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## Dean's Forum Summary, August 7, 2014

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**Attendees:** G. Baker, P. Barnes, J. Bartle, D. Boocker, J. Casas, N. Edick, J. Fiene, M. Goldsberry, L. Keel, H. Langdon (for Woods), M. Lee, L. Pol, B.J. Reed, H. Robinson, D. Shipp, S. Shorb, D. Smith-Howell, S. Snyder, N. Topp.

**Guest:** Wendy Cobb, Associate Director, Systems and Compliance provided a presentation regarding updates to MavLink.

**Guests:** Kelly Malone, Assistant Director, Dual Enrollment and Kelly Goeser, Admission Counselor, offered an update regarding UNO's Dual Enrollment program.

- **Summary for July 3, 2014 Meeting was approved.**
- **B. Reed recommended that draft minutes be circulated via email for approval, as a means of expediting the communication process.**
- B. Reed shared findings related to summer camps and programs. Issues of consistency, marketing, scheduling, fee collection and potential liability issues were shared. A summary and proposal created by Dan Gilbert was distributed. A discussion followed regarding next steps. Deans' Forum supported initiatives to better coordinate offerings and processes.
- B. Reed and M. Lee shared 3 recommendations regarding tuition remissions. Three recommendations considered included:
  - Creation of a review committee for new undergraduate excellent students who fall at the margins (i.e. 35 ACT, 3.0 high school GPA and bottom half of class).
  - 2) UNO Advantage and Maverick Advantage Scholarship would review the renewal process to consider using a 2.5 or 2.75 GPA. Additionally it was recommended that UNO develop an Advantage Fund process consistent with mission/goals of Colleges/Units.
  - 3) Making changes to the the eligibility pool concerning UNO Advantage Funds (i.e. progressive by ACT)
- B. Reed shared information regarding the Intern Nebraska Program. He encouraged Deans to further examine the programs and communicate information to key individuals who may benefit.
- D. Smith-Howell has posted a call for faculty fellows to work in the Service Learning Academy Spring 2015. Applications are expected to be out mid-September.
- P. Barnes, L. Keel, J. Fiene, provided information concerning pilot and movement to the Automated Course Evaluation System. A brief discussion followed regarding advantages/challenges and changes associated with the new system.
- D. Boocker shared concerns regarding the Immigration/Visa processing for new faculty and other appointments. Currently, UNO relies on an office at UNMC.

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- D. Smith-Howell discussed the definition of Graduate Assistants and shared related benefits such as expanded health insurance options.
- B. Reed noted the need to document current opportunities for shared governance and to expand participation and improve communication between Faculty Senate and OASA as appropriate. B. Reed suggested assigning a faculty fellow the task of documenting current representation.
- D. Smith-Howell stated the BS in Emergency Management will have name change from Fire Protection, Safety and Technology to Fire Services Management.
- N. Edick shared news regarding a new 5-year NIH grant (10 million) supporting bio-mechanics and other College of Education initiatives. The grant offers an option for renewal.
- N. Edick noted that on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the College of Education Diversity Committee is sponsoring an engagement fair to be held in the Community Engagement Center, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. All faculty are invited.
- D. Smith-Howell reminded Deans' Forum of the reception on September 10th sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, to welcome new faculty.
- J. Fiene informed Deans' Forum of current security issues and invited feedback concerning the campus wireless networks and connectivity.
- J. Bartle described efforts to recruit in Western Nebraska and expand partnerships with regional community colleges.