Saturday April 27, 2019 – UNT Parent Association Spring Meeting

I. Call to Order – Carol Jacobs, President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. Approval of Minutes – President Carol Jacobs called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 29 Parent Association meeting. Motion made, seconded and approved.

III. Report of Officers
   a. President – Deferred. Carol Jacobs, President, to report for Vice President
   b. President-Elect – Mandy Key, President-Elect, provided information on the importance of volunteering especially for our send off parties. Dates and times will be provided and sign up sheets will be available. She also emphasized the need for volunteers for the tables at Family Weekend.
   c. Vice President – Carol Jacobs, President, provided information on Summer Orientation volunteer opportunities and why it is important to have parents there to provide membership information and to be able to speak parent to parent. The Orientation dates and times were provided on the agenda. She also thanked the parents who came out today to both the Goodie Box Stuffing and the meeting as this was the best turnout of parents for the spring event. Questions were entertained and answered about the various volunteer opportunities.
   d. Financial Report – Stephanie Brown, Director of Orientation and Transition Programs reported that we have $40,450.90 in the account. She also stated that we are on track with spending for the year. Our budget for the Tuition Draw Scholarship is $24,796.65.

IV. University Report
   a. University Update – Stephanie Brown, Director of Orientation and Transition Programs reported the following updates:
      i. Enrollment Update
         1. Enrollment is up 18% for the Fall Semester.
      ii. Tuition Plan Update
         1. Eagle Express is ending. Those that are already enrolled will continue with their original plan. Save and Soar will begin with the Fall Semester. This new program provides more incentives as well as a plan for increasing summer housing.
         2. Questions were entertained and answered about both programs and the transition to Save and Soar.
      iii. Construction Update
         1. Joe Greene Residence Hall in almost complete. This new residence hall is for freshmen only and can house 500 students. It will also be the residence used to house students during orientation with Kerr as the overflow.
         2. The new Welcome Center is complete and will be used as the starting point for the university tours.
         3. Ground breaking was held for the new stand alone dining facility. Expected completion is Spring 2021. This dining facility will cater to our commuter students although all students are welcome to use it.
b. Parent Programs Update – Carter Burks, Coordinator of Parent Programs reported on the following updates:

1. Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for our Send Off Parties. This is a great way to reach out to our new parents and students. Once again information coming from one parent to another seems to help motivate parents to get involved. There will be more non local parties in sites like Costa Mesa, CA, Kansas City, KS, Oklahoma City, OK and Corpus Christi, TX.

2. Family Weekend: Family Weekend will be September 27-29 2019. Registration will go live May 1, 2019. Parent Association members can get a 10% discount. Information on how to get the discount will be sent to Parent Association members. Included in the package for the weekend will be tickets to the UNT v University of Houston football game. During that weekend is our Fall meeting which will be held on Saturday September 28, more information to come. Volunteers will be needed for the merchandise table.

3. Regional Programming: The Houston Regional event was held January 26th and was a success. There were 10 members who attended. We are looking at expanding to program to other sites.

4. Social Media: There are two FB pages to keep parents updated on both University happenings and Parent Association information. They are the Mean Green Family page as well as the UNT Parent Association page. Both have valuable information and serve as a way for parents to assist other parents.

V. Special Guest – Student Health and Wellness Center

a. Heather Rich and Stephanie Fields-Hawkins from the Student Health and Wellness Center spoke about the following topics:

1. Changes to Insurance: Previously students would have to use the University Insurance that was built into the tuition. Starting in the Fall students will be able to use their own private insurance. The reason for this change is that is was the most requested service and this gives the Health and Wellness Center the ability to expand and improve services without having to increase the student fee and will promote fiscal sustainability. More information can be found on the website.

2. Timeline for Insurance Rollout: Information sessions like todays are being provided to various groups on campus. The webpage also has valuable information. They ask that we encourage our students to upload their insurance information to the patient portal to ensure a smooth transition.

3. Changes to Office Visits: There will now be a co-pay for services rendered at the clinic. It is based on what your plan benefits are. Every student will pay something for their services.

4. Services Provided: Information was given about the services the clinic provides, the location and the hours of operation. Services covered would include physicals and gyn exams, routine/diagnostic lab testing and diagnostic radiology. Services not
covered include Dietary Services, Lab Specials, walk in STD testing, Massage Therapy and travel medicine consults for Travel Abroad classes and trips.

5. Other Services Provided in Chestnut Hall: Campus Smiles dental services are available for student and they take private insurance. College Optical Express is also available and they also take private insurance.

6. Demonstration of Online Patient Portal: A demonstration was provided on how to access the patient portal. Questions were entertained and answered.

VI. New Business

a. Regional Programming Funding: The Parent Association will be funding additional events. We are looking at hosting another event in Houston and well as expanding the program to the Austin area. The Parent Programs office funded the first event so moving forward the Parent Association will need to provide funding in order to make them sustainable. Emphasis was placed on the fact that if parents travel outside of their area to volunteer it would be at their own expense.

b. Tuition Draw Scholarships

1. There were 81 applications submitted. One application was turned in late. There was discussion on whether or not to accept that application. After discussion, a vote was held and it was decided that the application would not be accepted.

2. 50 scholarships were available, 50 names were drawn from a hat and 5 alternate names were also drawn in the event that one of the scholarship winners did not enroll. All scholarship winners will be notified and Scholarship Acceptance forms will be sent to all of the recipients.

VII. Discussion/Comments

a. The floor was opened for discussion/comments by Carol Jacobs, President. No discussion or comments were offered by members.

VIII. Dates to Remember

a. Freshmen Orientation: Stephanie Brown spoke more about Freshmen Orientation. Dates were provided in the agenda. There are one and two night programs and volunteers are needed especially for sessions 1-5 and 9.

b. Carol Jacobs, President, reminded members of the following dates:

   1. Send Off Parties: To be held in July/August, dates TBD
   2. Mean Green Move-In Weekend: Saturday August 17-Sunday August 18
   3. First Day of Classes: Monday August 26
   4. Family Weekend: Friday September 27-Sunday September 29

IX. Adjournment – With no further business, President Carol Jacobs adjournd the meeting at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, UNT Parent Association