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## Deans' Forum Summary, March 5, 2009

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

**1. Approval of summary for February 5, 2009 Deans' Forum meeting  
(Attachment I\*\*\*)  
Approved**

**2. New Business**

**2.1 AQIP Action Project – Steve Bullock**

-List of three potential Action Projects circulated and agreement to move ahead with those proposed.

**2.2 Foundation Proposals – Lanyce Keel**

-A review of the 2009 NU Foundation proposals was discussed. Agreement that the list should be narrowed. The group removed proposals from consideration that did not fit closely with what the NU Foundation might fund. General consensus that themes might be appropriate for the submission. Lanyce will circulate possible packages of proposals to the group.

**2.3 UNO's Phased Retirement Agreements**

-SVC Hynes circulated a template for phased retirement contract. Discussion held on certain clauses of the contract. The cost of health insurance for phased retirement faculty was discussed and it was indicated that it has been a significant burden for some units. One point of note discussed included that phased retirement is not considered an entitlement but is negotiated on a case-by-case basis. SVC Hynes suggested we revisit this topic at a later date.

**3. Old Business**

**Budgets: Strategies/Tactics**

Request by SVC for the Chancellor: Input on two questions:

1. How are we preparing for reductions?

- Deans are meeting with chairs/directors/faculty and staff
- Developing scenarios for budget cuts/reallocation

2. How are we conserving funds?

- Renegotiating service contracts
- Moving grad students to grant funding
- Slowing down book ordering

-Construction costs are being cut

- Request for further information from group.
- SVC Hynes circulated report from the Budget Advisory Task Force
- SVC circulated document related to last major cuts in 2003-2004 as well as one related to Arizona State budget cuts.

**3.1.1 Summer Allocations – final (Spreadsheet Attached\*\*\*\*)**

**3.1.2 Roundtable: 2009-2010**

**4. Just Good Stuff**

-SVC mentioned that HR processes are being refined and she asked for help and patience in doing so.