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1. Guest: Bill Conley, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance  
   - Presentation: Scott Village II  
     - Outlined the process for the new residence hall that was recently approved. A general timeline for how the project will proceed was presented. The timeline has been accelerated for a variety of reasons, including the desirable interest rates that can be achieved currently.

2. Approval of summary for January 21, 2010 Deans’ Forum meeting - Approved

3. New/Old Business  
   - 3.1 Criss Library: Planning for the Future (DeFrank)  
     - Areas of emphasis for library in coming months and years:  
       - Community Engagement  
       - Organizational Development  
       - Systems Interoperability  
     - Dean Reed agreed to speak on Feb. 18  
     - Dean Ali agreed to speak on March 4

   - 3.2 Graduate Assistants: Tuition/Stipends Update (Smith-Howell)  
     - Provided a breakdown of GA positions, remissions and stipends.  
     - Working to identify residential and non-residential distinctions in funding.  
     - One option is to centralize some percentage of the GA distribution in a gradual process, which would allow for some equitable redistribution in a process TBD.  
     - Request to send to Dean Smith-Howell a list of GAs currently employed that may be coming open this coming year. Tentative deadline Feb. 15 to get information to Deb.  
     - One important piece that we are looking at is progress toward degree.

   - 3.3 Report from CAO Meeting (Hynes)

   - 3.4 RFF(feedback) re: Budget Forum (Hynes)  
     - Discussion about challenges of planning when there are no firm numbers in place.  
     - Feedback from some faculty about reminding us to mention importance of growing revenue and not focusing only on cutting.

   - 3.5 Course Evaluation Update (Bullock)  
     - Suggestion was made to simultaneously provide information to Deans about the course evaluation project to get their feedback as we proceed with Faculty Senate.

   - 3.6 Specifying Terms for Chairs/Directors? (Hynes)

4. Reminders:  
   - 4.1 Fees: Deadlines (Smith-Howell, Cicotello)

   - 4.2 Kelly Fund (Smith-Howell)