

Minutes of the Meeting of the Deans Council

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

Warner Conference Room

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, William Jurma, Janet Wilke, Ed Scantling, Tim Burkink, John La Duke, Joe Oravec, Kenya Taylor

GUESTS: Ken Trantham

1. **Approval of Minutes for August 27, 2013:** Charlie asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes. Bill motioned and Ed seconded approval of the minutes as presented. All present voted in favor of approval.
2. **Ken Trantham RE Faculty Senate Ad-hoc Committee:** Ken explained he was in the process of forming an ad-hoc committee, which will report back to Faculty Senate, to study the 'best practices' of faculty evaluation as presented in scholarly literature, as there are many. He would like the Deans help in selecting faculty from each college to serve on this committee.
3. **Enrollment Fall 2013:** Charlie reported the official numbers had not been announced yet by Central Administration. Discussion was held on possible reasons for decline in our enrollment.
4. **Dual Enrollment:** Charlie discussed the recent email he had received from Dusty explaining Kearney High School's interest in dual enrollment with UNO. Charlie reminded the group that he, Ed and Kenya have had discussions with department chairs (Math, English, Biology, Chemistry) to strongly consider offering dual enrollment courses at KHS. Discussion was held.
5. **UNK Metrics:** Charlie discussed graduation rates and reminded the group to review the White Paper compiled by the Grad Task Force and discuss with respective chairs the specific sections he mentioned earlier.
6. **Experiential Learning and/or Internships:** Charlie reminded the Deans he needs their internship information so he can share this with Susan Fritz on September 24. If you have already sent this information please disregard.
7. **Board of Regents, September 20:** Charlie shared and discussed upcoming agenda items at the next Board of Regents Meeting: need-based financial aid, faculty diversity and merit-based scholarships. He also reported the Health Science Education Complex approval is slated for early 2014.
8. **Homecoming, September 20-21:** Charlie reminded the group of Homecoming activities, September 19-21.
9. **World Affairs Conference:** Charlie reminded the group of the upcoming World Affairs Conference, September 23-25 and also shared that President Milliken had contributed \$5,000 towards the conference.
10. **Other:** Charlie reported there would not be Deans Council on Tuesday, September 24.

Kenya updated the group on the Conflict of Interest process, stating the email from the Chancellor will come out this week. The email will clarify the policies being enforced are not new. There are still plans to have information sessions in October.

Kenya also reported they are working on the agenda and scheduling for upcoming NCA visit.

Charlie and Kenya made an offer to Beth Hinga as .5 Director of Center for Teaching Excellence and she has accepted. There will be an announcement out soon.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Deans will be on ***Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 9 a.m., Warner Conference Room.***