

Extension Recruitment Conference Call Minutes
January 18, 2012

Conference Call Attendees:

Laura Frey, Lila Tooker, Brian Bosshamer, Gary Bergman, Steve Niemeyer, Jessica Jones, Amy Topp, Karna Dam, Shane Potter, Brenda Aufdenkamp, Heather Borck, Barb Schlothauer, Barb Scharf, Sue Pearman, Brandy VandeWalle and Mark Simmons.

Update from Lila Tooker, Extension Recruitment Coordinator, Office of Admissions
Financial Aid Changes

- There have been some changes to federal law regarding the filing federal financial aid.
- To accommodate those changes, the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is strongly recommending that families file their taxes electronically. The further recommendation is that they wait two weeks before filing their FAFSA, using the IRS data retrieval process.
- If students do not follow this process and they are selected for verification, they will no longer be allowed to simply present a copy of their tax return in the verification process. Instead they will need to get an IRS tax transcript to complete the process.
- Although Extension faculty and staff do not need to answer financial aid questions, it might be helpful to know that there has been a change at the federal level in case families express concerns that the process has changed.
- For more information, feel free to direct families to:
http://www.unl.edu/scholfa/how_to_apply.shtml

Next Steps

- Students who have been admitted, the next step is to pay their Enrollment Deposit. This is a \$250 deposit that secures a place in next fall's freshman class. This deposit is what trigger the next steps in the enrollment process.
- Students who have paid their Enrollment Deposit will be sent a Housing contract. The first set of the contracts is going out now. Students admitted from now on will be sent their Housing contracts in approximately a week to 10 days.
- File the FAFSA (see previous item for details and deadlines listed below). The FAFSA web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Students should check their myRed accounts at least once a week and be sure to accept all scholarships and financial aid they want to receive.
- New Student Enrollment (NSE) is the orientation and registration program in which students will come to campus for a day this summer. Information about NSE will be mailed in April to students who have paid their Enrollment Deposits.

Deadlines

- March 1: Apply for Buffett Scholarship if interested (www.buffettscholarships.org)
- April 1: File FAFSA in order to become part of the Collegebound Nebraska program. Collegebound Nebraska is the University of Nebraska system's guarantee that if a student files his/her FAFSA by April 1 and qualifies for a Pell Grant, he/she will be given gift aid (grants, scholarships) in the amount of tuition.
- May 1: Deadline to apply for admission for fall or summer 2012.
- May 1: Deadline to pay Enrollment Deposit.

Update from Laura Frey, CASNR College Relations Director

CASNR Enrollment

- As of January 12, 2012, CASNR had an increase of 26 enrollment deposits paid and applications and admitted students were also up compared to last year at this time.

CASNR Scholarships

- Laura said any incoming freshman with a 26 ACT or higher automatically qualifies for a \$1,000 CASNR scholarship. Extension personnel are welcome to award the scholarships to students, but please check with Laura and/or Dann Husmann first to make sure the student hasn't already received the scholarship.

Campus Visits

- Laura encouraged students to make an official campus visit, even if they have been to campus for other events. To schedule a visit of both campuses, which we recommend, call (800) 742-8800, extension 4887. Contact Laura to schedule east campus-only visits.

Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program

- Incoming freshman and transfer students need to apply to the program by March 1 (they receive a letter in the mail alerting them how to apply). For more information visit: casnr.unl.edu/engler. CASNR students enrolled in the program are eligible for scholarships up to \$10,000/year. Students can also earn a minor in entrepreneurship.

Recruitment Materials

- Anyone interested in receiving CASNR's new recruitment brochure, please contact Laura. If you would like UNL recruitment materials please contact Lila Tooker.

Update from Brian Bosshamer, Extension Recruitment Coordinator, UNL Extension

Admitted Student Receptions

- The receptions will be held...

Extension's Update for CASNR

- On February 29, the West Central District will be hosting this event at the Buffalo County Office. Ag instructors and FCS teachers have been invited and will receive updates on CASNR, the College of Education and Human Sciences and NCTA. Brian encouraged other extension personnel to attend if they would like to possibly host a similar event in their district.

Husker Harvest Days

- This year's theme for Husker Harvest Day (HHD) is Beef. It is anticipated that in addition to the educational displays in the IANR Building, a larger tent will also provide more of the youth focus displays. These youth displays would include: the Mobile Beef Lab, NYBLS (Nebraska youth beef leadership symposium), and Careers (this would include Beef Industry Scholars and Feedlot Interns programs, etc..) - Alli Raymond, Animal Science Undergrad Admissions Coordinator and Brian Bosshamer, Extension Student Recruitment Coordinator are leading the efforts focused on NYBLS and Careers. Team members are welcome if interested. Please contact Brian Bosshamer.

Resource Page on Extension's Web site

- Recruitment information/materials are available at: <http://www.extension.unl.edu/web/extension/empresources>. Additional information will be added and if you have suggestions to include, please let Brian know.

Upcoming Events:

- The group would like to have monthly conference calls during the school year. The next calls will be: February 15, March 21, and April 18 from 9:30-10:30am (Brian will send more details prior to the call).
- On May 8-9, we will also host a CASNR/Extension recruitment meeting on East Campus. More details will follow, but the group decided it would be beneficial to tour the updated East Campus facilities. There will be a reception on May 8 in the evening and tours will be held on May 9.