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Attending: Terry Hynes, BJ Reed, Lou Pol, David Conway, Gail Baker, David Boocker, Hesham Ali, Lanyce Keel, Steve Bullock, Harmon Maher, Wade Robinson

1. Budget update

- Brief update on recent governor's approval of the budget, which included a 1.5% salary increase for employees. Some discussion about unfilled lines and the raises attached to those and whether those or some portion of those should be pooled centrally. Discussion about the raises that will be distributed and whether those under \$40,000 should be given uniform raises and those above would receive merit-based increases. Discussion about potential mid-year cuts and if those cuts would be directed by CA or if the campus would have flexibility. Questions if more updated budget projections could be provided since decisions about faculty workload, for example, are difficult to make without more concrete numbers.

2. Approval of summary for May 7, 2009 Dean' Forum meeting (Attachment*) - Approved**

3. Just Good Stuff

Reed: Pre-law funded scholarships for Goodrich students. Giving circle hosted for OCF
Ali: Norwegian trip successful
Pol: Distinguished alum event
Maher: Funding requests at \$14 million
Boocker: Transformation project underway
Hynes: Community Engagement honorable mention

4. New Business

4.1 Phased Retirement Sample Letter/Contract - Terry Hynes (Attachment*)**

- Review of new version of a common template for phased retirement contracts. Purpose is to offer half-time salary with some benefits, tenure, and generally for three years. Some discussion about the appropriate amount for supplemental compensation and whether any amount could be spent directly for insurance costs for those on phased retirement.

4.2 RPT Process: Discussion – Terry Hynes (Attachment*)**

4.3 Campus Server Virtualization – Lanyce Keel (Attachment*)**

- A brief discussion about the process of virtualizing servers across campus and redundancy issues. General agreement that research should not be virtualized but other areas should be explored. Some discussion about the ring between Lincoln, UNMC and UNO that will be completed shortly.

4.4 Tech Fee Grant – Lanyce Keel

- Handout was distributed to group that contained history of tech fee grant distributions and proposed projects and ranking of those by deans. Discussion about why certain units had lower and higher shares of funding distribution in the past.

4.5 AQIP Update – Steve Bullock

*****Attachment —sent with agenda; bring copy to meeting**