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DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY
July 3, 2014

Attendance: J. Bartle, D. Boocker, T. Gouttierre, L. Harland for Pol, M. Hilt for Baker, D. Khazanchi for Ali,
L. Keel P. Morrice, B. Pickering, B. Reed, H. Robinson, D. Shipp, D. Smith-Howell, S. Snyder, N.Topp,

- Marty Habrock, Director, Financial Support & Scholarships offered a brief presentation related to a recent reorganization. Information regarding advising and financial aid packaging was offered.
- Lanyce Keel and guests discussed the work of the Virtual Transfer Center Committee. She reported that there is a statewide need for four-year institution's to partner with two-year programs to support the transition from associate to bachelor pathways for prospective students.
 - Recommendations were made:
 - ✓ To consider what new degrees might be possible given existing programs
 - ✓ To consider how distance education may play a role in those offerings
 - A discussion followed concerning efficiencies to UNO's advising structure and relationships between units.
- **The Summary for May 1, 2014 meeting was approved.**
- A request for approval was provided by D. Smith-Howell regarding the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media's proposal for a 3 school model (i.e., School of the Arts, School of Music, and School of Communication).
 - **The Dean's voted and offered support for the proposal.**
- D. Smith-Howell provided an update regarding graduate enrollment.
 - Graduate applications for summer 2014 were up 11%.
 - Admissions were up 7%.
 - Tentative data for fall 2014 indicates a 24% increase of enrolled graduate students.
- P. Morrice and D. Shipp provided an update regarding overall campus enrollment.
 - UNO headcount totals (undergraduate) for fall 2014 is down 5%. However, first-year, second-year and junior-year retention is up. A focus has been placed on retaining students returning for the senior year. A summary of orientation, advising and referral processes were offered.
- T. Gouttierre commented the dissemination of salary increases via Firefly, diminishes the opportunity for personal interaction that faculty and staff have traditionally valued.
- A request for approval of Master of Arts in Critical and Creative Thinking (planned as an online degree) was offered by D. Smith-Howell and D. Boocker. **The Deans voted and supported advancing the proposal.**
- D. Smith-Howell requested support for a minor in Entrepreneurship for Non-Business Majors. **Deans voted and supported advancement of the minor.**
- Reporting items by D. Smith Howell.
 - Approval of College of Business Administration, Native American Studies, and Public Health courses to be included in the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management Degree.
 - Four new concentrations in Elementary Education (ELED) are approved (i.e., ESL, Inclusive Practices, School Library and STEM).
 - Major in Community Health is being discontinued.
 - Approval of a 4 +1 program in Political Science.
- T. Gouttierre provided a report on activities related to International Studies.
- B.J. Reed thanked Dr. P. Morrice for his service and wished him well as he has accepted another outside position.