



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees:

Aide Flores	Elizabeth Rubio	Maria De La Garza
Aleen Gutierrez	Enrique Botello	Maria Elena (Mary) Hernandez
Alejandra Saucedo	Erica E. Perez	Maria Julia Pena
Alexander Castillo	Erika Medrano	Maria Salazar
Amber Martinez	Francisco Vera, Jr.	Marissa Arce
Ana Gonzalez	Gladys Perez	Martha Medina
Ana M. Gonzalez	Gloria Hernandez	Mary Foster
Ana Manrique	Heather Benavides	Melissa J. Dominguez
Ana Vargas	Isabel De Leon	Michelle Begwin
Andria Hernandez	Ivan Giron	Michelle Espinoza
Anna Elizalde	Ivana Zamora	Miguel S Olivas
Anna Garza	Jacinto De la Cruz Hernandez	Nancy Ramos
Araceli Sandoval	Jessica Cavazos	Patricia Ornelas
Armandina Ramos	Jessica Tamez	Patsy Lopez
Ashley Carey	Jhoanna Angeles	Perla Echeverria
Azeneth Vazquez	Jordan Cervantes	Priscilla Martinez
Bernardo Hernandez	Jose Bernal Brosig	Rebeca Litman
Bernice Y Sanchez	Jose Cardenas Jr.	Rebecca Delgado
Blanca E Ramos	Jose Serna	Rocio Garcia Gurrola
Christa L. Elizondo	Josefina Molina	Rogelio Garcia
Cihtlalli Perez	Juana E. Villagran	Rolando Tijerina
Claudia Martinez	Julio Medina	Ruben Mendez
Cristina Flores-Westerman	Karla Leal	San Juanita Vela
Cristina M. Calderon	Krista Quintanilla	Sanaa Al-nasser
Cristina Oviedo	Kristina Valenciano	Sandy M Lugo
Cynthia Martinez	Leonela Preciado	Selina Gonzalez
Damaris Rivera	Lori Rodriguez	Stephen Duffy
Daniel O. Salazar	Lorissa Cortez	Taryn Shehab
Daniela Rodriguez	Lyanne Hinojosa	Vanessa Almaraz
Denisse Garza	Maria Arce	Virginia Lopez
Elaine Almanza-Ortega	Maria Blasco	Yanira Olivares

Executive Board: Enrique Botello, Kristina Valenciano, Vanessa Almaraz, Patsy Lopez, Jessica Tamez, Daniel Berndt, Cihtlalli G. Perez

- I. **Welcome:** Staff Senate President Enrique Botello calls meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

- II. **Review of March 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Approvals:
 - 1st Motion – Martha Laura Medina
 - 2nd Motion – Cihtlalli Perez

- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** \$3,208

- IV. **Speaker/Presentation**
 - **Dr. Stephen M. Duffy, Associate Provost/QEP Director**
 - Look for comments on the 3 being the next QEP. Academic Advising, College Skills, and Service Learning are the top 3 choices.
 - Requesting general feedback on the three topics being the next QEP. Get some pros/cons.
 - Faculty Senate will be having a forum to discuss the topics.
 - **Special Programs – Dr. Bernice Sanchez, Associate Professor**
 - Wanted to share some music and words to provide a mental practice of disconnecting for mental relaxation.
 - Dr. Sanchez talked us through the mental relaxation practice. She also recommended the app Calm.

- V. **Staff Senate News**
 - **Discover TAMIU Water Bottle Fundraiser Sales Final**
 - Total of \$193 raised in sales.
 - **Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser Save the Date**
 - Save the date for Staff Senate Bowl-a-thon on Friday, June 15th. \$125 cost per team. Email will be sent out in May reminding everyone to sign up.
 - **Paint-a-Pot Event Staff and Faculty Event**
 - Supplies will be provided: terra cotta pot, paint, soil and seeds.
 - If unable to attend, you can pick up a kit and take it to your office.
 - Please disregard Event cancellation email, it was an error.
 - **Book Scholarship Winner**
 - Congratulations to Leonela Preciado!

VI. TAMIU News

- **IBC Keynote Speaker Series**

- Neil Irwin on April 12th at Student Center Ballroom at 6pm.
- Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp,
<https://www.tamtu.edu/ce/summer-camp.shtml>

- **Important Dates**

- SkyWarn Training – Tuesday, April 18th
<https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/safety/health-and-safety/index.shtml>
- Last class day – Monday, May 1st
- Spring Commencement – Wednesday, May 10th
- TAMIU Enrichment Day – Friday, May 12th
<https://go.tamtu.edu/TED>

VII. Open Floor

- Martha Laura Medina invited people to donate to Relay for Life.
- Outstanding Employee Service Award nominations due by Wednesday, May 3rd.
- Application for 2023-2024 TAMIU Leadership are open.

VIII. Door Prize Winners:

- Maria de la Garza
- Juana Villagran
- Lori Rodriguez
- Jessica Tamez

IX. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

- 1st motion – Jessica Tamez
- 2nd motion – Juana Villagran

Next Meeting: May 9, 2023 via WebEx