



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees: Elaine Almanza-Ortega, Marissa D. Arce, Mariana Barbarena Asiain, Cesar Caballero, Cristina Calderon, Leticia Cruz, Rebecca Delgado, Cynthia Martinez, Susan Foster, Maria D. De La Garza, Georgina Zamudio, Edward Lopez, Daniela Maldonado, Margaret D. Gonzalez, Aleen M. Gonzalez, Zoila Franco Hinojosa, Federico Juarez IV, Kimberly Cruz, Ruben Mendez, Krista Quintanilla, Josefina Molina, Melissa A. Morin, Joselyn D. Orregon, Vanessa F. Martinez, Monica Palacios Robledo, Christina Y. Peralta, Gladys D. Perez, Perla Echeverria, Leonela Preciado, Blanca E. Ramos, Rene Salinas, Amelia V. Rodriguez, Amy F. Rodriguez, Nancy Ramos, Rosangela Davalos, Maria I. Salazar, Marycarmen Salinas, Arturo San Martin Jr., Taryn Shehab, Mirasol Tabarez, Jessica Tamez, Marari T. Teran, Kristina Valenciano, Vanessa Garcia, San Juanita Vela, Victor Diaz, Adan Sanchez, Shama Ali, Anna Garza, Alice Arce, Grezia D. Barrera, Carlos Bella, Heather Benavides, Bernardo Hernandez, Carla San Miguel, Brittany L. Cedillo, Daniela Ortiz, Elsa Real, Rocio M. Garcia Gurrola, Ana M. Gonzalez, Franz Gordillo, Nicholas D. Herrera, Juliana Medrano, Virginia A. Lopez, Maria Elena Hernandez, Elena M. Martinez, Martha L. Medina, Michelle Espinoza, Christine Rojas, Rosie Dickinson, Maria I. Salazar, Jonathan Serna Jr., Rolando Tijerina, Jessica A. Acosta Lopez, Adriana H. Rodriguez, Armandina Ramos, Athena V. Cortez, Denise Luna, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Erika Cantu, Maria Julia Pena, Maria Villegas, Alejandra Covarrubias, Azeneth Vazquez, Christa Elizondo, Julio Reyes, Klarissa E. Tamez, Ashley Carey, Rene G. Prado, Daniel O. Salazar, Melissa Dominguez, Sonia L. Vela, Aquiles Barrera, Amy Palacios, David L. Pina, Mariana Rodriguez, Claudia M. Martinez, Jose Serna

Executive Board: Jessica C. Trevino, Vanessa Almaraz, Ana Vargas, Patsy Lopez, Alejandra Eligio

- **Welcome:** Staff Senate President Pro Tempore Ana Vargas called meeting order at 2:00 p.m.
- **Review of May 2022 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes:
 - 1st Motion – Elaine Almanza-Ortega
 - 2nd Motion – Susan Foster
- **Treasurer's Report:** \$4,157.82
- **Speaker / Presentation:**
 - **Presenter #1:** Kristina Valenciano, TAMIU Event Services, presented on the upcoming Wellness Olympics and HealthyU.
 - [Wellness Olympics Registration Link](#)

- Contact Kristina Valenciano via email or Teams with any questions
- **Presenter #2:** Alice Arce, TAMIU Human Resources, Two-Step Wellness Incentive Program 2021-22
 - Alice addressed a question in the chat regarding an added family member to an individual's insurance plan. Alice indicated this individual and their spouse must both access MyEvive to receive the benefit/credit.
 - Alice also addressed a question asking if the annual physical is required, answering this is no longer the case.
 - Contact Alice at x2339 or Ashley Carey x2362
 - [My Evive portal](#)
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Staff Senate President-Elect, Jessica Trevino provided the following updates.
 - **Secretary Introduction:** Daniel Berndt officially introduced as Secretary.
 - **Staff Senate Bowl-a-thon:** Tonight (June 14, 2022, 6:00pm)! Still time to sign up for this community event- [Registration available here!](#) Door prizes available for those in attendance.
 - **Dog Days of Summer Photo Contest:** [Photo contest](#) available for TAMIU community to submit photos of their pet in three categories. Contest runs through June 24 with winners and photos to be shared at the July meeting.
 - **Staff Senate Nominations:** [Open for 2022-23 board](#) until June 22nd at 5:00pm. Voting ballot will occur on July 12, 2022. Please remember you may only nominate one candidate per position.
 - **COVID-19 Updates:** Cases on the rise locally. Testing is available on campus from Monday to Friday, 9a-6p in KLM and STC.
- **TAMIU News**
 - **Summer Camps:**
 - Rec Sports Summer Camp
 - Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp
 - **HealthyU Wellness Olympics:** Occurring over summer months ([click here to register](#))
 - **Planetarium Summer Showings:** Various showings occurring each week during the summer. Cost = \$5 (adult). More information available on the Planetarium [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
 - **Mental Health First Aid Training:** Training coming up on June 17 (moved to June 16 after meeting due to 6/17 early release). Training is all day and outside homework required. [Registration available here](#).
 - **Sister Cities Festival:** Scheduled July 15-17 at Sames Auto Area. International festival featuring various community and international vendors. Food, goodies, and other shopping opportunities available.
- **Open Floor**
 - Susan Foster expanded on her comment regarding the Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp. Sessions 2-4 coming up and only have openings for Kinder children with all other levels closed at max capacity. Camps going well, and thank you to the faculty guest speaking at the camps. Other camps

going on now such as DIALL, Laredo Heat Camp, and Choir camp. Starting in July, two additional camps with Dr. Tashtoush will also occur.

- Vanessa Garcia provided additional details regarding the upcoming Mental Health First Aid session. Training is in-depth, covering various types of mental health disorders, crises, alcohol use disorders, how to navigate various situations or help others going through a crisis, and more. Contact Vanessa x3084 with any questions. Some pre-work requiring completion with extended deadlines available.
- Jessica Trevino provided an update from HR regarding the TAMIU Leadership Experience. The application information and form are available on the HR website under the Leadership Experience tab. Please contact leadership@tamiu.edu for more information about the TAMIU Leadership Experience. Application deadline extended to Friday, July 22.
- Recruitment secured tickets to upcoming [Tecolotes de los Dos Laredos](#) baseball game. TAMIU invited to “Maroon Out” a section. More details on how to get the tickets will be forthcoming. Save the Date: Friday, June 24. Free tickets for staff with only requirement to wear maroon TAMIU apparel.
- Question asked about TAMIU Leadership Experience minimum employment duration. Answer provided after meeting. Individuals directed to review [website](#) and to talk with supervisor for further information.

- **Door Prizes**

- Adan Sanchez
- Alice Arce
- Rosangela Davalos
- Zoila Franco Hinojosa

- **Motion to adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

- 1st motion – Martha L. Medina
- 2nd motion – Leticia Cruz

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022