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March 19, 2009

ATTENDEES: Terry Hynes, Harmon Maher, B.J. Reed, David Boocker, Gail Baker, Lou Pol, Tom Gouttierre, David Conway, Wade Robinson, Hesham Ali, Stephen Shorb, Deb Smith-Howell

Absent: Steve Bullock, Lanyce Keel, John Fiene

1. Approval of Summary for March 5, 2009 Meeting (Attachment 1)***
 - APPROVED
2. New Business
 - 2.1. Proposal for Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Neuroscience-
Deb Smith-Howell (Attachment 2) ***
 - APPROVED
3. Old Business
 - 3.1 Graduation Requirements/Rates: Sch's?
 - Discussion of current prevailing practice of 125 hours for many degrees.
 - Questions about norms at other top undergraduate institutions revealed that the system does not currently require 125 hours—120 hours is the minimum.
 - Deb Smith-Howell will contact Rita Kean from UNL to determine UNL common practices.
 - 3.2 Personnel Process
 - 3.2.1 Update re: BOR – AAUP Negotiations
 - SVC Hynes discussed the fact that traditional timeline and planning will be adhered to despite the appeal by the BOR.
 - 3.2.2 RPT Process – Signatures/Dates/Forms
 - 3.3 Budgets: Strategies/Tactics
 - 3.3.1 Programmatic Articulations
 - 3.3.2 Roundtable (including investment opportunities)
 - 3.3 Class Schedule Preference Survey (Handout)

3.4 Membership Opportunity: University leadership Council (Handouts)

***Handout – sent with agenda; bring to meeting