

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE



## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes August 11, 2016

**Attendance:** Martha Laura Medina, Araceli Sandoval, Melissa Dominguez, Karla Lozano, Gloria Sanchez, Yelitza Howard, Andrea Garza, Ruby Rodriguez, Rosabel Ramos, Nohemi Villalobos, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Kristina Valenciano, Enrique Botello, Lauren Jones, Claudia Herrera, Michael Gonzalez, Leticia Valle, Christin Garcia.

**Executive Board:** Roberto Garza, Yezmin Salazar, San Juanita Perez, Mayra Hernandez, Lucy Maldonado and Anna Buentello.

### I. **Welcome**

Robert called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. He welcomed employees that were attending for the first time.

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections by Yelitza Howard and Yezmin Salazar.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

San Juanita reported \$2,446 in the Staff Senate account.

### IV. **Presentation; Trevor Liddle, Campus Carry**

- Trevor started by mentioning the places on campus that are off limits for campus carry called controlled areas.
- Mr. Liddle explained why those areas will be controlled areas or "off limits for concealed guns"
- The Rec Center, Student Health and Student Counseling Services will be controlled and will have signs indicating such areas.
- Rules; Keep it Concealed!, no one has the right to ask for the concealed handgun license except UPD.
- This law covers handguns only.

### V. **Staff Senate Officers 2016-2017**

- New officers were sworn in.
- President-Elect, Teresa Renn
- Vice President for Admin Staff, Michael Gonzalez
- Vice President for Support Staff, Anna Buentello
- Treasurer, Martha Laura Medina
- Secretary, Melissa Dominguez
- Parliamentarian, Gloria Sanchez

### VI. **Announcements/Open Floor**

- Be aware of back to school traffic especially the closure of Clark and Loop 20
- Office of SCCE is having a school supplies drive, you can donate and drop them off in STC 226
- Meteor shower tonight at the Planetarium from 10pm-2am
- TAMIU Alumni will be having their monthly meeting at Siete Banderas on August 24 at 6:30pm
- Rec Sports expansion should be ready late Fall semester

### VII. **Door Prizes**

- Lorenzo Rodriguez, Claudia Herrera, Yelitza Howard, Andrea Garza, Lucy Maldonado, Martha Laura Medina, Kristina Valenciano and Yezmin Salazar.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 by Mayra Hernandez and Yelitza Howard.

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## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016

**Attendance:** Kristina Valenciano, Pablo Reyes, Jose Moreno III, Margaret Gonzalez, Flora Bocanegra, Janet Haverkamp, Cindy Villarreal, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Rebecca Soto, Anna Buentello, Taryn Shehab, Christian Garcia, Jessica Chandarlis, Enrique Botello, Gloria Sanchez, Michael Gonzalez and Melissa Dominguez

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

### I. **Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:07am. She welcomed Gloria Sanchez to swear in Teresa Renn as the new President-Elect.

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections by Michael Gonzalez and Juana Villagran.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

San Juanita reported for Martha Laura Medina in the amount of \$2,446 currently in the Staff Senate account.

### IV. **TAMIU News**

- Book Scholarships located at the Staff Senate website in order for those who want to apply. Anticipating a deadline extension.
- Salary letter explained by Melissa Dominguez and provided a samples copy.
- Save the date on Halloween Fest to be located "On the Green" and all public is encouraged to attend.
- Email on the Holiday Gala will be located at the STC ballroom on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Official email invitation will have RSVPZ attached and sent at a later time.

### V. **Presentatios; Dr. James Moyer and Dr. Colin Campbell, Sharing of Upcoming Musical Performances**

- Dr. Moyer began by introducing solo to group performances for all students to join and learn.
- Dr. Moyer provided a sheet with current to upcoming events within the fiscal year. Indicated how some performances are free to a small charge.
- He went on to comment that TAMIU will be part of one of the largest conventions held in San Antonio, Tx. to perform. With the help from Dr. San Miguel, a group of 32+ will be in attendance.
- Dr. Moyer introduced Dr. Campbell in which he began to promote the Organ instrument. He also wants us to experience local performances while attending at the regular music hall to enjoying (Music on the Menu) during regular lunch hours every other Friday.
- He began to introduce how a big number of individuals enjoyed the improvising of silent movies and is looking forward in doing future ones.
- In order to retrieve additional information on any event, Dr. Moyer and Dr. Colin both agreed for everyone to visit [music@tamiu.edu](mailto:music@tamiu.edu)

### VI. **Announcements/Open Floor**

- Starting September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – "The Annual Grito" at the STC Rotunda takes place and kicks off for Hispanic Heritage Month with lots of activities on campus and will end October 26.

- October 8<sup>th</sup> – “Walk against Alzheimer’s” takes place.
- Talked about time management to be held September 15<sup>th</sup> at the STC room 225 by FOSS.
- Talked about public speaking skills “Speak Out” to be held September 20<sup>th</sup> at the STC room 230 by FOSS.
- San Juanita encourages all to participate to all FOSS events.
- Integrity week held September 12-16 and encourages on behavior and education programs from both inside and outside of the classrooms.

**VII. Door Prizes**

- Flora Bocanegra, Margaret Gonzalez, Enrique Botello, Juana Villagran, Jose Moreno, Jessica Chandaris, Pablo Reyes and Rebecca Soto

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1058am by Lorenzo Rodriguez and Teresa Renn.

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Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2016

**Attendance:** Rocio Garcia, Griz Zimmermann, Tim Fairhead, Michael Gonzalez, Melissa Dominguez, Araceli Sandoval, Sergio Infante, Fabian Castillo, Jose Moreno III, Eric Gonzalez, Christian Garcia, Jazmin Gibeaut, Julie Barrera, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Laura Guerrero, Claudia Herrera, Enrique Botello, Pat Garcia, Anna Buentello, San Juanita Perez, Martha Laura Medina and Gloria Sanchez

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

**I. Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

**II. Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Griz Zimmermann and Michael Gonzalez.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina reported the amount of \$2,446 currently in the Staff Senate account.

**IV. TAMIU News**

- San Juanita related information on the "Make a Difference" week in which it is scheduled to begin October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am. SJ encourages everyone to volunteer at LAPS.
- SJ also reference and encouraged everyone to register for the "Glow in Pink Powerwalk" in which it is also scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Save the date for Halloween Fest from 6-9pm. Halloween Fest is presented by the Dept. of Student Orientation, Leadership & Engagement. Halloween Costumes for all ages, food, fun and all types of goodies will be provided.
- Friendly reminder on our Holiday Gala in which it will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only FT benefits eligible employees will be advised. Holiday Gala will be located at the STC ballroom on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Official email invitation will have RSVP attached and sent at a later time.
- Friendly reminder on Discover TAMIU set for April 1, 2017 and staff being encouraged to plan an activity for the event.

**V. Presentation; Jazmin Gibeaut – Student Philanthropy Coordinator, Dept of VP for Institutional Advancement**

- Jazmin Gibeaut began by introducing how Student Philanthropy is a vital part at the University. Encourages how everyone's support is always needed and how important it is for the students to give back.
- Ms. Gibeaut advised on three components that have an impact on the students (Awareness, Gratitude and Giving).
- Ms. Gibeaut indicated on how there is a Philanthropy Council that currently has a total of 20 students all from different colleges within the University and an Ambassador Program.

- Ms. Gibeaut provided information about “Penny Class Wars” in which pennies are collected for the STEM Scholarship Fund. It will begin from (October 10-14<sup>th</sup>) by the Breezeway and jars will also be stationed at the different colleges within the University.
- Ms. Gibeaut also provided with future dates of upcoming events such as RAK Week – Random Act of Kindness (Sometime in February) and Student Philanthropy Week (April 11-14).

#### **VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Tim Fairhead from Athletics brought and passed flyers on upcoming games. Encouraged everyone to attend the kickoff from (October 10-18<sup>th</sup>). One special game is in remembrance of the Kristina Meza Foundation (Domestic Violence game). The Women’s game is scheduled to begin at 5pm and the Men’s game at 7pm. Also advised not forget about Maroon Madness games. Tim Fairhead advised to visit the Athletics website to be able to access the background cover of TAMIU for your phone.
- Planetarium personnel advised on upcoming Star Wars feature (November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, 2:30pm and 5pm). The cost will be \$4.00 per person.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Disability Services & Student Counseling Dept. will host TLC in which the first 15 students will receive free lunch.
- Recreational Sports Dept. advised the possibility of the new renovated facility will open late Fall.
- FOSS announced that Dr. Kilburn will talk about the Patron Democracy of Laredo (October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at STC 236).
- San Juanita encourages everyone to participate and sign up for the Holiday Gala Committee.

#### **VII. Door Prizes**

- Rocio Garcia, Anna Buentello, Eric Gonzalez, Griz Zimmermann, Pat Garcia, Melissa Dominguez, Christian Garcia, Claudia Herrera, Tim Fairhead, Julie Barrera, Araceli Sandoval, Sergio Infante, Jazmin Gibeaut, Martha Laura Medina, Laura Guerrero, Jose Moreno III, and Michael Gonzalez.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58am by Laura Guerrero and Michael Gonzalez.

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**Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2016**

**Attendance:** Janet Haverkamp, Kristina Valenciano, Victoria Davenport, Tim Fairhead, Miguel Valdez, Isabel Salazar, Angelo Piccirillo, Adriana Covarrubias, Norma Rodriguez, Hilda Dennis, Jazmin Gibeaut, Martha Laura Medina, Albert Chavez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Claudia Herrera, Laura Guerrero, Jose Cuevas, Michael Gonzalez, Gloria Sanchez, Melissa Dominguez, David Rocha Cunha, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Beto Gonzalez, Fabian Castillo, Diana Blackwell, Julie Barrera

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

**I. Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

**II. Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Victoria Davenport and Michael Gonzalez.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina reported the amount of \$2,217 currently in the Staff Senate account.

**IV. TAMIU News**

- San Juanita reminded all on election day for voting.
- SJ announced the three winners for the Book Scholarships and gave a round of applause to Jose Cuevas, Hilda Dennis and Diana Blackwell who were in attendance.
- Gloria Sanchez from OIT presented attendees with flyers in reference to the Scavenger Hunt which would take place beginning Nov 6-11<sup>th</sup> for National Distance Learning Week.
- SJ provided the Thanksgiving holiday schedule
- SJ reminded all to attend a speech provided by guest speaker Viridiana Rios on The Economic Impact on Violence & Crime in Mexico which will take place November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the STC Ballroom.
- SJ handed out flyer on poetry reading and creative writing contest.
- SJ gave insight on the Holiday Gala which is to take place Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. SJ reminded all to ensure to RSVP by Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, in which it will be the last day to RSVP. SJ also provided information on the cap being 370 invitees.

**V. Presentation; Michael Gonzalez – Director of Small Business Development Center**

- Michael Gonzalez began by acknowledging his fellow staff members who were also in attendance.
- Michael proceeded to help attendees understand the importance of engaging more of TAMIU and SBDC and the future of all small business including current business to grow and expand.
- Michael provided insight on two key concepts on the participants having a confidential one on one advising and on having local and national levels with these services. He proceeded to talk about the values which include: Integrity, Excellence, Service and Innovation.
- Mr. Gonzalez indicated the program fee to just be \$50.00 which includes a four-month course. Course month ranging from October-January and March-June. He went and provided samples of productive small businesses such as daycares, martial arts and even smart renewal energy, just to name a few.

- Mr. Gonzalez ended by presenting his fellow staff members and thanked them for their hard dedicated work and he too was thanked in return.

#### **VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Tim Fairhead from Athletics provided information that basketball season begins November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- David Cunha from Student Housing encouraged those to apply for Resident Life as soon as possible.
- Kristina Velanciano from Event Services stated that due to election day, no political signs should be in the University other than areas at the Zaffarini Success Center, Recreational Sports and Student Center.
- Jazmine Gibeaut gave date of November 29<sup>th</sup> as Giving Tuesday. In remembrance to giving back to the community.
- Michael Gonzalez provided an insight on Small Business Saturday and American Express on getting information to shop small business.
- SJ provided date of December 6<sup>th</sup> as Reading Day; therefore, no classes or exams will be conducted.
- Once more, SJ encouraged all to vote if not already done.

#### **VII. Door Prizes**

- Janet Haverkamp, Kristina Valenciano, Victoria Davenport, Tim Fairhead, Miguel Valdez, Norma Rodriguez, Hilda Dennis, Jazmin Gibeaut, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Claudia Herrera, Jose Cuevas, Michael Gonzalez, Gloria Sanchez, Melissa Dominguez, David Cunha, Merari Teran, Beto Gonzalez, Fabian Castillo, Diana Blackwell and Julie Barrera.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07am by Juanita Villagran and Michael Gonzalez.



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## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes December 06, 2016

**Attendance:** Gloria Sanchez, Christian Garcia, Robert Garza, Janet Havkerkamp, Tim Fairhead, Teresa Renn, Juanita Villagran, Merari Teran, Anna Buentello, Jesse Gonzalez, Araceli Sandoval, Elizabeth Mata Lorenzo Rodriguez, Martha Laura Medina and Claudia Herrera

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

### I. **Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Juanita Villagran and Teresa Renn.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina reported the amount of \$2,217 currently in the Staff Senate account.

### IV. **TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided insight about the Holiday Gala. She gave information that the photos taken at the event can be downloaded electronically.
- SJ announced and reminded that today (12/06) was the late night breakfast hosted by Student Success at 8:30pm. Those attending will have to keep in mind that it is while supplies last.
- SJ also announced that beginning tomorrow (12/07), coffee break begins every morning during finals week at 8:30am while supplies last. They will also be providing last minute supplies (ex: scantrons, pencils, etc.)
- SJ reminded everyone that the last new hire orientation date is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- SJ provided dates for Fall commencement on (12/16 at 9am, 11am and 3pm) and indicated on Juan Castillos' email regarding parking during commencement and early release.
- SJ also talked about ground breaking occurring same morning of (12/16) for the new Engineering building.
- SJ reminded about saving the date for Discover TAMIU being held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### V. **Presentation; Carlos Rodriguez – Food Service Director, Aramark**

- Carlos Rodriguez began by providing information on how to eat right during the holidays since it just right around the corner.
- Carlos provided samples of what to eat and how much to eat of it.
- Carlos stressed that eating more home food than takeout food is much more convenient and healthier at times.
- He proceeded to make everyone understand the importance of portion control; having equal portions of meats and grains while having larger portions of fruits and vegetables.
- Carlos began to stress about beverages as well. He encouraged those to reduce more calorie and sugar intake.

- Carlos ended presentation by encouraging everyone to make better options for themselves. Eating healthy leads to having a healthy lifestyle.

#### **VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Gloria from OIT advised about the Blackboard photo event in which individuals will need to show their best emoji face before finals. Emoji stress balls will be given out.
- Tim Fairhead encourages everyone to attend Saturdays' basketball game at 6pm during Student Appreciation Night. He also mentioned about the online store for Athletics; to go visit ([shopdustygear.com](http://shopdustygear.com)).
- Teresa Renn thanked all those who attended the tree lighting.
- Continuing Education dept. provided a flyer with information on guest speaker, Arturo Flores – Leveraging your Strengths for Optimal Performance Seminar, encouraging everyone to register.
- Claudia Herrera from the Planetarium announced there will be a show on December 17th at the Planetarium at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. She also indicated that Dr. Campbell will be playing music on that same day with a fee to attend being \$5.00 to the public and \$4.00 to employees
- Eric Gonzalez from Recreational Sports mentioned that the weight room/cardio room is now open for usage.
- Lorenzo Rodriguez from the Killam Library advised that the library will be open 24 hours on December 7th, 8th and 11th.

#### **VII. Door Prizes**

- Anna Buentello, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Claudia Herrera, Gloria Sanchez, Juanita Villagran, Robert Garza and Merari Teran

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01am by Juanita Villagran and Anna Buentello

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Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2017

**Attendance:** Martha Laura Medina, Juan G. Perez, Roberto Garza, Veronica Gomez, Cihtlalli Perez, Gloria Sanchez, Janet Haverkamp, Tim Fairhead, Elsa Real, Michelle Espinoza, Kristina Valenciano, Flora Bocanegra, Margaret Gonzalez, Claudia Herrera, Laura Guerrero, Josie Arredondo, Melinda Garza Elizondo, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Anna Buentello, Karla Lozano, Baltazar Vichareli

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

**I. Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:03am. SJ welcomed newcomers to introduce themselves.

**II. Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Tim Fairhead and Cihtlalli Perez.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina reported the amount of \$914.00 currently in the Staff Senate account.

**IV. TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided insight about the first Staff Senate upcoming Bowl-A-Thon to be tentatively scheduled for (02/09). She advised all to mark their calendars and to starting thinking about forming teams.
- OIT announced that the Scavenger Hunt will continue to take into effect.
- SJ announced Sprit Week to occur the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> with a door decorating contest to take place.
- SJ reminded about saving the date for Discover TAMIU being held April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**V. Presentation; Juan Perez and Robert Garza – Recreational Sports**

- Juan Perez began by introducing himself and reminded everyone that the Rec Center is open for all students and employees.
- JP began to give everyone an insight about the facility with its new features, such as the (cardio room, weight room and basketball courts, to name a few).
- JP talked about the additional and current classes the Rec Center offers, such as (PiYo, Zumba, Hype, Total Body Conditioning, Cycling, Personal Training Specialty classes, etc.).
- JP indicated the benefits about going to the Rec center and that is for everyone's self-awareness of growth, confidence and autonomy. He expressed how your goal is to not only keep the resolution for a short term, but for a long term.
- Robert Garza went in to advise of the new tile floors and new paint (still in progress), together while adding that the 2 week pass to try out the Rec center is still available.

**VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Janet Haverkamp from Continuing Education advised on the Faculty info session for Summer Camp to be held (01/13) from 12-1pm at STC 120.
- Tim Fairhead from Athletics announced that there is a total of 6 At-Home Basketball games left.

- Josie Arredondo from Career Services indicated there will be a Job Fair for the Outlets held at the STC Ballroom on (01/17) from 4-8 pm and opened to the public.
- Claudia Herrera from the LBV Planetarium announced "The Romance Under the Stars" (TBD on date).
- Kristina Valenciano from Event Services let everyone know that there is a new system in place to enter event requests. She asked if anyone who books events and needs training will need to get with Abby by sending email to [events@tamiu.edu](mailto:events@tamiu.edu).
- San Juanita Perez mentioned the new changes with the Deans and the Chairs. She let everyone know on the new Interim Chair in the Dept of Social Sciences being Dr. Lynn Manganaro.

**VII. Door Prizes**

- Martha Laura Medina, Cihlalli Perez, Janet Haverkamp, Elsa Real, Flora Bocanegra, Margaret Gonzalez, Josie Arredondo, Melinda Garza Elizondo, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran and Baltazar Vichareli

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am by Laura Guerrero and Juanita Villagran.

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## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes February 14, 2017

**Attendance:** Claudia Martinez, Araceli Sandoval, Melissa Dominguez, Claudia Herrera, San Juanita Perez, Veronica Juarez, Cihtlalli Perez, Margaret Gonzalez, Edlin Roldan, Laura Guerrero, Janet Haverkamp, Maria E. Hernandez, Fabian Castillo, Cesar Castro, Juan M. Martinez, Joan D. Davis, Beto Gonzalez, Sergio Infante, Christian Garcia, Yelitza Howard, Rocio Garcia, Griz Zimmermann, Athena Cortez, Kristina Valenciano, Kelly Higgins and Gloria Sanchez

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

### I. **Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:09am. SJ greeted the newcomers and provided an insight of Staff Senate and its officers. SJ then provided introduction to the Planetarium and its staff (Claudia Herrera and Peter Davis).

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Griz Zimmermann and Cihtlalli Perez.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

SJ advised an amount of less than \$1,000 currently in the Staff Senate account on behalf of Martha Laura Medina.

### IV. **TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided insight about the upcoming Bowl-A-Thon to occur on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She gave out the flyers to be able to register a total of 5 members per team. The fee will be \$125.00 per team and to be paid at the Bursars office. All receipts will need to be provided to San Juanita including the registration form when complete.
- SJ advised that the Dept. of Student Orientation Leadership & Engagement already have the dates available for those who wish to participate; therefore, to contact the SOLE dept. for any questions.
- Claudia Martinez from HR announced that all emails should have been sent out for the reminders on annual evaluations being due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If any questions, to please contact her at ext. 2360.
- SJ announced the Staff Senate Spring Book Scholarship is available online to those who wish to apply with a deadline of March 14th. SJ provided a reminder that the scholarship is for Full-Time recipients only. She encouraged once again to those who wish to apply to visit the Staff Senate website.
- SJ reminded about saving the date for Discover TAMIU being held April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- SJ announced the names of Mr. and Mrs. TAMIU to be Ryan Hodgson from OIT and Valerie Nunez from the Dept. of SOLE.
- Cihtlalli Perez announced about volunteering or making donation to "Feeding My Starving Children" which will be held at TAMIU on February 25th.

### V. **Presentation; Peter Davis and Claudia Herrera - Planetarium**

- Peter Davis began to introduce himself and Claudia Herrera. Peter started with an introduction of different samples of shows that are aired at the Planetarium.

- Peter reminded everyone to preview into the TAMIU calendar to get an overview of events or shows that may occur at the planetarium which includes airing of shows or just music. He reminded that the Planetarium is also open for viewing to the public.
- Peter gave the staff senate attendees an insight of a show that is popular for students and that is of the music of Pink Floyd. He indicated another popular one was “Legends of the Sky” or “Seven Sisters”.
- Claudia Herrera and Peter provided all staff senate attendees with a free complimentary ticket to a Planetarium Public Show.

**VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Kelly Higgins from Athletics advised that the last home basketball game was going to be February 18<sup>th</sup> with St. Edwards University. Senior day would also take place in which the basketball players will be introduced and a basketball shooting contest will take place. The women’s will begin at 3pm and the men’s at 5pm. He encouraged everyone including the public to attend.
- San Juanita announced the ribbon cutting of Recreational Sports and advised that the spring schedule is already up in the Rec Sports website for the classes that are held.
- SJ also announced one more reminder about the Bowl-A-Thon and registering for the event.

**VII. Door Prizes**

- Melissa Dominguez, Sergio Infante, Maria E. Hernandez, Edlin Roldan, Athena Cortez, Claudia Herrera, Kelly Higgins, Beto Gonzalez, Cihalli Perez, Cesar Castro, Kristina Valenciano, Juan Martinez, Claudia Martinez, Janet Haverkamp and Fabian Castillo

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am by Laura Guerrero and Yelitza Howard.

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## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

**Attendance:** Araceli Sandoval, Melissa Dominguez, Tim Fairhead, Janet Haverkamp, Veronica Juarez, Cihlalli Perez, Rebecka English, Elsa Real, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina, Kristina Valenciano, Jackelyne Briseno, Vanessa Garcia, Eric Gonzalez, Christian Garcia, Juan Perez, Margaret Gonzalez, Yelitza Howard, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Michael Gonzalez

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

### I. **Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:08am. SJ greeted the newcomers and provided an insight of Staff Senate and its officers. Jackie Briseno was one who was introduced and greeted as a newcomer.

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Kristina Valenciano and Martha Laura Medina.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina advised an amount of \$1,690 currently in the Staff Senate account.

### IV. **TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided insight about the upcoming Presidents Investiture on April 13th. Encouraging those who can attend to attend as this is a rare opportunity and a lot of visitors will be present.
- SJ talked about the upcoming event being held April 20th, Take Back the Night, as it is an event by students for students in fundraising and honoring those we have lost or suffered. Event will take place out in the Green.
- SJ talked about the Pre-Exam Jam to occur on April 27<sup>th</sup> in which it is a time to kick back and relax/calm down sessions for students before exams.
- SJ reminded everyone about the May commencement being held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that if anyone has questions about the reason being held at LEA, to contact the Registrar's office.
- SJ gave another reminder about TED being held May 25<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the word to be spread about to all FT staff, admin and faculty to attend. Melissa Dominguez gave a mini shout out and advised about this year's theme on superhero and villains.

### V. **Presentation; Veronica Gamboa – Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau**

- Veronica Gamboa began to introduce herself and the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- She presented flyers and explained about the Destination Training program that is held 5 times a year. She however indicated that they also have dates on reserved basis, but will need to be given enough time to organize and plan.
- She began to explain the purpose of the program and this to bring awareness to not only people from out of town, but local individuals as well by getting to know more of Laredo.
- She stressed the fact that the experience is free including breakfast, lunch and snack.
- The destination will begin at a place of meeting; preferably a hotel and a bus will take off to all historical points in Laredo.

- The event is an all-day event that will begin at 8am and end around 3pm. The minimum amount of each destination trip should be a total of 10 people.
- One current attendee, Cihlalli Perez gave her own personal experience and indicated that she was happy she had participated in the destination.
- Veronica Gamboa thanked everyone for their time and presented everyone with a small goodie and encouraged everyone once more to go out there and experience this program.

#### **VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- San Juanita advised everyone on National Alcohol Screening day to occur on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm at STC for those students wanting to give and get information on safe drinking. Event is recommended for age group between 18-24 years of age.
- Cihlalli Perez talked about Service Learning Expo to the students which will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11am. Judges are needed and she encouraged those who wish to participate and be a judge or to donate items.
- Araceli Sandoval advised everyone about the new TAMIU Leadership Experience application for this coming fiscal year in that it is already up for those who wish to want to apply.
- Yelitza Howard advised for those who are or know of anyone who wish to be part of the Alumni Association will have an opportunity to meet on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Rec Sports with a private tour at 6pm.
- Christian Garcia announced about Rec Sports and their power hours. He included information about Easter weekend being closed. He also advised that summer camp enrollment is open for age group of 4-13 years of age for the months of June/July from 8-12pm. Employee discount can also apply.
- Kristina Valenciano announced that there will be a school district career fair on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the STC ballroom.
- Tim Fairhead announced about Staff Appreciation Day being held April 12<sup>th</sup> within the softball game. He also advised about Military Appreciation Day being held the weekend after Easter at the Unitrade.
- Michael Gonzalez announced that SBDC will be at the career fair promoting small businesses. He also indicated that May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be small business week.

#### **VII. Door Prizes**

Melissa Dominguez, Tim Fairhead, Araceli Sandoval, Vanessa Garcia, Jackie Briseno, Juan Perez, Cihlalli Perez, Kristina Valenciano, Yelitza Howard, Elsa Real, Gloria Sanchez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Margarret Gonzalez, Christian Garcia

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06am by Vanessa Garcia and Yelitza Howard.



# TAMIU STAFF SENATE



Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2017

**Attendance:** Melissa Dominguez, Flora Bocanegra, Margaret Gonzalez, Christian Barraza, Veronica Guzman, Pablo Morales, Martha Laura Medina, Athena Cortez, Jackelynn Briseno, Stephanie Martinez, Veronica Juarez, Cihtlalli Perez, Edlin Roldan, Christian Garcia, Anna Buentello, Juanita Villagran, Merari Teran, Michael Gonzalez, Karla Lozano, Taryn Shehab, Rebecca Soto, Gloria Sanchez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, San Juanita Guerra

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Guerra, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

**I. Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. SJ greeted the newcomers and provided an insight of Staff Senate and its officers.

**II. Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Cihtlalli Perez and Stephanie Martinez.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina advised an amount of \$1,440.00 currently in the Staff Senate account.

**IV. Announcement of President-Elect Appointment & Upcoming Staff Senate Elections**

San Juanita announced on the officer positions up for elections this coming fiscal year. SJ also announced on the proposed new President-Elect being Michael Gonzalez in the departure of the previous President-Elect, Teresa Renn. SJ asked if all were in favor in which Margaret Gonzalez and Taryn Shehab agreed to motion Michael Gonzalez. All Staff Senate participants welcomed and congratulated Mr. Gonzalez on his new appointed Officer position. SJ advised that Gloria Sanchez will be sending link to all employees on being able to nominate employees to hold an Officer position for the new fiscal year.

**V. TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided information about On-Campus Summer Camps in place. To be aware with the amount of children attending TAMIU for camp this year. Camps range from Recreational Sports to Continuing Education dept., so there are full camps taking place.
- San Juanita also gave a little insight about On-Going New Student Orientation having occurred June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> for all incoming new students.
- Melissa Dominguez spoke briefly about the upcoming open enrollment for benefits beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending July 31<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged all to review their current benefits and make any updates as necessary.

**VI. Presentation; SOLE Orientation Leaders: Ryan Hodgson, Alfredo Vela and Andrea Gonzalez de la Cruz**

- San Juanita introduced the SOLE Orientation Leaders.
- Ryan Hodgson, Alfredo Vela and Andrea Gonzalez de la Cruz individually introduced themselves and gave their insight about working for the Dept. of Student Orientation, Leadership & Engagement.
- All leaders explained the concept of the new student orientations and how they try their best to inspire the students. They gave examples of how they themselves enjoyed it when they were incoming students and decided to be leaders in the future.

- San Juanita indicated that there is also an online option for the orientation, but indicated that the experience is not as eventful as experiencing it in person.
- SOLE Leaders encouraged all staff senate members to stand up and join together to sing the alma mater together.

#### **VII. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Michael Gonzalez from SBDC announced about the “HR Summit” which will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Falcon Banks third floor. The HR Summit is in reference to attending sessions about getting assistance on HR related information. A fee of \$99.00 will be charged per attendee.
- Mike also announced about “Mobile Business” (Ex: Craft, Food Trucks) – reference to starting your business on wheels. Event will take place August 8<sup>th</sup> on campus, location not yet determined. As of right now, it appears there will be a small fee. For more information, to please contact Michael Gonzalez.
- Pablo Morales from University College advised all about open tutor positions that will be set to hire for Fall 2017. He encouraged everyone to let others know to apply.
- Athena Cortez from VPIA advised everyone on the short film, “Rhapsody on the Rio” will be on sale. Ms. Cortez believes it ranges between \$15.00-30.00.
- Stephanie Martinez from VPSS announced how the departments should remind each other on maroon Mondays. The importance of seeing everyone participating on maroon Mondays should be something enjoyable to watch and partake in.
- Karla Lozano from HR gave a little insight about the Evive application. She encouraged everyone who has benefits to create a login on Evive so they may be able to access their benefit information much quicker.
- Melissa Dominguez from HR reminded everyone about completing their Wellness Exam by June 30<sup>th</sup> if they want to refrain from being charged on their benefits.

#### **VIII. Door Prizes**

Athena Valdez, Flora Bocanegra, Karla Lozano, Jackelyne Briseno, Edlin Roldan, Stephanie Martinez, Juanita Villagran, Merari Teran, Veronica Juarez, Veronica Guzman, Michael Gonzalez, Melissa Dominguez, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Christian Garcia.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE



**Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**March 21, 2017**

**Attendance:** Martha Laura Medina, Araceli Sandoval, Janet Haverkamp, Teresa Renn, Veronica Juarez, Cihtlalli Perez, Kristina Valenciano, Blana Gamez, Elsa Real, Beto Gonzalez, Kelly Higgins, Griselda Vizcarra, Jonathan Serna, Rebecka English, Lily Cruz, Juliana Medrano, Christian Garcia, Juan Perez, Tim Fairhead, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Laura Guerrero

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Perez, Teresa Renn, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

**I. Welcome**

San Juanita called the meeting to order at 10:05am. SJ greeted the newcomers and provided an insight of Staff Senate and its officers.

**II. Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Kristina Valenciano and Teresa Renn.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina advised an amount of \$1,785 currently in the Staff Senate account.

**IV. TAMIU News**

- San Juanita provided insight about the Bowl-A-Thon and its success.
- SJ reminded everyone about the Spring Book Scholarship and its deadline to submit documents.
- SJ acknowledged Mr. and Mrs. TAMIU about how important and active they are to TAMIU.
- SJ reminded everyone about the Big Event occurring March 25<sup>th</sup> and encouraged those willing to volunteer.
- Araceli Sandoval advised everyone about TAMIU Enrichment Day (TED) occurring May 25<sup>th</sup> and its Superhero and Villain theme.
- SJ announced the next event to be Discover TAMIU that will occur April 1<sup>st</sup> and reminded everyone to invite family and friends.
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**V. Presentation; Teresa Renn – Associate Director, Dept of SOLE**

- Teresa Renn began to remind everyone about the upcoming Discover TAMIU event being held April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-4pm.
- She provided a short video to show what this event is all about. She encouraged everyone to go including all family and friends.
- Teresa gave an insight of different areas and activities that are going to be held at Discover TAMIU such as the Mariachi playing music, artistic avenues, games and so much more.
- She reminded everyone once again that this is a free event open for everyone.
- If anyone needed information, they can visit [tamiu.edu](http://tamiu.edu) and search for Discover TAMIU.

**VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Griselda Vizcarra announced April's upcoming Autism Awareness and also reminded everyone about the Desk to 5k run/walk occurring April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Tim Fairhead talked about the upcoming basketball games for Saturday and Sunday.
- Michael Gonzalez talked about a conference “World without Nafta” to occur on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Beto Gonzalez advised everyone about some programs being removed such as Adobe as per University and State audit. If anyone had questions or concerns of if they wish to get a quote for Adobe, they can contact OIT.
- Juan Perez advised about their 80’s theme week occurring the week of April 10-14<sup>th</sup> at Rec Sports.
- San Juanita let everyone know about Career Services and its Expo occurring on March 30<sup>th</sup> to held individuals on attire and on how to get interviewed.
- Laura Guerrero let everyone know that Claudia Herrera from the Planetarium no longer works at TAMIU and if anyone has questions, to contact Peter Davis. She also advised that the Planetarium will be celebrating their anniversary on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kristina Valenciano advised everyone and their family to attend the next movies at the park which occurs March 31<sup>st</sup>. She also advised about Walk across Texas occurring April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Laura Medina reminded everyone about Relay for Life occurring April 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone had questions or wish to donate, to contact her.

**VII. Door Prizes**

Martha Laura Medina, Janet Haverkamp, Veronica Juarez, Cihtlalli Perez, Kristina Valenciano, Blana Gamez, Elsa Real, Beto Gonzalez, Kelly Higgins, Jonathan Serna, Rebecka English, Lily Cruz, Juliana Medrano, Christian Garcia, Juan Perez, Tim Fairhead, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Laura Guerrero.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07am by Teresa Renn and Kelly Higgins.

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE



## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes July 11, 2017

**Attendance:** Miguel Valdez, Martha Laura Medina, Flora Bocanegra, Melissa Dominguez, Araceli Sandoval, Gloria Sanchez, Yelitza Howard, Athena Cortez, Kelly Higgins, Tyson Jex, Taryn Shehab, Veronica Guzman, Veronica Juarez, Cihlalli Perez, Tim Fairhead, Kristina Valenciano, Lucy Maldonado, Ruby Rodriguez, Elizabeth Mata, Brenda Gonzalez, Janet Haverkamp, Michelle Begwin, Christian Garcia, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Jose Moreno, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Pablo Reyes, Sandy Jimenez, Amy Rodriguez and Amy Acosta Lopez

**Executive Board:** San Juanita Guerra, Michael Gonzalez, Anna Buentello, Gloria Sanchez, Martha Laura Medina and Melissa Dominguez

### I. **Welcome**

Michael Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Mike introduced himself as this was his first meeting to lead the Staff Senate meeting. Mike then proceeded to greet the newcomers and provided an insight of what is Staff Senate and who are the current officers.

### II. **Minutes (Review and Approval)**

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Gloria Sanchez and Athena Cortez.

### III. **Treasurer's Report**

Martha Laura Medina advised an amount of \$1,440.00 currently in the Staff Senate account.

### IV. **Announcement of President-Elect Appointment & Upcoming Staff Senate Elections**

Michael Gonzalez announced on the officer positions up for elections this coming fiscal year. Mike also announced the Bi-laws with the VP officer positions in which there will no longer be two VP positions categorized under Administrative and Staff. Therefore, two VP's will still be part of the board, but will be categorized either one being in charge of fundraising and the other on communications/media. This information will be finalized at the next officer meeting and Mike will choose which VP will be handling what category. Gloria Sanchez announced that she should be getting the final emails of the nominees who will be accepting or declining the nomination. She indicated that by the end of July, she should have the final count. Survey monkey link will then be up for everyone to choose who will be in the next staff senate board. The newly appointed nominees will be chosen and presented at the next Staff Senate meeting held in August.

### V. **TAMIU News**

- Sandy Jimenez was introduced to cover the next annual enrollment on benefits. She proceeded to remind everyone that annual enrollment vendors will be on site on July 20<sup>th</sup>. So far six vendors will be present for Q&A. The I-Benefit booklet has been updated and will be out today for those willing to see what new changes will occur for this new enrollment. Sandy announced that Superior will now be the new vendor for vision care and no longer EyeMed. She proceeded to remind everyone to take advantage of the time the vendors are here.

**VI. Announcements/Open Floor**

- Michael Gonzalez from SBDC announced about the “HR Summit” which will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Falcon Banks third floor. The HR Summit is in reference to attending sessions about getting assistance on HR related information. A fee of \$99.00 will be charged per attendee.
- Mike also announced about “Mobile Business” (Ex: Craft, Food Trucks) – reference to starting your business on wheels. Event will take place August 8<sup>th</sup> at IBC (Admin Building). Fee will be \$25.00. For more information, to please contact Michael Gonzalez.

**VII. Door Prizes**

Lorenzo Rodriguez, Tyson Jex, Lucy Maldonado, Gloria Sanchez, Jose Moreno, Pablo Reyes, Janet Haverkamp, Tim Fairhead, Athena Cortez, Veronica Guzman, Michelle Begwin, Ruby Rodriguez, Miguel Valdez, Cihltalli Perez and Melissa Dominguez

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47am by Sandy Jimenez and Cihltalli Perez.