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IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Hynes B. J. Reed, Lou Pol, Steve Bullock, Gail Baker, Audrey DeFrank, Hesham Ali, Dave Boocker, David Cicotello, Nancy Edick

1. Approval of summary for August 6, 2009 Deans’ Forum meeting - Approved

2. New/Old Business
   2.1 BOR Appeal of AAUP Salary Increases
       o Discussion about BOR appeal.
       o Since BOR has made decision and has not communicated rationale for the appeal, deans will have no way to answer most substantive questions
       o Facts related to the process were shared by SVC Hynes so that deans will at least have some information to share.

   2.2 AQIP Update (Steve Bullock)
       o Site visit from September 23 – 25 schedule shared. Everyone encouraged to attend.

   2.3 Emergency Planning Academic Continuity (Steve Bullock)
       o Some discussion about a potential H1N1 outbreak and how it might affect academic continuity. Tentative plan to have SVC Hynes distribute message to faculty encouraging them to begin contemplating ways in which classes might be conducted electronically for several weeks at a time.

   2.4 Deans’ Forum Retreat – Discussion Ideas?
       o Scholarship of Engagement and how it relates to RPT
       o Marketing of the institution
       o Budget

   2.5 Budget Update – Planning for 2010 – 2011 (Terry Hynes)
       o Several articles from Chronicle shared about some of the serious budget issues facing institutions nationwide.
       o SVC Hynes asked Deans to begin thinking about what expected budget cuts might look like. Serious discussions on agenda for September retreat.
       o Questions about Programs of Excellence funding and if that will continue: POE funds ($3M – one-time only) being held in Central Administration until further evidence re: university budget future

   2.6 Associate VC-Student Affairs Search Update – Job description shared