

UNL Parents Association  
Summer Meeting  
July 11, 2009  
J. Citta Home

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm.  
Welcome by Joy Citta

2. Introduction of attendees: Henry Carnaby, Dick Luedtke, Kaylene M. Luedtke, Tim Draftz, Susan Draftz, Rosemary Eastwood, Bill Eastwood, Robin Keralis, Michael Keralis, Kelly D. Casey, Deb Albright, Elizabeth Pokorny, Joy Citta, Deb Keefe, Larry Brant, Tammy Brant

*UNL Staff Present:* Janet Crawford, UNL Health Center; Linda Major, UNL VCSA Office; Tim Alvarez, UNL VCSA Office; Juan N. Franco, UNL VCSA Office; Tonda Humphress, UNL VCSA Office; John Parish, University Bookstore

3. **University Update – Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs:**

Dr. Franco expressed his delight to have everyone present. He thanked Joy Citta for hosting our meeting. Several good things are happening at the University.

- Finished the new student program for Fall 2009 admissions. Everything went well.
- Current projects include:
  - The following new buildings will open soon:
    - The culture center will be open in January with a total of 30,000 ft sq.
    - New residence hall open one year from now.
- Remodeling of residence halls: Abel/Sandoz and it's food service facility. With the National Special Olympics in Lincoln in one year, participants will be eating in the new food service.
- New student financial literacy program will funded by Pepsi. This will work to help the students understand their finances better, including credit cards, etc.
- Alcohol education: Linda will transition from Director of Student Involvement to working with the alcohol education program as the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- Character education: New Student Convocation opening will be led by Dr. Tom Osborne.
- Homecoming is Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. The 300<sup>th</sup> straight sell out celebration will be observed at this time; old-style uniforms will be used.
- Budget cuts. Not as bad as some schools. 5% cut prepared for but 1.5% will actually be implemented this year. Therefore we maintained student programs. Unfortunately, some positions affected with the most being changes in number of 100% FTE employees.
- New student information system starting in September. This will be used for new enrollment in September. In the planning phase for over two years with lots of hard work by many people doing several new jobs.

- Opening of remodeled Whittier building. The front of the building will be used for research, while the back of the building will be additional student services. This will start in August.
- Enrollment numbers show 200 more students overall. Freshman rates will be flat this year probably dependent on economy. There are fewer out of state students.

#### **4. University Health Center Services - Janet Crawford:**

Janet reported on research projects having to do with alcohol usage on campus and special projects. Currently she is cataloging different areas on campus that have to do with alcohol usage and other drug abuse. A report will be going to Dr. Franco that will sum up services. She is asking the Parents Association for areas that may be needed to be addressed in this area. Some suggestions and questions included:

- New student enrollment plays that were done this year were appreciated and considered effective by some.
- Previous education sessions were done through the Greek system. During these education sessions, most of the questions regarded what are the laws and protections that apply when a student is stopped, and “what rules do I have to follow in order to not get caught.” There is a great amount of misinformation. These were the questions presented.
- Parents are often interested in the process of what happens in the system. Questions about “responsibility” and “when does a student get cited” were addressed.
- Alcohol prevalence in freshman girls and vulnerability were discussed. These young women may not understand all of the risk factors they are open to. A great concern was stated concerning starting off as a group date and then getting separated through the night.
- What programs are in place about roommates and their alcohol problems was discussed. This is addressed on the health education web site. There are at least 2 AA meetings on campus. There are no alanon groups on campus.
- Alcohol on campus is not generally permitted. If caught the student is reported to the judicial affairs office and required to go through educational sessions. If the student is underage then they are reported to police on occasion.
- Socialization and being safe. Discussed legal implications of illegal alcohol use. 47% of students have used alcohol before coming to campus.  
(Linda)

#### **5. Online Alcohol Education Program - Linda Major:**

Linda reported on the online alcohol education program (OAEP) that was added at UNL. She stated that UNL is recognized as a leader in the nation in decreasing the rate of alcohol usage on campus by 20%. We have a good partnership in the community and the campus. All first year students will be expected to take OAEP. Studies show women who will be starting campus will start drinking during the summer before their freshman year to try to fit in. Two programs will be evaluated over the next year. These are to correct misconceptions about the use of alcohol on campus.

**6. Minutes from last meeting:** additions or corrections: date for homecoming game changed to the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

*Motion made and approved unanimously to accept minutes as corrected.*

**7. Financial Report – Kaylene Luedtke, Treasurer**

Assets: \$12,958.29

Liabilities (projected): \$1,094.09

Net worth: \$11,864.20

Current checking account balance: \$9791.09

Raffle account: \$3167.20

*Motion made and seconded to accept report without change: Approved unanimously*

**8. Grant request funding form - Timothy A. Alvarez (Student Affairs):** The grant funding request form has been put together. What needed to be delineated was: “What is the purpose of the grant” and “What is the eligibility of the program?” Corrections and finalization of form will be available for use this year.

*Approved by consensus.*

**9. Residence Hall Welcome:** Scheduled for Aug. 20-21. Contact Tonda if you want to help. Parents really appreciate this activity. Parking will be tighter this year so need extra help. 4 hour volunteer blocks requested.

**10. Big Red Welcome:** Sunday, Aug. 23. This is a good way for the Parents Association to be seen by the students. We will again give academic calendar cards and Big Red Gum.

**11. Parents Weekend and Auction Fundraiser:** Dates: October 2-4, 2009. Schedule was reviewed. Discussion about auction took place. If anyone has any new ideas, then send them to Joy. Anything Huskers, blankets, rental properties, door prizes and bookstore involvement details, etc. were discussed. Elizabeth will send out letters to University departments again. Contact Tonda with any suggestions. We need to get this solidified.

**12. New Student Enrollment:** This went very well as a whole. Several cards returned for those interested in the UNL Parents Association. Discussion was held about having workers stationed at the table in the mornings. This will be encouraged again for next year.

**13. Tuition raffle:** Tuition raffle mailing will be done in the fall.

**14. By-law Update:** Tonda reported on updates that are being considered. These include:

a. Article III, Section 2: Changing meeting dates “month of September or October” to “fall semester”. Therefore the change to be read: “The annual meeting of the

members shall be held on a Saturday to be selected by the Advisory Board in the fall semester of each year, for the purpose of electing officers and members of the Advisory Board, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.”

b. Article III, Section 2: Changing of the section “...members shall be mailed not less...” to “...members shall be provided not less...” . Therefore, the sentence to read: “Notice of the annual meeting of the members shall be provided not less than the (10) days prior to the annual meeting to all members.”

c. Article V, Section 5. Addition of “or Electronic Mail (email)” after “Mail” in first sentence. Therefore, the sentence to be read: “Provision for the Transaction of Business by Mail or Electronic Mail (email).”

d. Article V, Section 5. Replacement of “mail” with “such” in last sentence. Therefore, the sentence to be read: “In any such ballot a majority of those members authorized to vote is required to effect a decision.”

e. Article V, Section 7 Addition of “or emailed” and “postal or electronic” after “mailed” and “recorded” respectively in the second sentence. Therefore, the sentence to read: “Notices of special meetings shall be mailed or emailed to the last recorded postal or electronic address of each Advisory Board member at least four (4) days in advance.”

f. Article V, Section 7 Addition of “or electronically” after “writing” in the fourth sentence. Therefore, the second sentence to be read: “The President shall, at the request in writing or electronically of a majority of the Advisory Board members, issue a call for the special meeting of the Advisory Board.”

g. Article VIII, Section 3. Change of “mailed” to “provided” in the last sentence. Therefore, the sentence to read: “Notice of slate of nominees will be submitted to the Secretary of the Association to be provided to the membership with the notice of the annual meeting of members.”

h. Article X, Addition “or electronic” to the article after the word “written”. Therefore, the Article to be read: “These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Advisory Board present and voting at any regular or special meeting, if at least four days written or electronic notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws at such meeting.”

*Motion made and seconded to approve the changes of the Bylaws:Approved unanimously*

**15. New officers for the next year.** We need a new president elect, treasurer and secretary. Michael Keralis (secretary) and Kaylene Luedtke (Treasurer) are willing to continue in their positions.

**16. Fall meeting:** Next meeting date is November 7<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announce based on the time of the football game. Meeting time to be 2 ½ hours before start of game. Tonda will check to see if football tickets will be available to those at the meeting to purchase.

The UNL Parents Association Board thanked Joy Citta for allowing us to use her home for the potluck lunch summer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Keralis MD