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DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY

May 2, 2013

Attending: Baker, Barnes, Bartle, Boocker, Conway (for Edick), Goldsberry, Gouttierre, Harland (for Pol), Keel, Morrice, Reed, Shipp, Shorb, Topp, Woods

Guests: Matt Schill, Jessica Wolff, Emily Rokisky, Mark Goldsberry

- Matt Schill, Senior Associate Director, Records and Registration, provided an overview of the AVOW/Parchment system that manages online transcript requests. The system allows for the transmission of secure electronic transcripts. Additionally, it allows for nearly immediate digital delivery and saves costs related to printing.
- Jessica Wolff, Director, Career Services, provided an update on the Academic and Career Development Center. She shared information related to student advising opportunities, changes to facilities, and advisor/student ratios.
- Emily Rokisky, Digital Applications & Collections Developer, Criss Library, shared information regarding the capabilities and benefits of the Digital Commons system. The system is UNO's institutional repository. Among other features, Digital Commons provides a network through which works produced at UNO reach a larger international and domestic audience.
- Mark Goldsberry, Director, Records and Registration, provided information regarding commencement plans and weather related changes. There was great emphasis placed on preparedness for alternative commencement plans, as weather forecasts did not appear favorable.
- Summary of Deans' Forum meeting for April 4, 2013 were approved.
- L. Keel Approval requested for the student tech fee proposals and spreadsheet shared reflecting requests. (Keel)
 - Request made that the Dean's revisit the criteria guiding the tech fee proposals. (Ali)
- N. Topp shared that UNO's response to the AQIP Systems Appraisal has been submitted.
- G. Baker presented update regarding the University communications plan.
 - "Awareness" will be the focus of the 2013-14 campaign.
 - Information regarding upcoming events shared.
 - Expect future web updates and an emerging content management implementation strategy.
 - Plan to provide media training for personnel in summer 2013.
- L. Keel shared a spreadsheet on distance education, nonresident tuition rates. Discussion followed regarding proposed changes.
- P. Barnes asked for assistance to communicate opportunities for available campus-wide professorships.

- Smith-Howell provided information regarding opportunities to meet with Barbara Holland during her upcoming visit.
- Update from Academic Affairs including the following Action Items: (Smith-Howell)
 - New concentrations/certificates were proposed:
 - Minor in ERP (enterprise resource planning) for Business Majors
 - Minor in Emergency Management
 - Minor in Fire Service Management
 - Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics
- Update provided on the following Report Items: (Smith-Howell)
 - Concentration in Intelligence and National Security within the Emergency Management BS degree
 - Deletion of graduate certificate in Instructional Technology
 - Name change of Speech major to Communication Studies and merger of Journalism & Broadcasting majors to Journalism and Media Communication
 - Name change in Minor in Mass Communication to Journalism and Media Communication
 - Name change of Reading major to Literacy
 - Deletion of areas of concentration in Learning Disabilities, Math & Science and Technology within Elementary Education
 - Deletion of areas of concentration in Social Studies and Technology within Secondary Education
 - Name change in area of concentration from Educational Administration to Educational Leadership
 - Name change in area concentration in English as a Second Language/English Language Learners to English as a Second Language in both Elementary Education and Secondary Education
 - Name change in area of concentration in Behavior Disorders to Inclusionary Practices within Elementary Education
 - Name change/combination in area of concentration in both Math & Science and Technology to Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) within both Elementary and Secondary Education
- B. Reed recognized Neal Grandgenett for the exceptional work he has done to represent UNO in statewide STEM activities.
- B. Reed provided comments on anticipated personnel changes in OASA and invited recommendations for open positions.
- T. Gouttierre provided information regarding Harold Saunder's visit to campus scheduled May 4, 2013.
- L. Harland described plans for Warren Buffett to speak with UNO students at Mammel Hall.
- H. Ali shared the retirement plans for Ilze Zigurz, who will be starting phased retirement and will be replaced by Peter Wolcott in the chair role.

- S. Woods provided an update on activities related to the Community Engagement Center.
- D. Boocker shared activities planned for the College of Arts and Science commencement.
- J. Bartle provided an update regarding the handling of a recent student death. CPACS coordinated a memorial service. Bartle added that other campus response initiatives proved helpful.
- D. Conway noted the success of Stan Meisels' public presentation at the Holland Center. Dr. Meisels is the founding Executive Director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute.