

UNL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Spring Meeting
April 17, 2010
Nebraska Union, UNL City Campus

Attendees: Sue Bristol, Henry Carnaby, Kelly D. Casey, Joy Citta, Timothy Draftz, Michael Keralis, Robin Keralis, Dick Luedtke, Kaylene M. Luedtke, Laurena Marr, Darwin McGhee, Kathy McGhee, Elizabeth Pokorny

UNL Attendees: Dr. Juan Franco, Dr. Tim Alvarez, Tonda Humphress

1. Call to Order and introductions at 10:32 by Tim Draftz, Co-President.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** January 29, 2010 minutes – no corrections or additions were made to the minutes from the January 29, 2010 minutes.

Motion made and approved unanimously to accept January 29, 2010 minutes.

3. **Financial Report** – Kaylene Luedtke

Current general account balance: \$ 4,626.51

Raffle account: \$ 18,391.93

Assets: \$ 23,018.44

Liabilities (projected): \$ 592.98

Net Worth: \$22,425.46

Outstanding Grants (awarded at Grant Meeting, January 29, 2010 but not distributed yet):
\$3790.00. Currents grants awarded include:

Office of Undergraduate Studies (newsletter): \$ 580.00

Campus Night Life (Karaoke System): \$ 800.00

Services for Students with Disabilities (Smart Pens and Omnipage): \$ 520.00

Student Health Center (Eating Disorder Education): \$ 215.00

Career Center (Career Cruising System): \$ 500.00

OASIS (Native American Hand Game): \$ 850.00

OASIS (Bunn Brewer): \$ 325.00

4. Discussion Items:

- University Update – Dr. Juan Franco, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
 - 1) Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center opened April 16, 2010.
 - 2) Student Leadership Award Banquet held April 16, 2010.
 - 3) New Student President elected: Justin Solomon
 - 4) East Campus Recreation Center is in great need of new facilities. A student lead initiative is under way to accomplish this.
 - 5) New Student Information System is fully in use for new student enrollment for 7 college systems across the state. So far 27,000 students have used this system for enrollment in these colleges.
- Parents Association Grant Funded Projects – Kaylene Luedtke
This years grant meeting was held after the last UNL Parents Association (PA) meeting on January 29, 2010. Minutes for the meeting will be presented at the

next grant meeting. This year a \$5000 limit was placed on total grants awarded. This year the grant application process was streamlined with the new application form that is available on the PA web site. The new application also includes a requirement for those receiving grants to report back to PA how the money granted was spent and the effects of the grants on the target population.

- Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Michael Keralis
The Outstanding Student Leadership Award celebration was held on April 16, 2010 at the Van Brunt Visitors Center. Michael and Robin attended representing the PA. Michael was involved in the interviewing process as the PA representative. The process for this award includes a student being nominated by UNL faculty or staff, the student then filling out a detailed application/information sheet, and finally followed by up to 3 separate interviews. The PA supports this award through a \$4000.00 donation. The finalists for this years award were Megan Boice, Jamie Dick, Katie Kidwell, David Lopez, Sammy Nabulsi and Drew Schulz. The award winners were Megan Boice, and Sammy Nabulsi.

- Parents Weekend, October 1-3, 2010 – Dr. Tim Alvarez
Dr. Alvarez led a presentation and discussion regarding Parents Weekend. The dates for the weekend are currently on the UNL PA web page. Of course, volunteers from the PA group will be needed to run the events. Graduate students in Student Affairs will again be helping. Ideas discussed included:
 - Parking availability and use of the parking garage again.
 - Having advisors from specific colleges available to answer parents questions.
 - Not having a specific meal for breakfast on Saturday. We would start activities at a later time giving students and parents a time to breakfast on their own or sleep in.
 - Involving the East Campus in a significant way. We will explore having the Saturday afternoon part of the weekend held on East Campus and try to get CASNR involved. This will involve shifting the silent auction items from one campus to the other. Also, we need to organize the finish of the auction so all can be involved in bidding equally until the very end. It was also suggested that we incorporate bowling as an activity. Ice cream could be part of the afternoon food.
 - Give-away gifts (e.g. T-shirts) were appreciated and we need to incorporate them in some of the activities.
 - Registration fees will be dependent on meal/catering costs.

- Big Red Road Show update- Tim Draftz
 - Tim reported the attendance at the Omaha Big Red Road Show on February 7th was fantastic. The PA had a great booth location, with many stopping and filling information cards. The “money bags” give away went over well.
 - Tonda Humphress and Dr. Alvarez also attended the Scottsbluff Big Red Road Show at the Mitchell Events Center on March 20. They reported that going to the western part of the state has great public relations value.

Holding events in out state Nebraska also is a great community event with good family participation.

- Additional Upcoming Events:
 - New Student Enrollment (NSE) will begin June 7, 2010. Parents Weekend Brochures will be distributed if available. Dates starting 7 June for honor students and continue through July 9.
 - The Alumni Center hosts Scarlet Scoop at the end of NSE and have invited our parents to help serve the ice cream and promote the UNL PA on NSE days from about 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Residence Hall Welcome. Schedule is Thursday and Friday before Fall classes start. Dates are August 19th and 20th. Help is needed in directing traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents need to sign up to help early in order to get a parking permit mailed and maps. Residence Hall Housing depends on volunteers to help this go smoothly.
 - Big Red Welcome is usually the Sunday before Fall classes start, therefore August 22.

- PA Social Activity Suggestions. We will discuss these at the next meeting. So far suggestions include:
 - Parents Night (BBQ Hot Dogs/Hamburgers and a soda for \$2 Susan Draftz
 - Baseball game (Salt Dogs)
 - Women's Basketball game
 - Tailgate before a game
 - Have a meet & greet team (maybe with coaching staff)
 - Interesting Speakers (ideas)
 - Ice Cream Social at the UNL Dairy Store with tour of ice cream facility. This may be a good the Friday afternoon of the Residence Hall welcome.
 - Move-in area in each hall for parents or offer ice cream coupon from EC Dairy Store to parents.

- Summer Meeting: Summer meeting will be at the Keralis home. 9500 S. 67 Street @ 11:30. This will be a pot-luck. So bring food, invite potential members and come for the next meeting. The address can be found on mapquest.com. Please RSVP if possible to Tonda Humphress.

Meeting Adjourned At 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael B. Keralis MD