

UNL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Winter Meeting

January 29, 2010

(Immediately following the Parents Recognition Awards Ceremony)

Nebraska Union, City Campus

Attendees: Tim Draftz, Susan Draftz, Michael Keralis, Robin Keralis, Dick Luedtke, Kaylene Luedtke

UNL Attendees: Juan N. Franco, Timothy A. Alvarez, Tonda Humphress

1. Call to Order at 16:29 p.m. by Tim and Susan Draftz., Co-Presidents

2. **Approval of Minutes, November 7, 2009 meeting** – No additions or corrections were made to the minutes from the November 7th meeting.

Motion made and approved unanimously to accept November 7, 2009 minutes.

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

Assets: \$ 29,239.81

Liabilities (projected): \$ 7,622.63

Net worth: \$ 21,617.18

Current general account balance: \$ 5,736.51

Raffle account: \$ 23,503.30

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

4. New Business

➤ University Update – Juan N. Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

1) Enrollment for spring included 600 more students than last Spring, 2009. This will reflect well for enrollment for next Fall, 2010.

2) The new Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center is expected to open around 22 February.

3) Knoll Residence Hall is coming along well. The residential center will house over 550 students and at least half of the units will be reserved for freshmen.

4) 3 Dean and 2 Vice Chancellor positions currently need to be filled. Candidate searches are currently underway.

5) New Student Information System. At this time students need to switch to the new system. My Red, will be used for all new student information. Registration for next fall semester will all be done on the new system. Admissions, Financial Aid, etc. will be on this system. The goal is to have all areas functional in March. WAM will finish around September 1, 2010. Advisors are being trained on the new system now.

6) Thanks again for the work the UNL Parents Association does.

➤ Dates for upcoming events. – Timothy A. Alvarez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

1) Outstanding Student interviews will take place around March 8-11. Outstanding Student Leadership Award Dinner will be in April. 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. Usually one of the UNL Parents Association Presidents assists with the interview phase. Michael Keralis will participate in the interviews this year.

2) New Student Enrollment: This is a 25 day series that is scheduled 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.

- 3) Parents weekend Oct 1-3 or 8-10, 2010. Discussion as possible dates will depend of football schedule. At this time we will try to schedule October 1-3 as our primary dates. Further discussion will depend on any football changes.
- 4) Other upcoming Events – Timothy A. Alvarez
 - a. Big Red Welcome Street Festival: usually the Sunday before classes start, so most likely will be August 22, 2010.
 - b. Residence Hall Welcome: Usually the Thursday and Friday before classes start; this year it is likely to be August 19 and 20)
 - c. Raffle Fundraiser Mailing – Will be in the fall. Historical data: Looking at the free tickets given out has been increasing over the last several years. Lost revenue this year was \$25,150.00.
 - d. Big Red Road Show
 - i. February 7, 2010 (Sunday), 11:30-4:00 pm at the Omaha Qwest Center. (Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 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 4:00 p.m.). (The Qwest Center does charge for parking, \$6 according to their web site.)
 - ii. March 20, 2010 (Saturday), at the Mitchell Event Center, Mitchell, NE (more information on this Road Show later) – Susan or Timothy Draftz
- 5) 2010 UNL Parents Association Board – Social events. Goal: to get people to come and just meet other people. Various opportunities for interaction and events were discussed. e.g.UNL baseball game or softball game get together, Ice Cream Social at the Dairy Store. The goals of these activities would be to increase the number of people who could be actively involved in Parents Association.

5. Old Business

Parents Recognition Awards Reception Debriefing – Susan and Timothy Draftz. The program went well with good comments again from the staff. This continues to be an event that faculty and staff greatly appreciate.

6. Next Meeting: April 17th – 2 1/2 hours before the start of the Spring game. We may be able to have this in the new Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center. At the next meeting we will need to confirm the Summer Meeting dates and plans. Contact Tonda about dates that may or may not work in June or July.

Meeting adjourned at 18:00

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Keralis MD