

UNL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Annual Winter Meeting
February 3, 2012
Nebraska Union, City Campus

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Time: 4:55 p.m.), Welcome and Introductions: Timothy Draftz, Co-President\
Attendees: Tim Draftz, Michael Keralis, Robin Keralis, Ann Lif, Sheila Sutter,
UNL Attendees: Dr. Juan Franco (UNL Student Affairs), Dr. Timothy Alvarez (Parent and UNL
Student Affairs) and Tonda Humphress (UNL Student Affairs).
2. Approval of Minutes, November 5, 2011 meeting –Timothy Draftz
Accepted as written.
3. Financial Report –Dr Timothy Alvarez:
Assets: \$ 29,088.90
Liabilities \$ 6,140.92
Net worth 22,893.98
Current account balance Raffle 17688.74
Current general account 11,400.16
Motion made and seconded to accept the financial report without change:
Approved unanimously.
4. UNL Parents Association Raffle Report – Dr. Timothy Alvarez:
Income: \$31,885.00
Expenses (including taxes \$898.00): \$18206.34
Net Income: \$13,687.00
6. New Business:
 - University Update – Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs:
Bed bugs: Recently found in student housing. The University is trying to be transparent. Initially the bugs were found in one room. Subsequent searches found additional bed bugs other rooms. The University has been using a bed bug stifling dog. This animal has a very sensitive sense of smell. So far the University has found the insects in 25 different rooms. People can find updates in UNL Housing web space. The plan is to go through all of the rooms on campus. The University is looking at outside dog sources to expedite the search. When the insects are found, the room is treated. It takes 4 hours to treat a room at 130 degrees. Also the University is purchasing a carbon dioxide freezing machine for killing the insects. This machine is on order. The University is looking to buying their own machines and getting their own dog. This way we can evaluate and treat rooms as people come and go in the rooms throughout the summer. Letters are being sent to parents. UNL is trying to be open with the press but individual rights need to be respected. The administration has not told anyone to lie about the situation.
 - Parents Weekend 2012 – Dr. Timothy Alvarez: Financials: We will probably lose \$2500.00 when all of the totals are in. We are still waiting for the bill for breakfast. Good comments about being in the Champions Club have come in. Cost of \$600 for renting the Club but this also included the parking. It was suggested that those who come early to visit East Campus and what it offers. Dr. Alvarez will discuss with Sue Voss of CASNR. Mocktail: CASNR did pay for this. We will discuss with CASNR on how to improve this in the future. Entertainment for Friday night: Most would like to have groups similar to the Bath Tub Dogs. Saturday morning: Some though about a

scavenger hunt on city campus. All want more interaction with faculty. Will try to keep the cost down. Faculty presentations: make sure people know where to go.

- Upcoming Events – Timothy A. Alvarez
 - Outstanding Student Leadership Award Dinner will be April 20. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding leadership in academics, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities and involvements. This event is financially supported by the UNL Parents Association. Michael Keralis has agreed to serve on the selection committee on behalf of the UNL Parents Association.
 - New Student Enrollment (Usually June-July): we try to have someone staff the Parents Association booth from 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. However, most days are during the work week. Anyone who might be able to help should contact Tonda.
 - Big Red Welcome Street Festival (usually the Sunday before classes start, so most likely will be August 19, 2012.
 - Residence Hall Welcome (Usually the Thursday and Friday before classes start; this year it is likely to be August 16 and 17)
 - Big Red Road Show – Tonda Humphress, Project Coordinator, Student Affairs
 - March 4, 2012 (Sunday), 12:00-3:30 pm at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. (Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.). Admissions will deliver our boxes of materials to our booth for us and we then need to setup the booth by 12:30 at the latest. Booths must remain open until 3:30 p.m.). (CenturyLink Center does charge for parking, \$8 for surface parking according to their web site.)

7. Old Business

- Parents Recognition Awards Reception Debriefing – Timothy Draftz: It was felt by the parents who attended that it “got a little long today”. Will look at ways to streamline the process.

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the Spring Meeting – April 14 (Spring Game), Anticipated start time of 10:00. For those who desire tickets contact Tonda. Tonda will get 16.

Meeting adjourned at 18:24

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Keralis MD