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Attendees: H. Ali, G. Baker, P. Barnes, J. Bartle, C. Batton, D. Booker N. Edick, J. Fiene, T. Gouttierre, L. Grams, D. Khazanchi (for H. Ali), L. Pol, L. Keel, M. Lee, P. Morrice, B.J. Reed, H. Robinson, D. Shipp, S. Shorb, D. Smith-Howell, S. Snyder, N. Topp, S. Woods

- **Summary of the December 5, 2013 Deans' Forum meeting was approved.**
- **D. Smith Howell shared information about course fees for 2014-15.**
 - **Proposed changes are considered minor increases of existing fees.**
 - **A discussion followed regarding consolidation of fees. B. Reed reminded the group to closely monitor fees to assure efficiency and effectiveness.**
- **D. Shipp described the need to identify funds to create a budget for orientation.**
 - **Referenced labor laws that do not allow a heavy reliance on volunteers to lead aspects of orientation.**
 - **B. Reed proposed a multi-year transition to a new model for funding orientation activities.**
- **C. Batton provided a summary of the work of the Tuition Remission Task Force Committee.**
 - **The group has worked to maximize effectiveness of tuition remissions. A copy of the current remissions budget was distributed.**
 - **Information shared regarding the connection between remissions and an overall financial aid package. B. Reed emphasized the importance of looking at completion rates for students who receive remissions.**
 - **C. Batton shared projection models for how changes to remissions might impact enrollment patterns.**
- **P. Morrice provided an update regarding enrollment.**
 - **Communication regarding enrollment of graduate and undergraduate students are now being distributed together.**
 - **Table of Organization Chart reflecting the current and reorganized office assignments/roles was distributed.**
 - **The new name of the Office of Financial Aid will be Financial Support and Scholarships.**
 - **M. Lee announced the addition of Marty Haybrook as new Director of Financial Support and Scholarships.**
- **M. Lee provided information and statistics related to students admitted by review (ABR).**
 - **Applications from students with deficiencies are reviewed individually.**
 - **The percentage of students who are admitted under the ABR process does not exceed the 25% guideline.**
- **B. Reed discussed a forthcoming draft of a comprehensive academic plan derived from plans submitted previously by each college.**
- **Everyone was encouraged to attend and send representation to the Strategic Planning Events to be held on February 28 and May 12.**
- **D. Smith-Howell provided an update for S. Woods regarding the construction completion and selection of occupants for the Community Engagement Center.**