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## Deans' Forum Summary, November 7, 2013

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**Attendees:** G. Baker, P. Barnes, J. Bartle, J. Bell (for Boocker) N. Edick, J. Fiene, T. Gouttierre, L. Grams, Deepak K. (for Ali) L. Keel, J. Liu (for Robinson), L. Harland (for Pol), B.J. Reed, D. Shipp, S. Shorb, D. Smith-Howell, S. Snyder, N. Topp, S. Wood

- The summary of the October 10, 2013 Dean's Forum was approved.
- Reminders of honors and awards for Honors Week were distributed.
  - Discussion regarding a potential new format for Faculty Honors Convocation.
- Deans were asked to provide names of individuals who would serve as DigitalMeasures champions for their college.
  - Discussion on possible use of DigitalMeasures to document specific productivity of staff and adjunct instructors.
- The group considered how to respond to increased requests for sponsoring event tables for non-profits, and/or other worthy organizations. Demand for sponsorship far outpaces budget capacity.
  - The Senior Vice Chancellor's office will research and create a list of events colleges/units have sponsored. This will allow for greater coordination and prioritization of commitments to such events.
- Concern was expressed regarding the downward trend of participation in the campus-wide United Way campaign. Ideas were shared regarding how best to enhance or increase involvement.
- Deb Smith Howell reported the MBA curriculum revision has been approved and that there is a new Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) concentration in sustainability.
- Deb Smith Howell provided an update regarding the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement conference taking place in Omaha, and highlighted keynote luncheon speaker, Parker Palmer.
- Steve Shorb provided an update regarding the acquisition of a collection of community engagement resources. The collection will be named for Barbara Holland.
- Lanyce Keel provided guidelines for promoting online courses. It was noted that co-branding requirements are in place.
- Sara Woods announced release of RFP's for art to be placed in the Community Engagement Center (CEC).
- Sara Woods shared an initial list of organizations accepted to maintain space in the CEC.
- Tom Gouttierre distributed information regarding upcoming International Studies activities (International Education Week, Batchelder Conference, Gildersleeve Lecture, Café International).
- John Fiene discussed the University systems membership with Internet II provides UNO an option to purchase cost-effective, highly-secured, cloud-based data storage. An invitation for feedback is solicited. More information will be forthcoming.