

Subject: COS Advancement Board and We Care We Count

Dear COS faculty and staff,

My apologies for a long email. But I have some exciting announcements.

The first announcement is that the **COS Advancement Board** has been officially established. We have six founding members: Linda Creagh (Chemistry, '62, '63, '67), Milton Dixon (Biology, '55?), Harvey Wiggins (Physics and Mathematics, '64?), Charles Mangum (Biology, '87?), Thomas Black (Biology, '01), and Nate Couser. All of them are our alumni and advocates who are successful in their careers and are eager to help our departments and students. There will soon be a webpage with more information about our Board members and the Board's initiatives to advance the college.

The second announcement is that **We Care We Count**, the UNT faculty and staff annual giving campaign, will be kicking off next week. This year's We Care We Count will take place from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Provost Cowley would like to see the participation rate in the Division of Academic Affairs, which includes all the colleges, reach 85%.

This is a tall order for any college. But with your participation, COS can do it.

I am working with our wonderful, brand-new Advancement Board to pose the following **Board & Dean's Challenge** to help the college achieving the unachievable. It works like this. We are dividing the college into 7 units: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Teach North Texas, CAS IT, and Advising & Dean's Offices. *Each unit reaching a participation rate of 85% or above in We Care We Count will be given \$4,000 of discretionary funds from the Board and me.*

To facilitate the campaign we have identified faculty and staff champions from each of the units. They are:

Biological Sciences: Art Goven and Kim Piccolo

Chemistry: Bonnie Davidson

Mathematics: Joe Iaia

Physics: Ryan Bennett

Teach North Texas: Teresa Hawkins

CAS IT: Christian Giesecke

Advising & Dean's Offices: Joan Powers

There is a webpage to keep you updated on each unit's progress throughout the campaign:

<https://cos.unt.edu/we-care-we-count>.

To help us track your contributions accurately we ask that you make your donations either (1) online and then notify your champion or (2) by giving your champion your donation check made out to "UNT Foundation." With either method, you will be asked to select a destination fund/scholarship for your donation; your champion will have a list of available funds/scholarships to choose from.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask your champion or contact Cristina Garrido in the Dean's office.

Please join me in welcoming our Board members and thanking them for their generous donations to move the college forward. We also thank the faculty and staff champions for their selfless work for the

departments and for the college. I look forward to celebrating with you in a month's time for a great We Care We Count season.

Go COS!