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Deans' Forum Summary, November 19, 2009

UNO Office of Academic and Student Affairs

University of Nebraska at Omaha
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Attending: Terry Hynes, Tom Gouttierre, Audrey DeFrank, David Conway, Lou Pol, David Ciccotello, Harmon Maher, Michael Hilt (for Gail Baker), David Boocker, Deb Smith-Howell, John Fiene, Hesham Ali, Steve Lendt, Kathy Menke (for B.J. Reed)

1. Approval of summary for November 5, 2009 Deans’ Forum meeting (Attachment***) - approved

2. Just Good Stuff
   - Gouttierre - International Education Week
   - Fiene - Partnering with Athletics to pull information together to make them more efficient
   - DeFrank – Satellite Communications for Learning (SCOLA) partnership with additional channels—new SCOLA wall open on Friday; Book Fair next week;
   - Conway - Region 2 Middle School Conference-250 students and sponsors; Tech Conference and Future Educators on campus; Scholarship reception
   - Pol - Stock Market challenge-fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club; Westside winning team received scholarships to UNO; 47 teams; OPPD grant for assessment of programs -$157,000; MD/MBA; Bioscience certificate;
   - Ciccotello - Open House—300 visitors; continuing work on application process to streamline; comparison from Spring 2009
   - Maher - Committee met to kick-off student fair; deadline will be Feb 27; working with earmarks; 15 applications for Associate Vice Chancellor for Research/Creative Activity
   - Lendt - Campus Network Administrator position search in performance
   - Hilt - Miracle Worker performances
   - Ali - National Academy of Sciences - Dec 10 National Education week for Computer Science; Grace Hopper-early women in computing; co-sponsor of conference; Hopper visited UNO in the 70s; Bioinformatics core facility for ENBRI—visited Wayne State College and Tribal Priest, Nebraska Wesleyan, Doane College—potential for graduate students
   - Boocker—UNO History Department, College of Arts and Sciences and Film Streams hosted Charles Mikhail, attorney from Mississippi who sued tobacco companies; movie The Insider; showed film and then held discussion; next Tuesday the new Schlwalb Center hosting Martin Indyk, two-time ambassador to Israel; he will be English guest on Dec 3
• Smith-Howell – North Omaha Alliance (NOMA) as showcase at National Service Learning conference; student selected for American Humanics Next Generation scholarship
• Menke—Discussion on use of Commons Room at CPACS building; Continuing Studies had approximately 150 students attend hockey game
• Hynes: Top 25 in terms of Fulbright students selected; Top 40 for the number of international students on campus for at least the past 10 years; Tuesday night—annual Omaha World Herald dinner—special event with three students performing; UNO PRSSA recognized as the outstanding chapter in the nation;

3. New/Old Business

3.1 Responsible Conduct of Research Training (Maher) –handout
  • Maher provided background information
  • Program will be developed locally; will be an evolving policy; any feedback for changes to Harmon by Wednesday, November 25

3.2 Budget Planning: 2009-2010; 2010-2011
  • Hynes distributed a draft of OASA budget planning
  • Additional cuts - $8.8 million to NU system for 09-10; an additional 7.1 or 7.2 for 10-11; by July 1 must have information for permanent reductions that will be cash flowed during 2010 fy, UNO has additional hits for Mammel Hall - Business & Finance will absorb; faculty salary increases above state allocation;
  • Distributed ideas for discussion; trying to avoid absolutes;
  • Focus on enrollments for 2010-2011; need for part-time faculty to sustain enrollments;