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DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY
February 5, 2009

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

**1. Approval of summary for January 15, 2009 Deans' Forum meeting
(Attachment I***)**

- Overall support for placing agendas and summaries of meetings on the OASA website.

2. New Business

2.1 Feedback on Kelly Grant Proposals

- Deb Smith-Howell shared matrix for ranking proposals. She requested that the group provide feedback by Monday. Some questions about the format of the proposals and whether revisions are still possible. The response was positive that proposals can still be revised before being submitted to Central.

2.2 Student Fee Proposals

- Deb Smith-Howell shared the proposed student fee increases across colleges. Discussion and explanation about the fee amounts. Discussion on how the \$1 proposed fee for maintaining student support centers might be distributed and presented to the board. Expected date for proposal circa March 1. Suggestion to talk with Student Government before that time. Discussion about the fact that we are among the lowest in our peer group in relation to student fees
- Dean Baker discussed the possibility of having student fees supporting theatre, gallery and other cultural activities in the college. Dean Reed asked about current operating budget and deferred maintenance costs. General support for a per-student cost for this.
- General support for COE fee proposals.
- Discussion of the CFAM proposal for Applied Music.
- Discussion of Business Statistics fee proposal.
- General support for submitting the proposed fees with slight modifications.
- SVC Hynes asked that group look at non-resident DE fees

3. Old Business

3.1 Priorities and Budget Planning

- SVC Hynes mentioned that BATF had recommended that Strategic Goals should be foundational guidelines for decisions. Chancellor's Cabinet re-affirmed the decision. SVC Hynes requested that group begin thinking of possible budget cuts, depending upon the final budget numbers. She asked the group to begin thinking about a number of items that will have potential budget ramifications (e.g. duplicate programs)
- SVC Hynes requested that deans consider what a decrease in state-aided budgets might look like and provide specific plans at a future date
- SVC Hynes clarified carry-forward funds
- Discussion about the negative budget process

3.2 Tuition Remission Recommendations

- Robinson discussed some of the various remission categories and potential savings. Regents, Chancellor's and Dean's expected to save some funding but not the expected \$300,000. This will likely not occur because of increased number of applicants. Discussion about the impact of changing UNO Advantage numbers. Discussion about changing remissions policies for '09-'10 at two tiers 100%/125%.

3.1.2 Ideas and Possibilities

e.g. Advancing UNO Priorities: Investing in Opportunities
(updated version— **(handout from 1/15/09 meeting)**)

3.1.3 Time Line Suggestions for Deans' Planning

4. Just Good Stuff

- Terry Hynes
 - Home football game on August 27
 - Ken Robinson event mentioned
 - Ilze Zigurs recognized as director of CAS
- Harmon Maher
 - 21 UCRCA proposals
- Lynn Harland
 - Teaching online course and two dual enrollment courses
- Steve Shorb
 - Kaneko announcement
- Lanyce Keel
 - Online course being offered for prisoners seeking to gain skills for use upon release