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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS

State of the University Address

April 28, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

- **Hallmarks of our work - Becoming a Pathway to Social Mobility**
Our vision.
- **We get there through our mission**
 - **Empower. Transform. Strengthen.**
- **Clear goals**
 - **Community Connectedness**
 - **Growth**
 - **Service**



HOW ARE WE DOING AGAINST OUR GOALS?

Community Connectedness

- Only university that attracts majority of students from Dallas and the inner ring suburbs
- Our community outreach never better:
 - Caruth Police Institute
 - Urban SERCH
 - Emerging Teacher Institute
 - Human Services community service
 - Mental health town halls
 - Vista Volunteers based on our campus
 - 6,500 attended Back to School Backpack giveaway
 - Partnership among UNTD and area churches



HOW ARE WE DOING AGAINST OUR GOALS?

Community Connectedness

- Criminal Justice Career Days
- Public Health Day
- Sociology and Psychology Career Day



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Community Connectedness

- Partnerships with school districts and community colleges
 - Early College High Schools
 - DCCCD - Eastfield, El Centro, Cedar Valley, Mountain View
 - Making transfers easier
- Communicated more frequently with the community
 - Billboards
 - Newsletters
 - Videography



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Community Connectedness

- Jaguar Family Day was changed to JAG360 joined with the spring True Blue Preview Day and was a great success – over 750 attended



HOW ARE WE DOING AGAINST OUR GOALS?

Growth

- Record enrollment
- Faculty lines added
- Construction projects underway
- UNTD DART station opened
- Record number of grants



Service

- For first time in our history, completed TRIO applications
 - Title III grants to support students
 - Collaboration between Advancement & Academic Affairs
- Kept student tuition and fees low and unchanged
- Instituted block scheduling for all first-time freshman
- Made progress on first year experience
- Second student research competition

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY



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■ Added talent

- Hired over 60 people in the last year
 - Paul Corliss
 - Dee Goines (pictured)
 - Cynthia Perez
 - Betty Stewart
 - Michael Williams
 - Monica Williams



■ Remained strategic

- Aligned our spending to our goals
 - University Budget Advisory Committee
- Added more than \$2 million to this year's budget

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

- **Expanding resources at our campus and downtown law school**
 - Residence Hall
 - \$63 million Student Center
 - \$56 million restoration of old City Hall for our Law School
 - On top of \$15 million City of Dallas already invested
 - Trees Survey
 - Begun Wildlife Survey
 - Completed massive lighting improvements
 - Created University Space Advisory Committee



ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

▪ **Attracted major grants**

- Bill and Melinda Gates Grant for expanded clinical training for teachers in training
- DOE bilingual teacher training. SOE
- Meadows. SOE
- WIPRO math and science school partnerships. SOE
- STEM/Urban Agriculture. LAS
- United Way nonprofit capacity building. Human Services
- United Way pilot for improving police, community relations. SERCH
- Mindfulness training. To train 5400 leaders and teachers across 90 schools. SOE
- Recruiting and supporting master teachers to serve 2 local districts. SOE.

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 - **Total request - \$1,285,000**

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- **McNair Program** - The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas) requests funding to establish a McNair Project for a five-year period (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2022) to serve 25 eligible college students. UNT Dallas McNair Project will provide academic and other support services to prepare low-income, first-generation college students, and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral study. Specifically, the new McNair Project of UNT Dallas will provide opportunities for research or other scholarly activities, summer internships, seminars, tutoring, and academic counseling to prepare students for doctoral studies including assistance to students in securing admission to, and financial assistance for, graduate programs. The UNT Dallas McNair Project will also provide education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students, including financial planning for postsecondary education, mentoring programs involving faculty members and exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to disadvantaged students.
 - **Total request - \$226,600/year**

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- **Grants submitted to the Department of Education**
 - **Strengthening Institutions Program (SIPa)** - The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas) requests funding to establish Project EXCEL, a highly personalized one-on-one, student-centered support system, through the Title III-Strengthening Institutions proposal for a five-year period (October 2017—September 2022). Project Excel will:
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 - (3) improve institutional management by supporting current initiatives of building community partnerships that benefit Dallas residents in the Southern Sector.
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■ Training opportunities expanded

- Clery Act Compliance Training Academy (Jamaica Chapple and Chris Shaw)
- Governor's Executive Development Program (April Barnes)
- Leadership Southwest (Arthur Lumzy)
- Leadership Texas (Monica Williams)
- Mayor's Star Council (Priya Eimerbrink)
- Navigating Leadership program – 2nd class (pictured)
- Supervisory Building Blocks (Arturo Cole)
- Several attended American Association of State Colleges and University training



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■ Faculty awards

- Fulbright Scholar (Noureen Khan)
- New Book:
Apache Adaptation to Hispanic Rule
(Matthew Babcock, pictured)



■ Student awards

- Congressional Award (Estrella Carbajal)
- Newman Civic Fellowship
(Karina Judith Ortega, pictured)
- Jag Awards tonight, first ever
- Second Student research symposium today



■ Newly Elected Student Government Association

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

▪ Budget

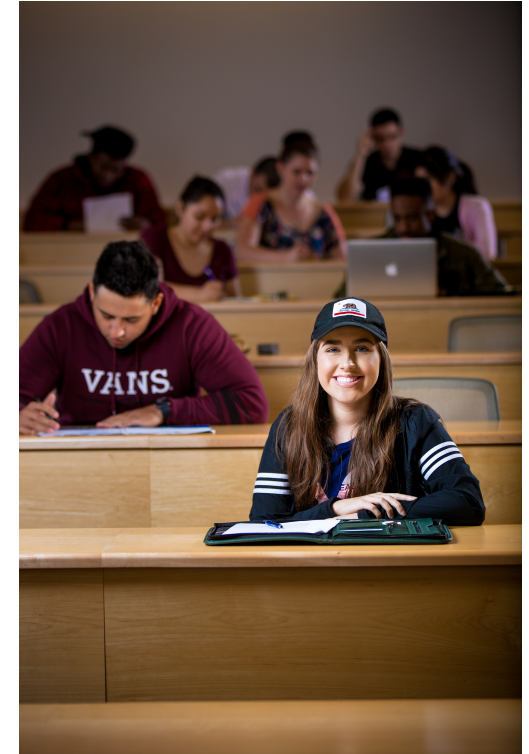
- UBAC has recommended to me
- Awaiting Texas Legislature
 - Senate, House apart
 - Governor imposed hiring freeze
 - We received Adjunct waivers
 - We can hire as of September 1st, can recruit now
- We hope for something closer to House version
- Regardless, puts increased premium on fundraising
 - And grant solicitation

▪ Federal government and higher ed

- Receiving 7 Trio grants at DOE would be transformational
- Hope to move beyond “provisional” federal financial aid

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- **Tuition and fees**
 - Commitment to keep them lowest in region
 - State budget will determine next steps
- **Controlling the calendar**
 - Investment in Registrar's office
 - Financial aid
 - Advising
 - Degree audit
 - Institutional assessment
 - Teaming with consultant for student recruitment



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

■ Accreditation

- SACSCOC re-accreditation. 2018
 - Preparing now
- QEP. Also preparing
- Pathway to Social Mobility
- College of Law. ABA. Will learn early June
- CACREP
 - Good site visit
 - Positive report with a few questions that we answered
 - Should know by end of summer



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

■ Fundraising

- Reinventing the UNT Dallas Foundation
 - As a more active entity
- Increasing touch points with potential donors

■ Increasing community awareness of UNTD

- Marketing
- Newsletters and mailings
- Better use of social media
- Begin speakers bureau

■ Grants and foundation appeal

- Sustain momentum
- Fulfill grant requirements
- Expand outreach



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- **Build culture around our mission**
 - Seek improvements suggested in Gallup survey
 - Hire to mission
 - Fight misalignment at every turn

- **Make most of our new residential campus**
 - Residence hall opens
 - Ribbon Cutting – August 3rd
 - Move-in Date – August 17th
 - Security increased
 - Student life opportunities



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

■ Five year building plan

- Student Center 2018
- Other considerations being studied
 - Events Center (gym, weight room, fitness center)
 - Finish soccer field, add field turf, lighting
 - Science Building
 - Business Building
 - Education School
 - Trails System
 - Following up on trees survey: land management plan to protect the beauty of our campus
 - Building a Nature Reserve
 - Second residence hall
 - Parking garage



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

■ Other opportunities

- Growing our institutes' stature
- Making the most of Dallas Entrepreneur Center campus office
- Growing Vista partnership
- Planning addition of international students
 - Also creating travel abroad
- Planning intercollegiate athletics
 - Requires student support

■ Academic imperatives

- Provost will review all academic programs and policies
- Provost will work with deans
 - To strategically prepare for addition of new academic programs and majors
- Make the most of our ECHS partnerships
- Building toward Honors College

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

■ Final thoughts and questions

- We are on the move, out of start-up mode
- Dedicated to under promising and over-delivering
- Third cycle of Strategic Plan begins July 18th
 - Please get involved, if you are not already

