

MINUTES OF THE SPRING BI-ANNUAL MEETING

UNT PARENT ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 19, 2008

President LeeAnn Winkler called the meeting of the UNT Parent Association to order, at the UNT Exes Center at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Melissa Ruud McGuire, Director of Student Success and Jillian Jensen Fleming, Coordinator Parent Programs was also in attendance.

1. **Welcome.** President LeeAnn Winkler called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Copies of the minutes of the November 17, 2007 Parent Association meeting were distributed and a motion was made by Eileen Stanley to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Paul Stanley.

3. **Report of Officers.** President LeeAnn Winkler suggested new merchandise be added. Including hats, jackets and flip flops. Purchasing bags used for 2 or more items. There was good response on membership.

Vice-President Eileen & Paul Stanley had no report.

Secretary Debbie Painter had no report.

Historian Art and Jetty Aguirre were a huge help with the goodie boxes in gathering all the items for the boxes.

Parliamentarian Dixie & Brian Pennington said the pizza coupons did well, 129 out of 200, it was passed onto Eileen.

Past-President Jackie Jackson said the UNT Resource Book is still not ready.

Treasurer Lisa Hanna – Reported the scholarship draws would begin today.

The University Report. Melissa Rudd McGuire reported that UNT has the third highest undergraduate enrollment. University of Texas is first with Texas A&M second. UNT is making changes in leadership - there is new Deputy Provo of Student Services, Celia Williamson. Melissa said the UNT students that are undecided will be enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. It will have more resources for the students, as well as provide additional services to help them get going. The N.T. Exes will have their Ring Ceremony on April 24th.

Melissa also reported that on March 31st the Radisson Hotel was purchased by the University on a land lease/purchase. The hotel will close on June 1st. No plans for development as of yet.

The Board of Regents has decided to increase tuition for the 08-09 semester. The increase will be about 7.9% per semester. The money will generate about \$11.3 million for operating money. The graduate student program recruiting is among the highest. The union fee will increase \$1.00, room and board will increase 5%. The College Inn and/West Hall will have no increase.

The Dallas campus is working to become self-sufficient. The campus is on a 5 year plan. They expect 1,000 students per semester within 5 years. Hopefully, by the year 2011 there will be a full UNT Dallas campus.

Jillian Fleming reported on the Parent Program. The "Maxed Out" movie on April 9th had good attendance, considering the weather.

Parent Orientation and Family Weekend. There will be on-line registration and it will be back up in time for Parent Orientation. The PA will have a new logo designed for Family Weekend. Come for Fun will be October 10-12th. We will need sponsorships and/or donations to help out. There will be a t-shirt design contest. The parents will decide the winners. Top prize is \$150.00.

The Parent website is being updated and the link will be ready for parents to sign up as well as for PA membership. Melissa said that a request had been made to make the link bigger and they are working on it.

Debbie Burns held the first regional parent meeting. There was a parent reception with 50 parents attending.

Scholarship. Congratulations to the following students that were awarded the PA Tuition Draw Scholarships:

Recipients:

Catherine Jennings
Jacob Rhoads
Amoya Edwards
Jessica Beavers
Elizabeth Cravey
Mark Alexander
Cytarah Mayberry
Christopher Spain
Tenayh Griffin
William Gerwick
Shannon Winkler
Jeffrey Coombes
David Hanna

Amy Hennerger
Terrence Brown
George Boyd
Kelly Bowen
Brad Dill
Jeffrey Kline
Monica Crespo
Alyson Bogus
Rachel Griffin
William Powell
Elaine Armstrong
Amber Kline
Amanda Peissig
Katherine Barnett
Alena Lecorchick
Laura Chisler
Michael Korenstein
Robert Edwards
Ashley Peoples
Cathy Bratcher
James Holt
Alicia Storey
Chelsey Hayes
Bailey Railey
Erin Freeman
Leigh Smith
Heather Livingston
Lindsey White
Andrew Friedrich

Alternatives:

Terah English
Courtney Hopkins
Megan Cacace
Bennett Hamilton
Mary Zelmer

Old Business. None.

New Business. Membership report stated 1,020 families.

Eileen Stanley said volunteers are needed to help with Parent Orientation. Sign up is beginning for volunteering. Parent Orientation begins July 16th. We will use a new tri-fold board for PA information.

Summer Send Off Parties – Melissa said the process is beginning. The administration will attend the parties. Last year more than 810 attended, with 14 parties – 2 in the Dallas area. There was a suggestion to charge a nominal fee for extended family members and/or friends. Melissa will check with restaurants to see if possibly having students and parents in separate groupings.

Announcements. LeeAnn talked about organizing a tailgating party for the parents for the first football game which is September 6th. The second game is October 4th, Family Weekend is October 11th, Homecoming is October 18 and Fun Day is August 17th.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President LeeAnn Winkler at 11:20 am.

Submitted,

Debbie Painter, Secretary

PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE

David and Debbie Burns

Sissy Miller

Paul & Eileen Stanley

John & Heidi Rieff

Lisa Hanna

Jackie Jackson

Art & Letty Aguirre

Darrin & Kathy Schnepel

LeeAnn Winkler

Debbie Painter

Brian & Dixie Pennington

Lillie Lawrence

Doug & Janet Hamilton

Robert & Melissa Furay