Minutes of the Deans’ Council Meeting of July 11 2011

Present:  Paul Meyer, David Billeaux, Moustafa Abdelsamad, Kelly Quintanilla, Frank Pezold, Art Hernandez, Mary Jane Hamilton, Luis Cifuentes, Ed Kownsler

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I. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of June 28th were approved.

II. Staffing Plans
Dr. Markwood requested formal proposal for long-term staffing plans. He requested a phase one plan with replacements and consolidations, new positions, and late announced retirements.

III. Reminder on Telephone Allowances
Dr. Markwood requested that the deans turn in their information on a spreadsheet separated by the $30, $60, and $90 allowances.

IV. Institutional Memberships
Dr. Markwood announced that individual memberships require justification or reason.

V. Gainful Employment
Dr. Meyer announced that Department of Education regulations require job placement rates. One way to address this would be to make the graduate student survey mandatory & increase alumni response rate. A suggestion was to utilize the career center to help reach students after graduation.

VI. SLATE Course Evaluation Program
Dr. Meyer announced that the SLATE program will be cancelled. The university will participate one last year then use the next year to review the system. 2012 will be the last year that the System provides funding. Dr. Markwood asked how the deans evaluate excellence in teaching, effectiveness of the program used, and rewards.

VII. Other Issues of the Council
Dr. Markwood requested feedback on the retreat and what should be done differently in the future.