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DEANS’ FORUM SUMMARY
October 15, 2009

Attending: Terry Hynes, Tom Goutteirre, Gail Baker, Sara Woods (for Reed), Nancy Edick, Lou Pol, Harmon Maher, Eric Manley (for Booker), Hesham Ali, Audrey DeFrank, Deb Smith-Howell, Lanyce Keel

1. Summary for October 1, 2009 Deans’ Forum meeting - Approved

2. New/Old Business

2.1 Proposed tuition model for IS&T/Sir Padampat Sinchania University – India (Attachment A***)
   - Ali presented draft proposal and background
   - Discussion on how tuition is handled; potential for other relationships; nature of partner institutions;
   - General support for model; next step is Chancellor’s Cabinet

2.2 Proposal: Naming of School of Social Work after Grace Abbott (Attachment B***)
   - System is developing a policy for the naming of units within the institution
   - Proposed policy will go to the BOR in a future meeting; proposal does fit within the proposed policy
   - Note—Grace Abbott School in Millard School District
   - General support for proposal

2.3 Audiences and Outcomes: Tell UNO’s Story
   - Gail, Nancy, Lou, and BJ—current focus
   - Hoping to understand what Tim’s group out of University Relations is doing—how to proceed
   - Possibility of Tim coming to Deans’ Forum
   - Strategic/tactical
   - How/what message
2.4 **Budget Update Discussion**
- Handouts distributed and reviewed for future discussion and decision
- Unknowns: mid-year reduction possibility;
- Current dollars in Academic Excellence; new dollars in Academic Excellence for 2010-2011 based on enrollment increases; dollars in Academic Excellence allocated to meet known 10-11 reductions re: faculty salary increases
- Request to begin planning for how to go about dealing with mid-year reductions, next year planning, etc. planning for 09-10 and again 10-11

2.5 **Review and Consideration of Earmarks – Harmon Maher**

2.5.1 Harmon Maher - update on last cycle:
- Microenterprise has support on the House side
- Potential earmark to outside company that we may collaborate with;

2.5.2 Current proposals discussion:
- Crucial next date is October 26;
- Carolyn Fuller on campus; discuss 8 projects
- Immediate need to identify the 8 projects she will meet with
- Then narrow down to final 4 that will go forward to federal team
- Key question - is this a priority for UNO; another question is Why UNO—why is project most appropriate at UNO?
- Discussion of “best fit” proposals; request for feedback
- Discussion of how number of proposals are allocated across University of Nebraska system - currently based on percentage of total external funding
- Send top 8-10 with feedback to Harmon by Monday, October 19
- Use list to think about Foundation grants

**Note/Reminder:** All OASA staff, as well as faculty positions—job description, urgent need letters, etc. should be sent to James so they can be presented to Cabinet for approval.