Deans' Forum Summary, October 1, 2009

UNO Office of Academic and Student Affairs

University of Nebraska at Omaha
DEANS’ FORUM SUMMARY
Thursday, October 1, 2009

Attending: Terry Hynes, Deb Smith-Howell, David Boocker, Hesham Ali, Harmon Maher, Steve Bullock, David Cicotello, Nancy Edick, Audrey DeFrank, Lou Pol, John Fiene, Sara Woods (for Reed), Lanyce Keel, Gail Baker, Tom Gouttierre


1.1. 20-Year Anniversary of Granting Doctoral Degrees at UNO

2. Approval of summary for September 3 and September 17, 2009 Deans’ Forum meetings (Attachment***)
   - Approved

3. New/Old Business

3.1 Minor in Islamic Studies – Smith-Howell – (Attachment***)
   - Approved by EPAC. Deans’ Forum only other body necessary for approval. Unanimous approval.

3.2 RPT Process Discussion – continued – (Attachment***)
   - Appointment/Re-appointment calendar for full-time, temporary faculty (handout at meeting)

The timeline would help the institution stay compliant with parameters of CBA. Discussion held about emergency appointments that are needed close to the beginning of the semester. An exception clause will be included to accommodate this type of scenario. Some questions about electronic dissemination of letters—CBA does not currently allow for such. Addition of “all” in front of “full-time, temporary faculty.” Question about how post-docs fit into this policy. Further review of this topic required but it is understood that this process would apply to all titles included in AAUP/CBA. General agreement on the policy and will be shared with AAUP.
3.3 AQIP and ABET site reports – Steve Bullock, Hesham Ali

- Bullock informed the group that the site visit went well. Thanks to all the groups that participated. The two-member team was extremely impressed during all sessions and will submit a report to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in the next few weeks. Then a subsequent report will be sent from the HLC.

- ABET site visit team very positive and encouraged by our activities. Ten (10) categories of items were assessed. MIS program—9 Ns (good) and 1 concern (minimal). CSCI 9 Ns and 1 weakness (follow-up report necessary). Thanks to all groups, especially external to the college, for helping in the process.

3.4 CAO Update

- Concerns raised about the Distance Ed budget model. Some shifting of understanding at CAO about how much of the tuition variance will now stay on campus. SVC Hynes requested feedback from the group.

- Rural Initiative was discussed; increased emphasis on this. Discussion held about having the ownership of this initiative be more widely dispersed.

- National Federation of the Blind concerned about proliferation of Kindles, etc.

- Kelly Fund proposals will be due soon. Max of $25,000 this year.

- POE funding will be held in case of mid-year budget cuts.

- Graduate College workshop for NU system will be October 9.

4. Just Good Stuff

- Gouttierre: Global Studies conference. Recent visit to Afghanistan. Meetings with Karzai in Kabul. Kabul University and USAID. DOD initiative next week—about 20 on campus next week. Visitors from sister universities in Russia and Norway. Center for Afghan Studies working with Kaneko on speaker. 1,313 international students at UNO last year.
• Keel: Tech fee proposals will be due earlier. Salvation Army lab will be established this month.

• Woods: Hoagland lecture featuring David Axelrod will be October 9 at the Nebraska Champions Club.

• Fiene: SIS update – Admissions went live with phenomenal effort, within timeline. Course catalog system live internally.

• DeFrank: Digitizing Kabul Times

• Edick: Del and Lou Ann Weber Lecture Series will be October 1 and 3, 2009 featuring illustrator and author team Chris and Yin Soentpiet. Sarah Meyer received National Institute of Health (NIH) grant. Meeting scheduled with MOEC superintendents next week.

• Cicotello: Admissions module is working and applications are being received. Job fair with 65 employers scheduled October 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Milo Bail Student Center.

• Boocker: Centennial lectures. 12 more pending

• Smith-Howell: Service Learning Academy (SLA) hosted summit. Regional conference also was hosted here. Midwest Consortium for Service Learning (MCSL) recognized Patty Carlson. Paul Sather received Voyager Award.