations were approved as amended.

V. Approval of BYH BSN/RN Graduates: The list of graduates presented by Mr. Carpenter was approved as submitted.

VI. Questions for the President:
   a) Dr. Baker briefly discussed the recently reconstituted committee which is investigating calendar issues. The role of the committee is solely to serve as a fact-finding body, to obtain information on issues which would be of importance if at some point the faculty decide to again consider a change from quarters to semesters.
   b) During the recent board meeting, the Chairman of the Board included a discussion of shared governance. The purpose of the discussion was to provide board members with insight into how University governance functions.
   c) Dr. Baker reported that the Board also adopted two budget revisions of interest to the faculty:
      1. Increase of retirement contribution to 9½ %, to be implemented as soon as the paperwork can be completed.
      2. Allocation of an additional $150,000 to continue the salary adjustment process begun last year.

VII. University Council: Professor Keiser reported on his experiences at the recent board meeting. He felt that board members were very engaged, and found the interest of board members in the shared governance discussions to be very encouraging. Professor Keiser noted that he strongly recommended to the board that faculty and student members should be full (voting) members.

VIII. Report of Constitutional Committees
   a) Budget and Appropriations – Consideration of the 2007-08 budget will begin tomorrow.
   b) Academic Affairs – No report.
   c) Student Activities – No report.
   d) Personnel – Professor Indra Canagaratna thanked Dr. Baker for his proactive efforts to increase faculty compensation, as shown by increases in TIAA-CREF contributions and salary adjustments.

IX. Reports of Operational Committees
   a) Committee on Athletics – No report.
   b) Cultural and Special Events – The committee will meet on November 10.
   c) International Affairs – The committee will meet at the end of the month.
   d) Religious Affairs – The movie "Inconvenient Truth" was recently presented at the chapel. The Working Group on Religion and Ethics will be meeting soon to further discuss this topic.
   e) Information Technology – No report.

X. Other Reports: None.

XI. New Business: None.
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XII. Announcements:

a) The Law School will be sponsoring the Kornendy Lecture on October 23 at 4:00 pm in the Large Moot Court. Professor Akhil Amar, of Yale University will be speaking on “Ohio and the Electoral College: Past, Present, and Future.” After the lecture, Professor Amar will be signing his most recent book.

b) Tuition exchange applications are due November 6 to Christy Cole.

c) Phi Beta Delta International Forum will take place tomorrow, October 11 at 8:00 pm in the Dicke Forum. Six students will discuss their experiences of studying abroad.

d) Dean Sprague thanked the university community for their support of the Hakes-Pierstorff Family Pharmacy Education Center dedication ceremony last Friday.

e) Homecoming is this weekend. Activities include the Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday evening and the football game vs. Capital on Saturday. Concerts by OAR and by Frankie Avalon will occur on Saturday.

f) The University Community Chorus will be giving a concert on October 22 at 7:00 pm in Presser Hall.

h) Rehearsals for the University Community Chorus presentation of Handel’s Messiah begin October 23 at 6:45 pm. The performance will take place on December 17.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Submitted by,

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Dr. David R. Sawyers, Jr.
Secretary