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Attendees: H. Ali, G. Baker, P. Barnes, J. Bartle, C. Batton, M. Berke, D. Boocker, J. Fiene, T. Gouttierre, M. Lee, P. Morrice, L. Pol, B.J. Reed, H. Robinson, D. Shipp, S. Shorb, D. Smith-Howell, S. Snyder, N. Topp, S. Woods

Guests: Clint Sloss, Lee Denker, Mark Goldsberry, Joe Kaminski, Marcia Adler, Kristina Juarez

Mark Goldsberry, Director, Enrollment Management and Records and Registration staff provided an update regarding the unit and roles.

Clint Sloss, Associate Planner, Community & Economic Development provided an update regarding the Heartland 2050 initiative. The initiative provides planning for projected growth of the Omaha, metropolitan area. The project is grant funded through 2014.

Lee Denker, Director, Thompson Alumni Center shared an update regarding the Alumni Hall of Fame. There will be a new format for the recognition event called, the UNO Alumni Night of Excellence. Deans were asked to be involved in identifying candidates from the colleges.

Joe Kaminski, Director, Campus Recreation and Marcia Adler, Director, Health Services provided an update regarding implications of the Affordable Health Care Act for student health care plans. It was determined that an NU system-wide program would be most cost effective. A proposal and evaluation process led to the selection of Blue Cross / Blue Shield.

Summary for the April 3, 2014 Dean's forum meeting was approved.

Kristina Juarez, Director of Student Life and Development and Melissa Berke, Faculty Fellow, Academic Affairs provided an update regarding new student orientation. The new format will be "conference style" and will provide students an opportunity to select sessions of interest. Dean's are invited to identify excellent faculty to provide 10 breakout sessions for a \$500 stipend (i.e., social media, tech apps, etc.). Dean's will be invited to provide sessions related to their college. Dean's may also wish to speak at a family mixer. A draft agenda and schedule was provided.

M. Lee, (for P. Morrice) stated that the Summer Course Scheduling Committee is considering how the schedule may impact Summer 2014 and future summer enrollment.

D. Smith-Howell provided an update regarding bridge programs. Part of this discussion involved coordination of current summer programs. A group is working to identify financial gaps for specific student populations. This information is key in providing the NU Foundation needed data as they work with potential donors who are interested in providing gap support for qualified students.

D. Smith Howell provided updates related to new academic minors and concentrations. **The Deans support a Concentration in Stage Management, a Concentration in International Business and a Minor in Ancient Mediterranean Studies.**

B.J. Reed provided a draft copy of UNO's proposed protocols concerning requests for reasonable accommodations in field placements for students with disabilities. **The Dean's approved the proposal as presented.** Deans were instructed to identify mandated field placements (e.g., internships) and to assure protocols are followed.

B.J. Reed led a discussion regarding OASA's permanent and temporary budget in consideration of enrollments and other influences.

H. Ali shared information about the Prosper Omaha event. The event included information concerning Nebraska's loss of high potential students.

J. Fiene led a discussion regarding phishing emails that recently appeared in Outlook email inboxes.