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Attendees: Ali, Baker, Barnes, Bartle, Boocker, DeFrank (for Shorb), Edick, Fiene, Gouttierre, Keel, Morrice, Pol, Topp, Shipp, R Smith, Smith-Howell, S Snyder, Reed, Topp

Guests: Mark Goldsberry, Director, Records and Registration
        Lori Byrnes, Vice President/UNO Director of Development, University of NE Foundation
        Brian Hastings, President and CEO, University of NE Foundation

➢ Approval of Summary for Dean’s Forum October 4, 2012.

➢ Mark Goldsberry provided an update - Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 commencement plan.
   • Fall 2012 - Presentation - issues of setup, sound, field house, marshals, and program. Initial projections suggest student participation may increase by approx. 100 students.
   • Spring 2013 - Presentation - issues of hooding, changes concerning graduate students, elimination of tickets, bad weather scenario, and speaker options.
   • Previous ceremonies were referred to as “graduation”. Recommendations were made to identify the ceremony as “University of Nebraska Omaha Commencement”.
   • Tentative commencement/college schedule was shared including projected times and attendance.
   • Discussion - usefulness of a tent to handle excessive heat and/or sun.

➢ Enrollment Management & Marketing – Pelema Morrice
   • EMEC/Noel Levitz recommended updating the UNO website to more accurately reflect the institution.
     o Website taskforce recommended Lipman Hearne as consultant/web developer.
     o Plan to get initial changes in place prior to the upcoming admission cycle.
     o Bret Blackman and Erin Owen - project team leaders for website redesign.
     o Potential organizational structure was distributed regarding future website content and management.
     o Target dates for phases of revision and implementation timelines were shared.
     o Monday January 28, 2013 is the projected launch date for the new homepage.

➢ Research Reporting & Fees – B.J. Reed
   • Key goals:
     o We must work to assure all external dollars be counted.
     o UNO must have a structure for institutional review that assures we handle all research/grant related funds appropriately.
     o A revenue stream must be in place to fund OASA’s work to support grants, research and creative/activity.

➢ University Affiliated Research Centers (UARC) Information – Scott Snyder
   • UARC is a research initiative associated with the National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI).
   • Nebraska component is affiliated with US-STRATCOM.
   • UNO will have increased opportunity for involvement as the program develops.

➢ Introduction of Brian Hastings, new CEO of the University of NE Foundation
   • Update regarding current areas of focus for the University of NE Foundation.