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Attending: Ali, Baker (by phone), Boocker, Bullock, DeFrank, Edick, Gouttierre, Hynes, Keel, Maher, Pol, Reed, Smith-Howell

1. **Approval of summary for December 17, 2009 Deans' Forum meeting**
-Approved

2. **New/Old Business**
 - **Deans'/SVC Monthly or Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule?**
 - **General agreement that current structure and schedules should be maintained.**

 - **Course Evaluations Update**
 - **Bullock shared the progress of the course evaluation group. Some movement towards supporting a common evaluation by the group and two versions of the pilot forms were shared. The plan is to work with Faculty Senate to gain approval of a form and develop standard reports for the benefit of faculty over the spring and summer.**

 - **Grad. Asst. Distributions Update**
 - **Update on the history of the allocation of GAs across campus since 1999 and how they are currently funded. Some clarity on how non-resident GAs are funded through Graduate Studies. Some discussion about distinction between grad student workers and GAs. General agreement that we will attempt to standardize the classification of GAs to ensure for equitable distribution and reporting.**

 - **Searches: Update and Rationale**
 - **AVC for Student Affairs – Four (4) finalists identified and scheduled to visit.**
 - **AVC for Research and Creative Activity – Eight (8) semi-finalists on phone interviews and hopefully four (4) finalists by the end of next week.**
 - **Some discussion about the continuation of the searches during the current budget scenario. Consensus that, with the emphasis on being student-centered and growing revenue, that we cannot hesitate in filling these positions. Some discussion on how best to communicate this to campus.**

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- **Distance Education Update: Budget Model for Returning Revenue to Colleges**
 - Three different models of how we can return funding back to the units—one that focuses on non-resident students, one on resident students and one with a combination.
 - The \$20 DE fee will still be returned to the colleges
 - Some discussion about how it is important to ensure that incentives be aligned directly, whenever possible, with effort.
 - General conclusion that option 3 seems to have the most stability and potential for future growth.

 - **Budget Update: 2009-10 Budget Reduction Resulting from BOR/AAUP Settlement Agreement**
 - Discussion of how the BOR/AAUP agreement of 4.5% raise for current year will materialize in budget reductions among the colleges.
 - Two options presented--\$100,000 Academic Excellence fund reduction to defray some of the cuts or potentially not tapping the AEF at all.
 - General support for defraying some of the cuts through the \$100,000 reduction in AEF.
 - Request that by next Wednesday the permanent cuts are identified by Deans and communicated to SVC Hynes, and Kathy Krause in OASA.

 - **Planning Guidelines/Criteria/Framework (Decision Rules) and Implementation –**
DUE TO TIME RESTRICTIONS AGENDA ITEM NOT DISCUSSED
- 3. Just Good Stuff**
- ITS - Tech fee grants due towards end of January