



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees:

Adan Sanchez	Donah Justice	Maria De La Garza
Aleen Gutierrez	Dr. Nirupama Akella	Maria Elena (Mary) Hernandez
Alejandra Saucedo	Elaine Almanza-Ortega	Maria Flores-Westerman
Alejandro A. Martinez, Jr.	Elena Martinez	Maria Leticia Cruz
Alexander Castillo	Elizabeth Green	Maria Mancha
Alfredo Ramirez, Jr.	Elizabeth Rubio	Marissa Arce
Alice Arce	Elsa Real	Martha Medina
Amber Martinez	Enrique Botello	Mary Foster
Amy Rodriguez	Erica E. Perez	Mayra Hernandez
Ana Gonzalez	Erika Cantu	Melissa Soulas
Ana M. Gonzalez	Federico Juarez IV	Michelle Begwin
Ana Manrique	Francisco Vera, Jr.	Miguel Zamarripa
Ana Vargas	Georgina Zamudio	Monica Molina
Andria Hernandez	Gladys Perez	Monica Palacios Robledo
Angelica Osteguín	Heather Benavides	Nancy Ramos
Anna Castillo	Ilse Cortez	Norma A. Cortez
Anna Elizalde	Isabel De Leon	Norma Rodriguez
Anna Garza	Ivan Giron	Ofelia Maldonado
Aquiles Barrera	Ivette Soto	Patricia G. Lopez
Araceli Sandoval	Jacinto De la Cruz Hernandez	Patricia Ornelas
Armandina Ramos	Jessica Acosta Lopez	Priscilla Martinez
Ashley Carey	Jhoanna Angeles	Rebeca Litman
Bernardo Hernandez	Jose Cardenas Jr.	Rebecca Delgado
Blanca Ramos	Josefina Molina	Rolando Tijerina
Celina Calderon	Joselyn D. Ortegón	Ruben Mendez
Celinda Sarabia	Joshua Gonzalez	San Juanita Vela
Cesar Ramirez	Juana Villagran	Sandy Lugo
Christa Elizondo	Julia Peña	Sara A. Vallarta
Christopher Segovia	Julian Peña	Scheiby Gonzalez-Fisher
Cihlalli Perez	Juliana Medrano	Selina Gonzalez
Claudia Martinez	Julie Barrera	Sonia Vela
Cristina Flores-Westerman	Julio Medina	Tano Treviño
Cynthia Martinez	Karla Leal	Taryn Shehab
Damaris Rivera	Kathy Casares	Tracie Vogel

Daniel Berndt	Kristina Valenciano	Vanessa Almaraz
Daniel O. Salazar	Leonela Preciado	Vanessa Martinez
Daniel Ross Rodriguez	Lorissa Cortez	Virginia Lopez
Daniela Maldonado	Lyanne Hinojosa	Yanira Olivares
Daniela Ortiz	M. Laura Elizondo	Yelitza Howard
David Valenzuela	Madison Guerra	Yesika Barajas
Denisse Garza	Maria Blasco	Zoila Franco Hinojosa

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 2:02 p.m.
- II. **Review of February 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Approvals:
 - 1st Motion – Daniel Berndt
 - 2nd Motion – Cihtlalli Perez
- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** \$3,147
- IV. **Speaker/Presentation**
 - **College of Arts & Sciences – Christopher Segovia, Special Program Aid, “Gardening 101”**
 - <https://www.instagram.com/txamiugarden/?hl=en>.
 - **Office of Student Success – Scheiby Gonzalez Fisher, Interim Assoc. Vice President**
 - If interested in submitting an activity for Discover TAMIU, contact Scheiby at sfisher@tamiu.edu or (956) 326-2720.
 - If unable to host an activity, help in promoting Discover TAMIU with family and friends.
 - Discover TAMIU LINK: <https://www.tamiu.edu/discover/tamiu/>
 - **Student Conduct & Community Engagement – Priscilla Martinez, Program Manager, The Big Event**
 - **Volunteer The Big Event 2023:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScig3nA0buNAqLYW8VuKq8PFE1ha6pxexpPZjpMBfKzO16aKg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0OD-P3-bUFVf2cmYQzGE4VXLkZjRVET8kbKh87rpil6lmnYs69ROi39_g
TAMIU in the Community - How to Join / Submit Service Hours:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1qZUlwBNgM>
PVSA Application:
<https://forms.gle/AG4tyqFB9CHhqkEq9>

V. Staff Senate News

- **Valentine's Day Rose Fundraiser Sales Final**
 - Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.
- **Discover TAMIU Water Bottle Fundraiser**
 - Staff Senate will be selling water bottles at Discover TAMIU, come support us.
- **Bowl-a-thon Save the Date**
- **TAMIU Staff Senate Book Scholarship**
 - Opened Tuesday, March 7 through Sunday, April 2. Encouraged all full-time employees who are currently enrolled to apply. Link was shared during the meeting.
 - Book Scholarship Application: - <https://forms.office.com/r/VRqaixASwT>

VI. TAMIU News

- **Spring Break Revolution**
- **Holi Festival**
- **IBC Keynote Speaker Series**
- **Important Dates**
 - Spring Break March 13-No Classes, University Closed March 17
 - Easter Holiday, No Classes April 7
 - Sue Coe Art Exhibition, March 20 – April 19
Gallery Exhibition Opening, March 24 6pm – 8pm at the CFPA Gallery

VII. Open Floor

- Cihtlalli Perez, University College – Invited staff to judge at the Community Engagement Consortium scheduled for April 18 & 19.
- Anna Castillo, Staggs Academy – New program Staggs early Scholar is for Current 8th Graders & Current 9th graders.
 - <https://www.tamtu.edu/coas/theacademy/Admissions.shtml>
 - Staggs Academy
ext. 2860
go.tamtu.edu/staggs
Follow us on FB & Instagram
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 - March 22, 2023, STAGGS Open House WHTC 111
 - 956-326-2860 for more information
academy@tamtu.edu
- Susan Foster mentioned on the chat Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp Registration opens on March 15th.
- Tracie Vogel invited everyone to Softball games for March 7th and 8th. She also mentioned that March 18th will be autograph days for both softball and baseball.

VIII. Door Prize Winners:

- Freddy Juarez
- Mayra Hernandez
- Kathy Casares
- Armandina Ramos

IX. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

- 1st motion – Heather Benavides
- 2nd motion – Yelitza Howard

Next Meeting: April 11, 2023 via WebEx

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