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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.
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 21st, 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.