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Attendees: Ali, Baker, Barnes, Bartle, Boocker, Conway (for Edick), Fiene, Gouttierre, Keel, Morrice, Harland (for Pol), Reed, Shipp, Shorb, Smith-Howell, Snyder, Topp

- Approval of Summary for December 17, 2012

- Enrollment Marketing Management (EMM) Update
  - Testing Center is considering extending hours.
  - Change pending in Records and Advising Office to streamline processes for students.
  - Recruitment working groups starting. Open to individuals who may be interested in the process.
  - Dual Enrollment recruiting activities were shared.

- Research Reporting & Fees Update
  - Draft of the procedures for service contracts shared. Feedback from faculty/units/colleges is invited.
  - Software is being evaluated that may support the service contract processes.
  - Decisions must be made to identify a consistent way to assure campus wide support for centralized processes for handling research and creative activities.
    o It is encouraged that a decision be made by the end of the Spring 2013 semester.

- Five Academic Priorities
  - Individuals who are chairing committees addressing the Academic Priorities are asked to provide a brief update to B.J. Reed prior to February 15, 2013.

- Mechanisms to Support Research/Student Study Abroad at College and Campus Level
  - Discussion regarding UNO’s mechanisms related to global engagement efforts.
  - Tuition remission usage data is being collected and refined. Efforts will be made to enhance the use of these funds to maximize benefits.
  - University should be purposeful in constructing study abroad experiences so student opportunities are not limited by concerns regarding impact to financial aid and credit toward degree.

- National Survey of Student Engagement 2012 (NSSE)
  - Invitation for NSSE participation will be sent out to students February, 2013.
  - Efforts to enhance participation important to future use of data.

- Data Warehouse Assessment Report
  - Discussion regarding the aggregation of data across a statewide system.
  - Concerns regarding the diversity of campuses and variation in data sources/fields.
  - Recommendation to collect feedback from other campuses that could be shared with Computer Services Network (CSN).

- Proposal for Minor in Visual Communication & Culture
  - Minor in Visual Communication and Culture presented to the committee and supported by attendees.

- Webpage Development
  - Phase II web-page development initiative will be piloted by the College of Education.

- Sharing of Information
  - Boocker - Pilot project involving freshman seminars is being proposed that will allow them to be counted for general education credits.
  - Gouttierre - Materials shared listing institutions that make good partners for global engagement.
  - Smith-Howell - Smart Catalog training has started.
  - Fiene - New technology/software implementations have required the proposal for a small increase in tech fees (i.e., $1 per credit hour).
  - Harland - CBA, IST and A&S awarded two (2) Rural Futures grants.
  - U.S. News and World Report magazine recently ranked UNO’s Bachelor in General Studies degree 11th in the nation.