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## **DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY**

**February 4, 2010**

**Attending: Ali, Baker, Boocker, Bullock, Cicotello, DeFrank, Edick, Fiene, Hynes, Keel, Maher, Pol, Reed, Smith-Howell**

### **1. Guest: Bill Conley, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance**

- Presentation: Scott Village II
  - Outlined the process for the new residence hall that was recently approved. A general timeline for how the project will proceed was presented. The timeline has been accelerated for a variety of reasons, including the desirable interest rates that can be achieved currently.

### **2. Approval of summary for January 21, 2010 Deans' Forum meeting - Approved**

### **3. New/Old Business**

- 3.1 Criss Library: Planning for the Future (DeFrank)  
Areas of emphasis for library in coming months and years:
  - Community Engagement
  - Organizational Development
  - Systems Interoperability
  - ✓ Dean Reed agreed to speak on Feb. 18
  - ✓ Dean Ali agreed to speak on March 4
- 3.2 Graduate Assistants: Tuition/Stipends Update (Smith-Howell)
  - Provided a breakdown of GA positions, remissions and stipends.
  - Working to identify residential and non-residential distinctions in funding.
  - One option is to centralize some percentage of the GA distribution in a gradual process, which would allow for some equitable redistribution in a process TBD.
  - Request to send to Dean Smith-Howell a list of GAs currently employed that may be coming open this coming year. Tentative deadline Feb. 15 to get information to Deb.
  - One important piece that we are looking at is progress toward degree.
- 3.3 Report from CAO Meeting (Hynes)
- 3.4 RFF(feedback) re: Budget Forum (Hynes)
  - Discussion about challenges of planning when there are no firm numbers in place.
  - Feedback from some faculty about reminding us to mention importance of growing revenue and not focusing only on cutting.
- 3.5 Course Evaluation Update (Bullock)
  - Suggestion was made to simultaneously provide information to Deans about the course evaluation project to get their feedback as we proceed with Faculty Senate.
- 3.6 Specifying Terms for Chairs/Directors? (Hynes)

### **4. Reminders:**

- 4.1 Fees: Deadlines (Smith-Howell, Cicotello)
- 4.2 Kelly Fund (Smith-Howell)