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DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY

August 19, 2010

Attending: Ali, Baker, Boocker, Bullock, Cicotello, DeFrank, Edick, Gouttierre, Hynes, Keel, Maher, Reed, Smith-Howell, Wallace

1. New/Old Business: Discussion

- **Faculty Development Fellowship Leaves for 2011-2012**
 - Extending policy of faculty development fellowships being offered only on full-year at half pay.
 - Communicate to campus groups that this decision is not what is wanted by anyone, but is really the most prudent decision that could be made at this time.
- **Deans' Forum Retreat for Fall – Mammel Hall Reserved**
 - Oct. 7 set as date for Deans' Forum retreat.
- **Computer Lab Security Policy**
 - Technology Theft Policy
 - Need to capture serial numbers on hardware to receive reimbursement in the case of theft.
 - Purchase Agreement necessary generally captured electronically.
- **Deans' Case Statement**
 - Information to be compiled and organized for ease of sorting.
 - This discussion will be continued during future meetings.
- **Budget Update**
 - Reconsidering what we are doing internally in the NU System. Consulting groups have been used in identifying inefficiencies at some major campuses nationwide. NU is benefitting from these reports.
 - Cross-campus Conversations
 - Conducted due to Unicameral requests for reports from all public agencies.
 - Discussions on HR, IT, University Relations and Procurement, etc. also part of cross-campus conversations.
- **Graduate Admissions/Enrollment**
 - Concern expressed about losing Graduate students.
 - Request to rethink graduate program admissions in an effort to speed up the process.

2. Information Items

- **State Department Travel Warnings/Advisories: NU Exec. Memo #25**
 - Note that UNO is not allowed to sanction student travel to countries on the U.S. State Department travel warning list. SVC Hynes requested that everyone communicate this distinction to all faculty and staff.
- **NSSE Results (Handout)**