In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, J L Albert, Robert Moore, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Susan Kelley, Mary Finn, Robin Morris, Nancy Seamans, Tim Renick, Robert Sattelmeyer, Ron Henry, Chair

Visitors: DeAnna Hines

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of April 29, 2009 have been approved.

President’s Update

Provost Henry announced the following on behalf of President Becker:

1) State revenues are down 20% for the month of April. This is 2.5% below the Governor’s estimates. There is the distinct possibility that we may get an additional 1% cut for this fiscal year. Fortunately we have enough to carry us over.

2) The Board of Regents has authorized inclusion of a statement on furloughs in faculty contracts and offer letters. The Provost will send the statement electronically to Deans/unit heads to be incorporated in all contracts/offer letters.

3) A GroupWise announcement will go out Monday, June 1, 2009 regarding 300 positions reduced in force/vacancies that will not be filled, including 30 RIF staff.

PhD Hooding Ceremony – DeAnna Hines

Future ceremonies for PhD graduates will be held in the Rialto Center. Feedback from the first ceremony was good. Due to seating limitations at the Rialto, the President is insistent on having entry tickets for guests. The only problem incurred was receiving information on the PhD candidates from colleges too late into the semester. The requirement hereafter is to have all necessary information turned in by the Friday after the midpoint of the semester. There will be an opportunity to host a small reception afterwards. The fall semester ceremony will take place on a Sunday afternoon with the regular commencement on Monday evening.

Enrollment

- Fall - Admission numbers continue to look good. There are 2,500 freshmen confirmed for the fall semester. SAT scores have gone up as well with the average currently at 1098.

- Summer – Just fewer than 16,000 students enrolled. 123,000 credit hours registered.

GoSolar- the website went down recently, preventing students from paying tuition and fees. There were 16,000 unique users trying to sign on at the same time. The problem consisted of students signing on to check for grades and faculty clarifying their non-reported grades. It’s going to be really important that we trim the numbers of non-reported grades for the Fall because of the University’s closing for a two week holiday. There is the possibility of having a dummy deadline one (1) day before the actual deadline.

Centers & Institutions– Mary Finn

Verification of centers/institutions is needed going into the next cycle of academic program reviewing (APR). Deans are being asked to report back to Mary on the current listing of centers/institutions in their college that are operational, when they’ve undergone an APR, if they are embedded in a department or college-wide, and
what type they are (research, service, and education).

**National Increase in Tertiary Degrees**

NASULGC would like feedback on the national goal of expanding the percentage of 25-34 year olds with tertiary degrees. Overall we’ve made some progress. We need to increase the ratio of degrees produced per student enrolled (1:5). We can also increase our graduation rates (45%). We’ve had some growth with our progression rates (increased to 14%). We can produce a few more PhD’s and decrease the ratio of undergraduate to graduate students. Emphasizing learning outcomes and have a significant input in the K-12 system as well as working with community colleges.

**Any Other Business**

President Becker has requested that the Deans Group meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Administrative Council will occur on the 1st Wednesday and the expanded President’s staff meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

We are trying to operationalize the new policy with regard to out of state tuition waivers. This will be shared with the various people in the colleges that need to know this.

Provost Henry’s retirement party is slated for August 10, 2009 at 5:30pm at the Rialto Center for the Arts.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2009 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Golden Key Board Room, 2nd floor, Student Center.