

Minutes of the Meeting of the Deans Council

Tuesday, June 4, 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: John Falconer

1. **Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2013:** Charlie asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes. Ed motioned and Kenya seconded approval of the minutes as presented. All present voted in favor of approval.
2. **John Falconer RE US Census RDC follow-up:** John explained that UNL is applying for NSF funding to create a Census Research Data Center. This will create access to LOTS of data, some of it sensitive. John shared a list from the Nebraska Census Research Data Center with the group. Any researchers who do population research (social science, health science, business, education, etc.) would find key resources in this center. Researchers develop their proposals and send them to the center. Upon acceptance, they describe their variables and set up the statistical analysis. The RDC census staff pulls the data and runs the analysis. The researcher gets the output (if they want the data, they have to go see it at the center. It is too sensitive to leave the center). We have a choice to: 1) be an internal user meaning we pay a flat fee (\$30,000 to \$35,000) each year and have unlimited access or 2) be an external user meaning we pay for Census staff time at a rate of \$1,000 per day.

This is a “big data” project. Faculty who do population data work will increasingly find the best data restricted because the government is concerned about personal information and mega data falling into private hands. We need to decide how we want to proceed. The timeline is that our contact is leaving the country June 9, so if we have questions we need to contact her by then as they need to know our response by the first of July. Discussion was held and it was decided to have the Deans check with faculty and John will check with UNO to see what their plans are.

3. **OWW, Coursera, MOOCS & other forms of course delivery:** Charlie explained there would be a national announcement coming out soon sharing that the University of Nebraska will become partners with Coursera along with several other state universities and university systems. Coursera is a leading provider of open online courses used to expand support for faculty as they explore new and enhanced learning technologies that benefit our students and advance our mission. Discussion was held.
4. **Security Assessment:** Charlie shared a copy of the eBid and explained that due to the security compromise last year the University of Nebraska system is seeking bids from a professional organization to conduct an independent University wide Information Security Risk Assessment. Discussion was held.
5. **PoE Proposals – Provost deadline July 12th, SVCASA deadline July 1st:** Charlie shared the handout titled PoE Requests for AY 2013-14 and briefly discussed the timeline to Central and our office.

6. **North Central Accreditation Updates -- Kenya:** Kenya reported the NCA team has been assigned and her tentative goal is to have the self-study to Randy Mattley by the end of the week. Campus planning has started and discussion was held on student complaint files for NCA review.
7. **Budget Updates:** Charlie reported the BoR will vote on a the 2013-14 budget this Friday, and at this time there is nothing new to report on carry forward. He also reminded the group salary increase updates are due June 7, 2013.
8. **Other:** Charlie reminded the group the June 18th Dean's Council Meeting has been cancelled and the Deans Retreat is scheduled for July 22-23, 2013. He also shared several topics for discussion at the retreat; Campus Compact, certificates, evaluations, Master Plan and several more to be determined. He also gave a brief update on from the Health Science Education Complex Design Meeting held on May 31.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Deans will be on ***Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 9 a.m., Warner Conference Room.***