Minutes of the January 27 Meeting

I. President DiBiasio called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

II. Invocation was offered by Tena Roepke.

III. Minutes from December 2, 2014 were approved. President DiBiasio clarified that evaluations of the Chairs, Assistant and Associate Deans, Deans and the Provost will occur March 9 – March 22.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. Report from University Council (Jeff Allison): Council met last Tuesday. First, discussion occurred regarding term limits (one-year versus two-year terms) for members of the Disciplinary Board of the Student Activities Committee. The item was sent back to the Student Activities Committee for further clarification. Second, thorough discussions about tenure, promotion and sabbatical issues occurred among the Promotion & Tenure Committee, Academic Affairs and the Board of Trustees. Results will be announced after the Board meets next week.

VI. Reports from Constitutional Committees:
   a. Budget and Appropriations (Bill Ballard): The first meeting of the semester is February 2nd.
   b. Academic Affairs (Firas Hassan): The committee is reviewing feedback and finalizing a new draft of the Intellectual Property Policy.
   c. Student Affairs (Jenny Walton): The committee met December 8th, 2014 and approved two new organizations: The United States Institute for Theatre Technology and Ohio Northern University College of Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.
   d. Personnel (Bryan Boulanger): The committee is meeting weekly to discuss faculty expectations.

VII. Reports from Operational Committees:
   a. Athletic Events: No report.
   b. Cultural Events: No report.
   c. International Affairs (Brian Keas): Information about Shuhaibar scholarships has been distributed and the committee is taking nominations. The Hangyang scholarship selection process is beginning. This is a very affordable study abroad option that allows students to spend four weeks in Seoul, South Korea.
   d. Religious Affairs (Chaplain MacDonald): The committee is planning for baccalaureate and compiling forms for student participation. Forms will be distributed the week after spring break. They are also in the process of interviewing potential student workers for next year’s staff.
   e. Information Technology (Jeff Rieman): The committee is working on the Guest User Policy. Media Core is now available to stream lectures. Check out the Educational Technology training sessions – there are many advanced workshops now available.
VIII. **Questions for the President:** President DiBiasio made comments on a few items before opening the floor to questions.

a. The HLC site visit occurs February 23rd – 25th. The self-study is available. Please let us know if the links are inaccessible.

b. The search for a new Vice President of Advancement has begun.

c. There are a number of federal aid/grant issues that are increasing in complexity. In addition, recent legislative modifications to Title IX will require some regulatory changes on campus. The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE) will require new policies and procedures, a director and deputy directors. This director will be responsible for other federal compliance issues also.

d. Federal college rankings will be revealed February 17th, although the methods are somewhat questionable.

e. At the state level, the Post Secondary Education Option (PSEO) has been replaced with College Credit Plus. High schools must offer 15 credit and 30 credit pathways to university courses. Private universities are facing a number of roadblocks to be included in this program.

f. For some good news, OBR approved the chemistry department grant ($52,000). In other good news, an ONU student, Lauren Hector, was named one of six finalists for the AICUO (Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio) award.

g. The February Board meeting will include discussion of promotion and tenure. The other focus will be tuition increases. The recommendation will be a 2.7% increase in tuition and a 1% increase in room and board.

IX. **Questions for the Provost:** Provost Crago shared a few items before opening the floor to questions.

a. The AAC&U (Association of American Colleges & Universities) conference was held last week. The provosts from the NAC&U (New American Colleges & Universities) met the day before the AAC&U conference started. First, the NAC&U is writing a book about the incorporation of liberal arts with professional education. Pat Croskery is the ONU representative for that process. Second, the NAC&U Summer Institute will be held at Hamlin University in Minneapolis. There are a number of faculty sessions available and we encourage you to consider attending. Brian Keas is the faculty liaison to the NAC&U.

b. The search for a new VP of Advancement has representatives from all five colleges. The search will be quiet for the next few weeks as resumes are being submitted. The finalists will be announced at a later date.

c. There are some programmatic changes.

   i. A new Philosophy/Politics/Economics Major was approved for 2015 – 2016. This major involves two colleges and a number of departments.
ii. The College of Law will implement a new 3 + 3 program beginning in 2015 – 2016 that will allow students to graduate with a law degree and an undergraduate degree in six years. Information will be distributed for advising purposes.

iii. Two new minors have been proposed, but not yet approved.

   d. 484 students are enrolled in College Credit Plus in northwest Ohio. This is now the exclusive post-secondary option in the state of Ohio. This program makes it very difficult for private schools to compete successfully because public colleges offer free credits. Private colleges, including ONU, are required to charge fees that are set by the state. We are currently exploring the feasibility of offering courses using a flipped classroom approach across the state.

X. Other Reports: None.

XI. New Business: None.

XII. Announcements:

   a. Janisse Ray, a writer and environmental activist, will be visiting campus as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in February. She will be offering brownbag sessions and workshops; spaces are going quickly. The public reading is Tuesday, February 10th @ 7 PM. Please encourage your students to attend. Contact Forrest Clingerman with questions.

   b. The Kritzler Lecture in Chemistry is tonight (January 27th) at 7:30 PM in Dicke Forum. A more technical talk will be presented at noon on Wednesday, January 28th in Meyer 200.

   c. The Choreographer’s Showcase will be held this weekend and will include a day of dance workshops on Saturday.

   d. An email was just distributed regarding Newman Civic Fellows. Ohio Campus Compact sponsors the award. Please forward to civically engaged student leaders and have students contact Rob Alexander.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Leslie A. Riley
Secretary