

Questions and Answers

How does the president receive her car allowance – in a lump sum, or in response to a request for reimbursement?

The president receives her car allowance in monthly distributions. The taxable distributions are included with her regular monthly pay, and show up on her pay stub as “additional pay.” Most UNT employees are paid one time per month.

What allowances in addition to her regular salary does President Bataille receive?

She receives:

- Taxable housing allowance in the amount of \$50,000
 - UNT does not have an on-campus president’s house, as some other Texas public university presidents have (Texas Tech, A&M, and two UT presidents). Consequently, the president uses her own home for university business, such as donor cultivation and receptions for dignitaries.
 - President Bataille’s annual housing allowance is used to pay for housekeeping, gardening and other necessary services that her schedule doesn’t permit her to handle personally.
- Taxable automobile allowance in the amount of \$10,000
 - A donor to the university provided President Bataille with the use of a courtesy vehicle, which she uses for business and personal purposes.
 - President Bataille annual allowance is used to cover the vehicle’s fuel, insurance and routine maintenance expenses. She is not reimbursed for the significant mileage she incurs while conducting business within the DFW region. In accordance with UNT’s travel policy and state regulations, she may request reimbursement for mileage incurred as a result of official business outside the DFW region.
- Taxable Cell phone and internet allowances
 - Cell phone allowance is \$840 annually
 - Internet allowance is \$559 annually
 - UNT employees who hold jobs requiring 24/7 cell phone and internet access are eligible to receive an allowance in accordance with university policy
- Taxable Annual membership in the American Airlines Admiral’s Club
 - Annual cost to UNT is \$300.
 - Access to the Admiral’s Club permits the president to make good business use of her airport time
 - President Bataille has no other UNT-funded club memberships

Do faculty members receive car and housing allowances or club memberships?

No. With the exception of the president, who also is a tenured faculty member, faculty members do not receive car and housing allowances and club memberships.

Does the president get free on-campus parking?

No. President Bataille pays for her on campus parking, just as staff and faculty members do. Her parking costs \$405 annually.

Are the president's income and expenses audited annually?

Yes. The president's business, travel and entertainment expenses are audited annually for compliance with UNT Policy and the President's employment agreement. Payroll disbursements are reviewed to verify compliance with compensation provisions of the President's employment agreement.

Has there been an increase in the number of students passing or failing during the past three years?

Looking at all grades associated with all UNT courses, UNT students consistently have more passing grades than drops, fails and withdrawals. In fact, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which provides the state's leadership and coordination for higher education, awarded UNT the Star Award in 2008 for exemplary contributions toward closing the higher education gaps in our state. UNT was honored for its efforts to ensure the university is among the leaders in Texas in increasing enrollment and the number of degrees awarded.

UNT ranks first in the state for the increased number of degrees awarded and second in the state for increased total enrollment. Additionally, UNT has performed at the top in critical areas of increasing participation and success of African American, Hispanic and transfer students.

UNT's Student Money Management Center won a Star Award in 2007.

UNT also has received acclaim for its Next Generation courses, which are serving as a national model for transforming large lecture courses into small-class intensive learning experiences, and improving student learning.

How much has enrollment increased or decreased during the last three years?

In each of the last three years, UNT has achieved all-time highs in enrollment, as outlined below. In fact, UNT has achieved eight consecutive years of all-time high enrollments.

- Fall 2006 – UNT's enrollment grew 4.7% to 33,550 students
- Fall 2007 – UNT's enrollment grew 2.5% to 34,268 students
- Fall 2008 – UNT's enrollment grew 1.5% to 34,795 students

Among the 10 largest Texas public universities, UNT has the largest increase in total degrees awarded in the period FY2000-FY2007. UNT awards more than 7,000 degrees annually.

UNT ranked 46th nationally for the number of minority students it graduates.

Why is the percentage of new enrollment declining each year?

UNT made the conscious decision to limit its enrollment growth to about 2% per year to ensure that our students have quality learning and student service experiences. UNT is funded for its enrollment in arrears and on a biennial basis.

Why does tuition continue to increase at universities statewide?

- One of the reasons tuition and fees have increased in general among universities is that state funding has fallen to its lowest level in more than two decades, according to a U.S. Department of Education report in 2006 called "Charting the Future of Higher Education Report." And that trend is not expected to reverse.
- In 1970, higher education in Texas received 55.77% of the annual state appropriations. In 2007 that percentage was down to 14%.

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- Choice of nearly 35,000 students
- Fourth-largest university in the state, 3rd largest for undergraduate enrollment
- Largest, oldest public university in the region (119-year legacy)
- Comprehensive, offering 247 degree programs – bachelor's, master's, doctoral
- 3rd largest residential campus among Texas public universities with 14 residence halls that house nearly 6,000 students
- Awards more than 7,000 degrees annually
- UNT ranks 6th nationally among public universities for its number of transfer students
- UNT 's economic impact on the DFW region is \$1.3 billion annually
- UNT alumni have a \$10 billion annual economic impact on the DFW region