

**Parents Association Spring Meeting**  
**April 16, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**212 Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, City Campus**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. –Timothy Draftz, Co-President

1. Introductions – Timothy Draftz

Attendees - Lori Alvarez, Kelly D. Casey, Jim and Kathie DeTour ,Tim Draftz, Pam Feis, Michael and Robin Keralis, Kaylene M. and Richard Luedtke, Randy Lush, Edith Mattesen, Bob and Gayle Modrovsky, Annette and Gary Swartz, Linda Wood

UNL Attendees - Dr. Juan N. Franco PhD., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Dr. Timothy A. Alvarez PhD., Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Tonda Humphress, Project Coordinator Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

2. UNL Update – Dr. Juan Franco

- i. Expressed thanks for coming and sending our sons and daughters to UNL.
- ii. These are exciting times during the spring semester, 2011. There have been many student awards and banquets already. Students are currently getting ready for the end of the semester. He encouraged us to continue to keep up with our students.
- iii. New student government: Lane Carr is the new president. They just finished the Big Event, which is a community project program that included 160 teams.
- iv. BIG 10: Not official until July 1, 2011. Many contacts with the BIG Ten already.
- v. Budget cuts: Nebraska is having financial difficulties like several other states. Five million dollars in budget cuts are projected for UNL and 10 million dollars for the rest of the system. UNL is losing 17 faculty members. Student services are not being at this changed at this time. Some shifting has to be done, especially shifting instructors to new classes. We are doing all we can to improve.
- vi. Enrollment: UNL has been averaging 2% increase /year for the last several years (500 students a year). UNL will probably pass 25,000 students in fall of 2011. Average ACT scores are also going up. There are currently more meeting rooms with the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center. New residence halls are proposed for the next couple of years.

2. Approval of minutes from the February 4, 2011 Meeting –Timothy Draftz

Minutes approved without correction

3. Treasurer's Report – Kaylene Luedtke Kaylene explained how the accounts are set up in general to the group. Current report shows:

Assets: \$ 23,395.15

Liabilities (projected): \$ 4,944.68

Net worth: \$ 18,450.47

Current general account balance: \$ 5,885.07

Raffle account: \$ 17,510.08 (Emergency contacts on MYRED comprises the mailing list.)

Motion made and seconded to accept the financial report without change: Approved unanimously.

4. Parents Association Grant Funded Project(s) – Kaylene Luedtke  
 Kaylene explained the basis of grants that were decided at the last meeting. These are grants given to student organizations and university organizations that directly affect the student population at UNL. We expect impact statements from the grantees. This shows how the money was spent and the impact to the student population for which it was directed.
5. Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Michael Keralis, Secretary and Timothy Draftz.  
 Timothy Draftz attended the banquet this year. Multiple UNL selection committees on behalf of the Office of Student Affairs annually select one male and one female student for recognition for their outstanding leadership contributions at UNL and their efforts to develop leadership qualities in their fellow students. Michael Keralis was on the final selection committee representing the Parents Association. The Outstanding Student Leadership Award is one of the highest awards presented to students, recognizing outstanding leadership in academic, co-curricular, and/or extracurricular activities and involvement. Zachary Kane of Valparaiso and Jordan Mills of Omaha were the recipients for the 2010-2011 awards.

In addition to Kane and Mills, four students were honored as finalists and 14 as semifinalists for the awards.

- Finalists:
- Jacob Schlange, Springfield
  - Emily Schlichting, Omaha
  - Elizabeth Sutton, Lincoln
  - Justin Whitefoot, Kearney
- Semifinalists:
- Jordan Burchatz, Watertown, SD
  - Jared Dailey, Papillion
  - Anne Gates, Columbus
  - Callie Helms, Sioux Falls, SD
  - Matthew Hilgenkamp, Colon
  - Lauren Jewell, Las Vegas, NV
  - Hans Larsen, Omaha
  - Stephanie Lee, Lincoln
  - Cassie Olson, McCook
  - Tony Schukei, Norfolk
  - Zachary Smith, East Troy, WI
  - Kristen Tassemeyer, Plainview
  - Teran Walford, York
  - Kathleen Wichers, Lincoln

6. Parents Weekend, September 30 – October 2 –Dr. Timothy Alvarez  
 This is during the Wisconsin game. We cannot do this on home games because of ticket and hotel availability. We will try to involve the learning communities in this event again.
  - \* Parent Volunteers will be needed.
  - \* Dates are listed on the Parents Association Web Site (brochure is not yet avail.)
  - \* Schedule/Give-away, etc. Changes from last year or what do we definitely want to do again. Registration Fee will be dependent on where we have the activities.
7. Big Red Road Show Update  
 Omaha (Qwest Center) on February 13 – Timothy Draftz  
 This is a UNL presentation to encourage, educate and promote the UNL program to Omaha, Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa. Quite a few freshmen parents were contacted at this event and encouraged to participate in the Parents Association. There was great participation by our parents.

8. Additional Upcoming Events: - Dr. Timothy Alvarez/Tonda Humphress
- \* NSE(New Student Enrollment) will begin June 6 (Parents Weekend Brochures will be distributed if avail.) NSE dates are as follows: June 6-11, 14-18, 21-24, 27-30; July 1, 6-8. Representatives are needed these dates from 7:15-8:10 a.m. Contact Tonda if you can help
  - \* Residence Hall Welcome, Usually the Thursday and Friday before classes start; this year it is likely to be August 18 and 19 (usually need help from 8:00 am -4:00 pm). Parent volunteers will need to sign up early so that we have time to mail them a parking permit and map (to minimize congestion, volunteers will not be able to park in the residence hall lots); we will need to know what dates/times you will be volunteering and your license plate number and state (for the parking permit). *Please remember that because Housing will be counting on all its volunteers, it is important for you to keep your schedule.*
  - \* Big Red Welcome is usually the Sunday before classes start, so most likely will be August 21. We give away Big Red gum at this event.
9. Summer Meeting –Timothy Draftz  
On July 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our summer meeting at the Keralis home. RSVPs are needed. You can contact Tonda. Information will be posted to the website.
10. Parents Association Social Activity Suggestions (activities/time frame/etc.) – Timothy Draftz  
Parents Night (BBQ Hot Dogs/Hamburgers and a soda for \$2  
Baseball Game (Salt Dogs)  
Women’s Basketball Game  
Tailgate before a game \*\*  
Have a meet & greet team (maybe with some coaching staff) \*\*  
Interesting Speaker (ideas)  
Ice Cream Social at the UNL Dairy Store w/tour of ice cream factory  
(Maybe this would be good the Friday afternoon/evening of Res. Hall Welcome)  
Move-in area in each hall for parents or offer ice cream coupon from  
EC Dairy Store to parents.  
Parents Ice Cream Social Thursday night of move in. \*\*  
*\*\* We will try to implement these activities.*
11. Other Business – Timothy Draftz:
- There continues to be a need for officers, President Elect and Treasurer.
  - Donations for silent auction for the parent’s weekend are also needed. Anything that has “Huskers” on it goes well. Put together a basket or 2.
  - Car pooling may help others from out of town to come to meetings. If anyone is interested in this then contact Tonda.

Next Meeting July 16 at Keralis home  
9500 South 67 Street  
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Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Keralis MD