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**In attendance:** B.J. Reed, Hesham Ali, Gail Baker, John Bartle, Bret Blackman, David Boocker, Omar Correa, Nancy Edick, Lynn Harland, Patrick McNamara, Lou Pol, David Richards, Hank Robinson, Dan Shipp, Deborah Smith-Howell, Sara Woods

**Guest:** Erin Owen, Executive Director and Assistant to the Chancellor, University Communications

- Athletics Story, Omaha World Herald

**Summary for August 12, 2016 Meeting - Approved and Posted on Web Site**

**New/Old Business**

- Canvas LMS
  - B. Blackman discussed Canvas pilot project. UNL also a pilot campus and the UNL Faculty Senate passed support to adopt Canvas. UNK is also moving forward on the project. UNO will approach the issue by soliciting faculty and student involvement. 65 initial faculty and staff will participate in pilot over the Fall. There will be presentations and hands-on sessions. B. Blackman will share website that provides details on pilot participation. After the pilot, faculty will have opportunity to adopt.
  - B. Reed said UNL faculty would be willing to come to UNO to share information. N. Edick said some faculty in COE are familiar with Canvas.
  - B. Blackman said there are 12,000 log-ins per day currently on Blackboard. 50% are active users.
  - J. Bartle said he and Barb Pickering participated in retreat yesterday. J. Bartle asked for the group's assistance on carrying the university's message to key audiences.
- Budget
  - B. Reed discussed upcoming performance based budgeting.
  - Budget overview. Caution is the word.
  - N. Edick asked about connection between enrollment growth and budget concerns. Discussion continued about strategic growth opportunities.

**Sharing of Information**

- D. Smith-Howell discussed Internationalization Lab meeting in Washington, DC last week, an effort to coordinate and create collaborations and weave efforts together. A coordinated and coherent approach will help us move forward in international. Consultant will visit campus in early November to discuss appropriate models for UNO to consider.

- D. Smith Howell gave update on Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference - 35 states and 7 countries represented. Invites forthcoming for special events and other options. 10/11 Plenary Session is something for this body to consider. B. Reed will facilitate.
- H. Ali noted the, accreditation visits have gone well. “no weaknesses, concerns deficiencies.” Small 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. More information to come.
- O. Correa distributed enrollment highlights.
- D. Smith-Howell discussed graduate enrollments (up); largest graduate class ever.
- B. Blackman will set up a Canvas information meeting.
- D. Richards Library updates.
- D. Boocker discussed upcoming Vietnam retrospective set for October 28-29, 2016.
- D. Shipp provided recap on enrollment; most degrees conferred; highest first and second year retention ever; largest graduating class ever. Significant increase in diversity; thanks and momentum. Positive about shared work. Working on Dreamers Scholars about 40 students on campus; interest from external funding groups in support of dreamers.