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- 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.