

UNT Parent Association

Bi-Annual Meeting

May 2, 2015

- I. Call to Order – President Elect Cindy Cravey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. due to President Tony Hill being absent.
- II. Approval of Minutes – President Elect Cindy Cravey called for motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2014 PA meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.
- III. Report of Officers –
  - a. President Elect – President Elect Cindy Cravey informed the Association of the resignation of the Secretary. A request was made for a volunteer to take minutes for this meeting. There were no volunteers so Past President Sheri Kantner took minutes.
  - b. Treasurer – Treasurer Darcy White turned the treasurer report over to Stephanie Brown, Assistant Director for Orientation and Transition Programs, for an update on the FY2015 financials. The balance as of September 2014 was \$34,312.13, and the balance as of today is \$7,667.20. There have not been many expenses since the last meeting in September. The social event scheduled for February was cancelled and rescheduled for after the meeting today. The cost will be about ¼ of the budgeted expense. We were able to save money from the cancellation due to great partnerships with Athletics. They did not charge us for the meal or the basketball game that we cancelled. Our merchandise and membership expenses are expected to pick up in May and June with preparations for Parent Orientation. Our other expenditures are in line with the budget and past spending.

IV. University Reports

- a. University Update – Stephanie Brown, Asst. Director Orientation & Transition Program reported the following updates: UNT President Smatresk has a few changes to his cabinet with the hiring of three new vice presidents: new VP for Enrollment, VP for Diversity and Inclusion, and a VP for Advancement. All were hired during the spring semester. University enrollment is still about 36,000. From an orientation perspective, our transfer numbers are up 3.06% from this time last year. Freshman numbers are up 5.03%. The university is planning the first University-wide commencement ceremony with Governor Greg Abbot as the keynote speaker. Stephanie and the OTP office are on the committee to help with graduate line-up.

Only one university commencement will take place each year in May. August and December graduations will have college/school recognition ceremonies but graduation will be in May going forward. Beginning with this year's commencement, the university will be kicking-off the university's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be many celebrations on campus in conjunction with campus events. For example, OTP polos and publications after May 15 will have the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. There will also be a celebration at the first home game.

- b. Parent Programs Update – Stephanie Brown, Asst. Director Orientation & Transition Program reported the following updates: Parent programs is currently gearing up for summer send-off parties. We are planning to host 14 parties in Texas and on in Oklahoma. Family Weekend has been set for September 18-20 with the football game scheduled against Rice University. We are sharing that date with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Like other large campus events, our date was determined by the home football schedule. Homecoming will be October 10. During the next academic year, Parent Programs has a goal of improving communication with PA members and parents as a whole. Lastly, we are in the final stages of the hiring process for a new coordinator for parent programs in OTP. An offer was extended but we are waiting on HR approvals. Stephanie will still participate in PA meetings and events to help the coordinator with their transition.

V. Old Business – none to report.

VI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Cravey requested from the floor nominations for the Interim Secretary position. There were no nominations presented.
- b. Sharon Wainscott presented the dates for the summer parents orientation and what the duties entailed. A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers.
- c. Stephanie Brown gave an update on the Merchandise. Pictures of the merchandise were reviewed, but no new suggestions/recommendations were made.
- d. President Elect Cravey informed the Association that due to our successful fundraising and number of memberships sold, we are able to draw 53 scholarships for \$500.00. A discussion took place to reserve 2 draw scholarships for membership renewals as an incentive for current members to renew their membership. The bucket was passed around for the draw of 51 names plus five names in the event one of the 51 do not qualify in the fall.

The 2 renewal draw scholarships will be announced at the start of the school year.

VII. Adjournment – with no further business, President Elect Cravey adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Kantner

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