Meeting called to order at 8:35 am

1. **INTRODUCTIONS – Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs**
   
   Members Present – Linette Asay, John Beyers, Mary Brittenham, Mary Dankowski, Susan Draftz (conf. ph.), Timothy Draftz (conf. ph.), Susan Nagle, Mike Nagle, Serenna Russell (conf. ph.)

   UNL Staff Present – Juan N. Franco, Tonda Humphress

   Guests – Glenn Humphress

2. **University Update – Juan N. Franco**

   Yesterday were to very good programs. 1) The Character Council, which is made up of 17 super students who help us highlight students doing good things, met yesterday afternoon to select 30 new Franco’s List members. Franco’s List is also one that identifies students on campus who have been nominated who are doing well academically but also very good things for others without asking for anything in return. They had about 75 nominees and selected 30, so it is becoming very selective; they select about 30 every year. One of the things they announced at this event was the decision to have a Sam Foltz Award. You may have heard of Sam Foltz; Sam was a member of Franco’s List. When Dr. Franco talked to his parents at his funeral, his parents said that of all the awards he had received, one of the things that mattered to him most was being selected as a member of Franco’s List. When the Character Council heard this, they said “we should have an award named after him.” So next Spring, they will present this award for the first time and it will go to one of the students in Franco’s List. 2) Last night, Mortar Board Senior Honor Society had their “People Who Inspire” reception. Each student brings someone to the reception who has inspired them in some way: a teacher, a grandparent, a fellow student, etc. We don’t do enough recognition of people who make a positive difference in our lives so this is a really good event to thank these individuals publicly for helping them along the way.

   Yesterday was a Board of Regents meeting. They approved our request that we demolish Cather-Pound residence halls. They are about 50 years old, and at this point they need to be updated. It would cost about $25 million to refurbish them as needed. So, instead we will demolish them after carefully discussing the different options. They will probably be imploded sometime after the semester ends. That space is long and narrow so you are somewhat limited in what to use the space for afterwards. It could be an academic building or a Campus Recreation field but it has not yet been decided.

   We worked with our students leading up to the election and we have been fortunate that we haven’t had any major incidents before or after the election. Our students have been behaving quite well and we are very proud of them. The message we give out to students, regardless of your philosophy or who you supported, we cannot control what happens nationally, but we can impact what happens on our campus. On our campus, we are one community. We are one university. We are all Huskers. We all protect each other. That seems to resonate with our students. We have great students, and we hope things will continue going as well as it has been.

   The economy in Nebraska is starting to hurt. We are going to be experiencing budget cuts. The governor has said that he is going to withhold some of the money that was already allocated to state
agencies for this year, including universities. We think he will hold back about 4% of our state-funded budget for this year. Four percent is significant but not devastating. Currently we have a hiring freeze on any positions that are paid by state budget funds. We will have to tighten our belts a little. We are more concerned about the next two years. The prediction is that Nebraska is going to be hurting and budget cuts will be much more significant. We will work with the state legislature, understanding that they won’t have a lot of money to give and that there are other priorities as well. We will do what we can. We will likely not hire as many people and may have to cut some programs. The university will always protect the basic academic programs. The good news is that we are preparing. The prediction is that we will have 2-3 years of a challenging economy but then it will turn around; these things tend to happen in cycles.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Juan N. Franco**
Minutes from July 16, 2016 meeting - approved as written.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Dankowski**
Report dated November 19, 2016 distributed and reviewed.

| Assets:       | $ 25,884.15 (General Fund = $428.53 + Raffle $25,455.62) |
| Liabilities:  | $ 30,000.00                                             |
| Net Worth     | $(4,115.85)                                             |

While funds are constrained, the Parents appreciate and value the different activities and programs such as the Parents Recognition Ceremony, Outstanding Student Leadership Award and Family Weekend that the Association hosts or supports. We hope to be able to continue these programs, perhaps with the University’s assistance.

John has agreed to learn more about the Treasurer’s position so that he can fill that role in the future. A big thanks to John.

5. **Parents Association Funded or Supported Events**
These events were described to new members. The Parents Association and the University
- Parents Recognition Ceremony in January or February
- UNL Family Weekend
- Outstanding Student Leadership Award
- Mini grants (when funds are available)

6. **NEW BUSINESS – Linette Asay, President**
A. Selection of new executive committee members for 2017
President will be Linette Asay, Columbus NE
- Presidents Elect: Nominee,_____________
- Secretary: Nominee, Debbie Meyer, Bellevue NE
- Treasurer: Nominee, Mary Dankowski, Park Forest, IL
- Members-at-Large Nominee, Marisa Gray, Kansas City KS
  (need to have at least 3 positions filled)
  Nominee, Serena Russell, Omaha, NE
  Nominee, Alan and Cindy Carter, Omaha NE
  Nominee, Sue and Mark Quinn, Naperville, IL
  Nominee, Steffanie and Jim Bowen, Bellevue, NE
  Nominee, Suzanne Talbott, Omaha, NE
  Nominee, John Beyers, Woodbury, MN
  Nominee, Troy Brooks, Lincoln, NE

Since we were short on members in attendance, Tonda will send out an electronic ballot. Officers take their positions effective January 1.
RAFFLE DRAWING

UNL Tuition Prize (up to $2,500) for the 2017 Spring Semester
Amy Gadeken of Seward, NE (Student: Kayla Gadeken)
Chris Maras of Blair, NE (Student: Olivia Maras)

$250 University Bookstore Gift Card
Kathy & Rich Chadd of Lincoln, NE (Student: Hunter Chadd)
Karen Engel of Des Moines, IA (Student: Margaret Engel)
Jody Hartley of Lincoln, NE (Student: Halston Hartley)

Coach Autographed Football
Penny Petrmichi of Elkhorn, NE (Student: Ben Petrmichi)

Coach Autographed Women’s Basketball
Randy Fuerhoff of Oakland, NE (Student: Reid Fuerhoff)

Coach Autographed Softball
Linette Asay of Columbus, NE (Student: Alex Asay)

Coach Autographed Men’s Basketball
Mary Brittenham of Lincoln, NE (Student: Abby Brittenham)

7. **NEXT MEETING** – February 3, 2017 immediately following Parents Recognition Awards Ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Submitted by

Tonda Humphress