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Attending: Gail Baker, David Boocker, Steve Bullock, Nancy Edick, Tom Gouttierre, Terry Hynes, Deepak Khazanchi, Harmon Maher, Lou Pol, B.J. Reed, Steve Shorb, Deb Smith-Howell

1. Approval of summary for June 22, 2009 Deans' Forum meeting (Attachment*)**

2. Just Good Stuff

-Deb Smith-Howell: Centennial Plates

-Nancy Edick: Culture Walks

-David Boocker: Online courses beginning for select allied health courses

-Lou Pol: National conference hosted by NBDC at QWEST.
EMBA students doing travel abroad component.

-Steve Shorb: Number of unique journal titles at 60,000+ and growing.

-Deepak Khazanchi: Academy of Excellence. 10 undergrad scholarships for \$2,500.

-B.J. Reed: Table Talk Community Group to be affiliated w/UNO. Articulation agreements being updated with various community colleges. Low residency MSW likely to get started in January.

-Gail Baker: Student group, led by Karen Weber, 3rd place in national competition for Organ Donor Awareness campaign (PRSSA).

3. New Business

3.1 Selection Process for External Funding Proposals – Harmon Maher

-Brief discussion about NSF MRI review process. Associate VC Maher requested feedback on how the process could be improved. Dean Reed suggested having a development process.

3.2 AQIP Update – Steve Bullock

-Site visit update. The group was encouraged to attend the opening reception on September 23.

3.3 ConAgra proposal

-Some discussion about company's attempt to increase interest in internship program. Agreement Deans' Forum will meet briefly with representatives from the company.

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3.3 Part-Time Faculty Allocations

-Request to have letters of offer for all instructors to go through James McCarty in OASAA. Discussion held about a potential overload if all letters, including part-timers, needing central approval. SVC Hynes stressed using the common template will speed the process up. Discussion held about any potential delay causing us to lose quality part-time faculty.

This process was corrected after the meeting. Letters of Offer for part-time faculty continue to follow the usual process, as in the past, with an updated template letter.

Distribution of attachment that outlined each college's budget allocation from OASA for part-time instructors, which will be smaller than in recent years. A future discussion will be needed to talk about the equity of how each college funds their part-time instruction.

3.4 RPT Process Discussion (cont.) postponed due to time constraints

3.5 Distance Education Tuition Proposals

-Update on the proposal offered by central administration. Some discussion about the impact the 15% proposed increase would have on UNO and how fees and tuition might be distributed. Questions arose about whether increased tuition proposals incorporated fees appropriately and how the financial return to campus could be affected. President Milliken agreed to delay his final decision on the proposed increase after hearing of questions raised by the CAO's.

3.6 Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC)--Terry Hynes

-Assists with recruitment of dual career couples. Cost of approximately \$30-40,000 per year would be required at this point. Discussion held and general agreement that it would not be the right initiative at this time.

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

Meetings – 8:30-10:00

July 16

August 6, 20

September 3,17

October 1, 15

November 5, 19

December 3, 17