



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees:

Aide Flores	Enrique Botello	Maria Mancha
Aleen Gutierrez	Erika Cantu	Maria Salazar
Alejandra Eligio	Georgina Zamudio	Mariana Barberena Asiain
Alejandra Saucedo	Grezia Barrera	Marissa Arce
Alexander Castillo	Guillermo Gonzalez, Jr.	Martha Medina
Amber Martinez	Isabel De Leon	Mary Foster
Amy Palacios	Ivan Cano	Marycarmen Salinas
Ana Clamont	Ivan Giron	Merari Teran
Ana Gonzalez	Ivana Zamora	Michelle Begwin
Ana M. Gonzalez	Jessica Perez	Miguel S. Olivas
Ana Vargas	Jessica Tamez	Miriam Gallegos
Anna Elizalde	Jonathan Serna	Monica Palacios Robledo
Anna Garza	Jose Bernal Brosig	Nirupama Akella
Aquiles Barrera	Jose Cardenas Jr.	Ofelia Maldonado
Araceli Sandoval	Josefina Molina	Patsy Lopez
Ashley Carey	Joshua Gonzalez	Perla Echeverria
Athena V. Cortez	Juan Martinez, Jr.	Rebeca Litman
Azeneth Vazquez	Juan Perez	Rebecca Delgado
Belinda De Leon	Juana Villagran	Ricardo Ramirez
Bernardo Hernandez	Juliana Medrano	Roberto Garza, III
Blanca Ramos	Julio Martinez	Rogelio Garcia
Celina Calderon	Julio Medina	Rosa Luna
Cesar Ramirez	Kathy Casares	Ruben Mendez
Christa Elizondo	Klarissa Tamez	Samuel Flores
Christine Rojas	Krista Quintanilla	San Juanita Vela
Clarissa Guerrero	Kristina Valenciano	Selina Gonzalez
Claudia Garza	Karla Leal	Sonia Dominguez
Claudia Martinez	Leonela Preciado	Stephanie N. Hernandez
Consuelo Guzman	Lori Rodriguez	Taryn Shehab
Cordelia G Perez	Lorissa Cortez	Tracie Vogel
Cristina Oviedo	Lyanne Hinojosa	Vanessa Almaraz
Cynthia Martinez	M. Laura Elizondo	Victor Diaz
Daniel O. Salazar	Madison Guerra	Virginia Lopez
Daniela Maldonado	Mandy Ramos	Yelitza Howard

Daniela Ortiz	Maria Arce	Yesika Barajas
Denisse Garza	Maria Blasco	Yezmin Salazar
Elaine Almanza-Ortega	Maria Elena (Mary) Hernandez	Zoila Franco Hinojosa
Elizabeth Martinez	Maria Leticia Cruz	Zuhey Rocha
Elsa Real		

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 2:01 p.m.

- II. **Review of December 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 Ana Vargas sent an email with changes to be made to minutes.
 Approvals:
 - 1st Motion – Leti Cruz
 - 2nd Motion – Elaine Almanza

- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** \$3,535

- IV. **Speaker/Presentation**
 - **TAMIU REC – Ivan Cano**
 - Virtual tour of the REC given where the facilities were shown, including the equipment.
 - REC opens at 6am, with staff available to assist. They offer fitness classes.
 - Locker fees: Daily 25¢
 Semester: \$20 – Half Locker; \$30 – Full Locker
 - Exercise rooms can be checked out for an hour at the Reception Desk.
 - TAMIUnity is offering a membership to the REC that will end on Tuesday, February 28th. You must go to the Bursar’s Office to pick up the voucher to turn in at the REC.
 - Spring Fitness Schedule online at <https://www.tamiau.edu/recsports/index.shtml>
 - 5 on 5 basketball offered this month.
 - Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday – 6am – 10pm
 Saturday and Sunday – 2pm – 6pm

- V. **Staff Senate News**
 - **Valentine’s Day Fundraiser**

VI. TAMIU News

- **HealthyU Christmas**
 - Holiday Painting on Wed., Dec. 21st at the STC Ballroom. Snacks and Drinks provided. Kid friendly.
 - AgriLife event in Spring 2023.
 - Catapult visit Tuesday, Feb. 14th and Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 2023
- **First Class Day**
 - Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- **Fall Semester Staff Graduates**

Jose Cardenas – Compliance

Jocelyn Montero – Univ. Police

Virginia Lopez – COED

Clarissa Tamez – Admissions

Ted Garcia – Recruitment

Maria Aquino – Adm. Counselor

- **Jean Fridays**
 - Jean Fridays are still ongoing.
- **Important Dates**
 - Vaccines – Thursday, January 19th, Student Center Rotunda
 - Catapult – Tuesday, February 14th & Wednesday, February 15, 2023
 - Discover TAMIU – Saturday, April 1, 2023
 - Spring 2023 Graduation – Wednesday, May 10, 2023

VII. Open Floor

- Tracie Vogel invited everyone to the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Games on Thursday, January 26th at the KCB.
- Breast Cancer Awareness on Saturday, January 28th, please wear pink.
- Leonela Preciado reminded us that USTEM pays participating High School seniors \$3,500 and awards semester credit hours for students (as long as it's part of their degree plan).
- Connie Guzman mentioned that during Spirit Week there will be a door decorating contest, the theme will be Renaissance. SOLE will be selling Spirit Week t-shirts to fundraise at \$6.65 each.
Spirit Week dates – Feb. 13th – Feb. 18th
- Ana Vargas mentioned that we can always look to the TAMIU Insider for upcoming TAMIU Events.
- Kristina Valenciano reminded us about the Wellness Fair on Tue., Feb. 14th and Wed., Feb. 15th in the Student Center Ballroom.
- Marycarmen Salinas mentioned that COVID Vaccines will be held at the Student Center Rotunda on Thursday, January 19th. Starbucks gift cards will be given to those getting the COVID Bivalent Booster. Flu Shots will also be offered to students.
- Enrique Botello informed us that VITA will be back at TAMIU starting on Monday, February 4th at Western Hemispheric Trade Center Rm. 126.

VIII. Door Prize Winners:

- Ana Vargas
- Blanca Ramos
- Yelitza Howard
- Jose Bernal Brosig

IX. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

- 1st motion – Leti Cruz
- 2nd motion – Yelitza Howard

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023 via WebEx

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