



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
2:00 p.m. | Webex

Attendees: Ana K Manrique, Jessica A Acosta Lopez, Shama Ali, Elaine Almanza- Ortega, Carmen Aquino, Jan Aspelund, Julie E. Barrera, Michelle A. Begwin, Claudia C. Beltran, Heather Benavides, Rosario Benavides, Bernardo Hernandez, Daniel Berndt, Maria M Blasco, Flora Bocanegra, Jackelyne K. Briseno, Celina M Calderon, Cristina M Calderon, Erika Cantu, Ashley Carey, Marta Castro, Brittany L Cedillo, Christa Elizondo, Athena Cortez, Norma Cortez, Maria Leticia Cruz, Maria D. De La Garza, Rebecca S. Delgado, Brenda Diaz, Rosie A. Dickinson, Alejandra Eligio Alejandro, Laura M. Elizondo, Melinda Elizondo, Samuel Flores, Susan M. Foster, Anna D. Garza, Ana M. Gonzalez, Margaret D. Gonzalez, Maria G. Gonzalez, Selina Gonzalez, Mirian Granados, Angela Gutierrez, Andria Hernandez, Maria Elena Hernandez, Yelitza M Howard, Veronica G. Juarez, Anette F. Lara, Rebeca Litman, Virginia A. Lopez, Sofia C Maldonado, Maria Julia Pena, Claudia E. Martinez, Cynthia Martinez, Elena M Martinez, Elizabeth Martinez, Vanessa F. Martinez, Julio Medina, Martha L. Medina, Erika Medrano, Juliana Medrano, Mariana Mendiola, Melissa A Morin, Priscilla Munoz, Erika Noyola, Miguel S Olivas, Pat Ornelas, Amy Palacios, Adrianna V. Perez, Gladys D. Perez, Rene Prado, Ledith Ramirez, Ricardo Ramirez, Armandina Ramos, Elsa Real, Pablo Reyes, Christine Rojas, Adriana H. Rodriguez, Amy E. Rodriguez, Daniela Rodriguez, Ana Salazar, Maria I. Salazar, MaryCarmen Salinas, Adan Sanchez, Anabelly Sanchez, Edelmiro Santos Jr., Mirasol Tabarez, Jessica Tamez, Juan E. Vasquez, Luis D. Vazquez, San Juanita Vela, Nancy Ventura Vichareli, Sandra Villanueva, Maria V. Villegas, Tracie L. Vogel, Gerogina Zamudio

Executive Board: Jessica Trevino, Amy Cortina, Alejandra Eligio, Vanessa Almaraz, Ana Vargas, Patsy Lopez & Lisa Salazar

- I. **Welcome:** Staff Senate President-Elect Jessica Treviño called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
- II. **Review of October 2021 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve October 2021 Meeting Minutes:
Leti Cruz 1st Motion
Ana M. Vargas 2nd Motion
- III. **Treasurer's report:** \$4,841.91
- IV. **Speaker/ Presentation**

Ashley Stewart – Former Chef in the Alabama area now living in the Laredo area
Pre-recorded video presented available on the [TAMU YouTube Channel](#).
- V. **Staff Senate News**
 - Halloween Candy Grams – Thank you for your support, the fundraiser was a success!

- The next fundraiser will be Jean Day.
- Holiday Gala will take place *Saturday, December 4, 2021*.
- Response to Staff Senate Suggestion Box Inquiries:
 - **Parking Permit Lot Concern** – Police Department will be patrolling permit parking lot.
 - **Parking Lot Security Camera Suggestion** – Security cameras are difficult to use due to infrastructure and obstructed view caused by trees.
 - **Merit Salary Question** – Question regarding merit-based increase and salary changes. Due to the current SAP “At least six (6) months must have elapsed since the employee's last salary increase for any reason, including promotion, reclassification, market adjustment, or merit.”
- COVID Update: Booster shot is offered on campus. There are two (2) official dates left; Wednesday, November 10th from 8 AM – 6 PM at the Student Center in the rotunda, and then Wednesday, November 17th from 8 AM – 6 PM. This will be the third COVID shot, the first and second COVID shots will also be offered.
 - Mandatory random testing - is still going on. Check your spam mailbox to make sure the message was not sent there. You will have 72 hours to get tested.
 - Be A Champ Update –The campaign is still going on. Submit your vaccine card to be added to the drawing.
 - Be the Champ: go.tamtu.edu/employeeestogether
 - Health Services (COVID-19): <https://www.tamtu.edu/health/covid-19-reporting.shtml>
 - Covid vaccines are open to both the TAMTU and Laredo communities.
 - Booster shots are available six months after your second shot.

VI. TAMTU News

- **Jacky Briseño – TAMTU Giving Day-** Tuesday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 17. Offering a chance for people in the community to help TAMTU students. Giving challenges are posted on the website. There is roughly \$11,500 in challenge funds. The first international gift will be matched as well as gifts from outside of Texas will be matched up to \$150. The goal is 500 donors. Last year there was 464 donors and a little over \$60,000 raised for scholarships and programs.

Giving Day Link: www.tamtu.edu/givingday/
If you're able to also share the social media post, it's available at <https://www.facebook.com/tamtuialumni/posts/10159654684155336>
- **Master Plan** – meetings are open to all TAMTU faculty and staff. TAMTU is undergoing the process to create a new or updated master plan to be part of what TAMTU will look like in the future. This will be an ongoing process. Be on the lookout for emails if you are interested in participating. Master Plan report should be ready Summer of 2022
- **Make a Difference Day Update** – Thank you to all TAMTU for your help in making Make a Difference Day such a success.

VII. Open Floor

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VIII. Door Prizes

Donations for the door prize gift baskets are always welcomed. Feel free to contact one of the Staff Senate Officers to pick up any donations.

- Julie Barrera
- Maria Villegas
- Armandina Ramos
- Shama Ali

IX. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

- Ana Vargas 1st motion
- Margaret Gonzalez 2nd motion