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Attending: Terry Hynes, Steve Bullock, Harmon Maher, Dave Boocker, Mike Hilt (for Baker), Hesham Ali, Audrey DeFrank, Deb Smith-Howell, Terry Hynes, Tom Gouttierre, David Cicotello, B.J. Reed, Nancy Edick, Lou Pol, John Fiene

1. Approval of summary for November 19, 2009 Deans’ Forum meeting

2. New/Old Business

➢ General Education Update- Deb Smith-Howell
   • Update on the AQIP Action Project and the efforts of the group. A general education survey has been disseminated to all faculty with approximately 200 responses received. The group has made great progress and is close to making recommendations for restructuring our general education process.

➢ Budget Update (Discussion-continuing)
   • Faculty Development Leave discussion that revolved around eliminating full pay/half year option with only full year/half pay option as a possibility for faculty. SVC Hynes will discuss with the AAUP Executive Committee and Chancellor before a final decision is made.
   • Timeline of budget decisions discussed. December 11 is the BOR meeting and December 16 President Milliken has a conference call with Chancellors.
   • Student credit hours and head count are up approximately 4% for Spring 2010 from Spring 2009. Revenue returned to campus as a result of UNO’s exceeding tuition budget expectations for 2009-2010 will probably be used to assist with budget cuts on a current-year basis. A portion of this increase in tuition revenue will be used on a cash flow basis to get through the fiscal year. Summer budget numbers should be distributed shortly. Update on activities of Budget Advisory Task Force.
• Discussion held about the possibility of centralizing tuition remission dollars and stipends for GAs. Currently, Grad Dean distributes tuition remission dollars; deans allocate stipends. There has been no change in the relative proportion of allocations to colleges for more than 20 years, although enrollment patterns have changed significantly. Further discussion about linking budget to strategic plan and the difficulty of doing that during the current fiscal crisis.

3. Guest: Arnold Bateman – Distance Education
   Group discussed the specifics of Online Worldwide
   • Strong support expressed for unified marketing of online education. Concern expressed re: impact of Online Worldwide budget model, including change in distance-education tuition accounting, on ability for campus to return sufficient dollars to generating units for those units to remain fully engaged in distance education.