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**DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY**  
**January 15, 2009**

Attending: Terry Hynes, Deb Smith-Howell, B.J. Reed, Lynn Harland (for Lou Pol), Gail Baker, Lanyce Keel, Wade Robinson, Steve Shorb, Tom Gouttierre, Steve Bullock, David Boocker, Hesham Ali, David Conway, Harmon Maher

**1.0 Guests: Lee Denker, Director, Alumni Association**

**Lori Byrne, Vice President, University of Nebraska Foundation**

**1.1 Centennial Gala – February 21, 2009**

- A brief discussion of gala and expectations. A sample invitation was distributed and some discussion about the intent of the event. A reminder that this is an externally-focused event for potential supporters of UNO. UNF Excellence funds can be used to purchase seats or tables. Dean Reed suggested we remain cognizant of donors who have given money and then using that money for things that might not have been intended by donors. Byrne suggested that if deans had any additional individuals to invite, send contact information to her.

**2.0 Approval of summary for December 4, 2008 Deans' Forum meeting (Attachment I)**

**Approved**

**3.0 New/Old Business**

**3.1 EPAF (Electronic Personnel Action Forms) in Personnel Process (James McCarty)**

- Update on implementing EPAF and some of the potential benefits. Dean Reed discussed previous history of this process and how some support staff have some concerns that this might push additional work onto them. Discussion about how the units and colleges might manage this transition. Some concern that we are behind the curve in this area. Suggestion that live demonstration of the system would be helpful to those at college/department level who will use this process.

**3.2 Renaming programs in SCCJ (Deb Smith-Howell) (Attachment II)**

- This is in an effort to align the degree names with School. Unanimous support.

**3.3 Digital Measures Update (Steve Bullock)**

- Bullock updated the group on Digital Measures and where we are in the process. We will proceed with a flexible schedule this year for having faculty enter data into the system.

**3.4 Class Scheduling: Priorities (student focus): Implications for Increasing Class Availability for Students, Capacity Building and Efficient/Effective use of Resources: Fall 2009 experiment (Attachment III)**

- SVC Hynes requested a longer discussion about flattening out our number of students on campus. A future meeting will be planned for this topic.

**3.5 Priorities and Budget Planning**

**3.5.1 Tuition Remission Recommendations**

**3.5.2 Ideas and Possibilities**

e.g. Advancing UNO Priorities: Investing in Opportunities (updated version—**(Attachment IV)**)

### 3.5.3 Time Line for Deans' Planning

#### 4.0 **Just Good Stuff**

- Dean Reed mentioned the Women's Fund event for non-profit board training. OASA has offered to pay for five people to attend – Nominations should be sent to SVC Hynes.