

# MINUTES OF THE SPRING BI-ANNUAL MEETING

## UNT PARENT ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 21, 2007

President Jackie Jackson called the meeting of the UNT Parent Association to order, at the UNT Exes Center at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 21, 2007. There were 15 parents present at the meeting. Program Director Melissa Ruud was also in attendance.

1. **Welcome.** President Jackie Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Copies of the minutes of the September 30, 2006 Parent Association meeting were distributed and they were approved by President Jackie Jackson.

3. **Report of Officers.**

**President.** President Jackie Jackson reported there was no old business to discuss.

**Financial.** The budget was distributed and the report was discussed and approved by President Jackie Jackson.

**Historian.** It was reported that we will need pictures for the Fall. Parents please help and take pictures.

**Scholarship.** Melissa Ruud updated everyone on the scholarships and the breakdown of the scholarship accounts. First, the PA moved \$7,000 into the Expendable account for the Academic Draw Scholarship. There was already \$8,000 in the account, so with the additional \$7000, 15 Academic Scholarships would be awarded.

The PA then awarded 25 draw scholarships totaling \$12,500. This \$12,500 figure was approved at the September 30th PA meeting, but it was never taken out of the financial report. This is where the confusion comes in. The goal was to award 40 scholarships this year.

Below is a helpful explanation of each scholarship account.

**Principle Endowment:** This is the Scholarship account the PA does not have control over, UNT's Development office does. This account accumulates interest and at the end of each quarter, the interest is transferred to your Expendable Scholarship Account for your academic/scholastic scholarship.

**Expendable Scholarship Account:** This Scholarship account is used to award the PA's academic/scholastic scholarship. In addition, from the interest on the Principle Endowment, we can build this account by transferring money into it from our operating budget.

**External/Draw Scholarship:** The money for this scholarship remains in our operating budget until we transfer it to the recipient. \$250 is transferred in the fall and \$250 in the spring for each student.

There was a Motion made by Donna Hoye to transfer \$2,000 to the expendable account to create an additional 15 academic and 25 draw scholarships for 2007. The motion was seconded by Leann Winkler. No one opposed. The motion carried.

Names were drawn for the PA Tuition Draw Scholarship:

**The University Report.** Melissa Ruud reported that the Union is being remodel to provide more space for testing and new offices. The remodeling project should be completed by the middle of May. Melissa Ruud's office will be in the newly remodeled Union.

**Goodie Boxes.** President Jackie Jackson thanked everyone for volunteering to help with the stuffing and distribution of the Goodie Boxes. All the Goodie Boxes were delivered on Saturday, 4/21/07.

The Virginia Tech incident was discussed and Melissa Rudd assured parents that UNT was addressing and dealing with all the issues and concerns of parents over this horrible tragedy. UNT is looking into several safety systems to put in place around the campus. In the Fall of 2007, a new program will be implemented, whereby students' cell phone numbers will be given to the Administration in order for students to receive a text message informing them of any emergency situation on campus. Dr. Pohl's immediate reassessment of the crisis management will be looked at, especially in the residence halls. Communication will be shared with parents. The PA will help by obtaining members' contact information and email addresses for input into a data base that will be created to assist in notifying parents of any emergencies or campus situation.

Suggestions were made for additional safety precautions: sirens could be used for warning; lock down drills. UNT is looking at all plans and policies as safety procedures will need to be addressed and updated.

Dr. Bataille was inaugurated as the University's 14<sup>th</sup> President. The new president has helped raise money for the Emerald Eagle Scholars. This fund is being established to help families with income of less than \$40,000. This fund will enable families to send their children to the University. It is an extremely positive new fund in which \$450,000 has already been raised. It encourages timely graduation, as well as maintaining the required 15 hours per semester.

**New Business.** President Jackie Jackson announced the Parent Orientation dates and encouraged all new parents to sign up to help with orientation. Accommodations can be made for out of town parents that would like to stay on campus (Traditions Hall) during orientation.

President Jackie Jackson discussed the PA benefits, including the NT Magazine. It was reported that not all members are receiving the magazine. Rose Van Meador made a motion to

drop the benefit of the magazine. Eileen Stanley and Debbie Burns seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Send-off Parties.** Melissa Ruud reported that David Layten of the NT Exes has left and will no longer be helping the PA with the parties. NT Exes has provided help in the past, but the new director wants to limit the NT Exes' involvement. We will need to find new facilities or restaurants and different ways to make the parties more cost effective. Melissa suggested that we might have desserts only or chips and dips. The largest send off parties' locations are: Houston, Austin, Denton County, Dallas; San Antonio and Tyler (East Texas). Donna Hoye, an event planner, has connections with several facilities. Melissa said they could get together and come up with something.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Jackie Jackson at 11:30 am.

Submitted,

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Debbie Painter, Secretary

**PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Frankie Webb  
Donna Hoye  
Lillie Lawrence  
Susan Wade  
William C. Gilliam  
Debbie & David Burns  
Karen Peoples  
Denise Steininger  
Art & Jerry Aguirre  
Betty & Joe Mehling  
Paul & Eileen Stanley  
Debbie Painter  
Jackie Jackson  
LeeAnn Winkler  
Mike & Rose Van Meter