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Attending: Ali, Baker, Boocker, Bullock, Crockett (for Keel), DeFrank, Edick, Fiene, Gouttierre, Harland (for Pol), Hynes, Reed, Smith-Howell, Snyder, Wallace

- Approval of Summary for January 20, 2011 Deans’ Forum - Approved

- NU Foundation Proposals (Scott Snyder)
  - Discussion on various potential proposals
    - Interdisciplinary collaboration
    - Thematic or regional synergies
    - Distinction should be made between graduate and undergraduate partnerships.
    - Look at these funds as an investment rather than as a consumable.
    - General agreement that we should leverage what we have done well in the past and focus on institutional connections. Also,
      - Modify three proposals, possibly develop a fourth that would incorporate elements of the other three.

- Proposed Changes in Fees for 2011-2012 - Approved

- Differential Tuition: Graduate Level
  - Discussion held on implementing tuition levels for various programs.
    - IS&T, PA, CBA and Speech Language Pathology are interested in discussing options and possibly developing proposals.

- Commencement Update
  - May 2011 graduation will be held at Civic Center
  - Subsequent graduations on campus.
  - Discussion on the logistics of how the various separate ceremonies/receptions will be coordinated going forward.
  - SVC Hynes supporting deans in visiting other institutions with models similar to what we are proposing.

- Managing Grant/Contract Funding
  - Discussion on in hiring post-docs and other grant-funded positions, particularly as it relates to vacation time accrued.
  - Complexities such as grant start dates need to be navigated in the future.

- Budget Planning for Biennium
  - Discussion on budget cuts over the next two years and the implementation process.
  - Questions about how we factor in the potential of the Academic Excellence Fund and the impact of retirements.
2.7 Enrollment Management Plans (Thomas Wallace)

2.8 Course Evaluation Analysis (Steve Bullock)

2.9 Update on Study re: Allocation of Graduate Assistants (Deb Smith-Howell)