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ATTENDING: Ali, Baker, Boocker, Bullock, DeFrank, Edick, Fiene, Gouttierre, Hynes, Keel, Pol, Reed, Smith-Howell, Snyder, Wallace

- > Approval of Summary for February 17, 2011 Deans' Forum Approved
- > Conversation with Chancellor John Christensen: UNO Administrative Transition
- ➤ Guidelines for rehiring faculty who elect to take the VRSIO
  - Hired for "time certain" with beginning and ending dates specified in letter of offer
  - Funded with non-state dollars
  - Hired for part-time
  - Hired to meet specific transition need
  - J.B. Milliken must approve all who are re-hired, so route draft contracts through OASA for Chancellor
- > Review of OASA Budget Reduction and Use of Academic Excellence Funds.
  - Impact of the projected cuts across colleges.
  - Request for updated potential budget cuts by April 25 from Deans.
- ➤ 120-credit hour Undergraduate Degree Threshold Endorsement
  - Unanimous approval to move forward with the colleges determining timelines per internal and external factors.
- > Using the New Course Evaluation Forms/Results for Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness: Conversation
  - What reports will be most beneficial to deans
  - College averages and how we might use the data going forward
- > UNO Learning Resource Centers Website
  - Discussion of creating a more effective portal site for our various learning centers.
    - General support and a request to have Dan O'Dell work with Jolene Adams to help develop this tool
- Action Item: Approval of M.S.—Information Assurance -Approved unanimously
- > Updates on Enrollments and Commencement
  - Graduate numbers are inconsistent but comparable to 2009.
  - Coordination improving for graduate recruitment and enrollment.
  - Commencement planning continuing
- > Deans' Forum meetings moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, Academic Deans to 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.