

UNL Parents Association Summer Meeting
July 23, 2012
5:30 p.m.
106 Canfield Administration Building
-Minutes-

Meeting called to order by Susan Draftz, Co-President.

1. Introductions

Attending in person: Dean Lif, Ann Lif, Susan Draftz, Robin Keralis, Juan N. Franco PhD,
Timothy A. Alvarez PhD, Tonda Humphress

Attending by Online/Conference Phone: Stacey Romick-Imig, Joni S., Timothy Draftz,
Henry Carnaby, Kaylene Luedtke

2. UNL Update - Dr. Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

*It has been an uneventful summer, with 22 New Student Enrollment events held. RD's reported to work today, RA's will arrive next and soon the Cornhusker Marching Band will arrive for band camp.

*We are looking forward to a great year. The residence halls at 17th & R are progressing well. The first will open in August, 2013, and the second will open in 2014. There is some concern about the large number of student apartments being built close to campus, but hopefully students will soon realize that campus housing is the best option.

*Campus Recreation upgrades are going well.

*Student Affairs will have a new focus on Student Engagement, led by Pat McBride, aiming especially toward international students, student veterans, and commuter students, in order to increase their involvement in campus activities.

*Students are now encouraged to earn a Civic Engagement certificate, and 22 students completed this requirement last year. Universities should serve the public good, so civic learning and democratic engagement by students is important.

*The Character Campaign is still alive, and Athletic Director Tom Osborne has joined the effort.

*Parents are encouraged to have their students sign up for the UNL Alert system.

(<http://emergency.unl.edu/unlalert>)

*Bedbug follow-up: All dormitory rooms will be re-checked after summer programs are completed.

3. Minutes from the April 14, 2012 meeting were distributed and approved without changes.

4. Treasurer's Report - Kaylene Luedtke, Treasurer

Assets: \$18,758.11

Liabilities (projected): \$5,756.98

Net worth: \$13,001.13

Current General Account Balance: \$14,453.07

Current Raffle Account Balance: \$4,305.04

Treasurer's Report was approved without changes.

5. Give-Away Items - Tonda Humphress

Give-away items were discussed. Tonda will inquire about getting a different style of keychain light that won't come apart so easily.

6. Parents Weekend 2012, October 5-7 - Dr. Timothy A. Alvarez

*Parents Weekend budget estimate was presented and discussed.

*Planning for 175 paid participants @ \$60 would end up just above breaking even.

*Football Watch Party will be held at Memorial Stadium.

*Friday evening will be on East Campus and feature the Bathtub Dogs for entertainment.

*Saturday breakfast will be at Champions Club, with a 10:30 am presentation by Career Services.

*The usual stadium tour & lunch.

*Four afternoon presentations: CSI, Storm Chasing, Study Abroad and Civic Engagement.

*We will try to purchase 2 football tickets for the Silent Auction.

*Robin Keralis will send letters requesting Silent Auction donations from UNL Colleges.

7. Tuition Raffle Mailing - Tonda Humphress

Mailing will go out once the final parent contact list is completed for Fall semester.

8. Parent Involvement - Dr. Timothy A. Alvarez

New Student Enrollment emphasis on recruiting parents for the group. Having a "real" UNL parent, or perhaps a hired UNL student, present at the UNL Parents Association display for NSE might help catch the interest of more parents.

Other ideas included the possibility of offering book scholarships as door prizes for UNL Parents Association meeting attendees.

9. Slate of New Officers - Susan Draftz

Parents were encouraged to volunteer to serve as treasurer, president-elect or secretary.

10. Start of Semester Activities - Timothy Draftz

*Residence Hall Welcome, August 16 & 17. Parents can volunteer to hand out water & Parents Association cards. Sign-up deadline has been extended to July 31, 2012.

*Big Red Welcome, August 19. Parents can volunteer to help at the Parents Association booth, handing out Big Red gum, Academic Calendar cards, and Parents Weekend flyers.

11. Fall Meeting Date: November 10, 2012 (before the Nebraska vs. Penn State football game).

We will try to get 20 football tickets for attendees to purchase.

Web connection for the meeting will be set up for those who cannot attend in person.

Meeting adjourned just before 7:00pm.

Submitted by Robin Keralis, acting secretary.