



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees:

Abigail Fernandez	Elizabeth Green	Maria Blasco
Adan Sanchez	Christa L. Elizondo	Maria De La Garza
Airam Bernal	Elsa Cisneros	Maria Elena Hernandez
Aleen Gutierrez	Elsa Real	Maria Leticia Cruz
Alejandra Saucedo	Enrique Botello	Maria Salazar
Alexander Castillo	Erica Perez	Mariana Barberena Asiain
Amber Martinez	Erika Medrano	Marissa Arce
Amy Palacios	Georgina Zamudio	Martha Medina
Amy Rodriguez	Gladys Perez	Elena M. Martinez
Ana Clamont	Gloria Hernandez	Julio C. Martinez
Ana Gonzalez	Arcelia L Gonzalez	Mayra Hernandez
Ana M. Gonzalez	Graciela Gutierrez	Juliana Medrano
Ana Vargas	Heather Benavides	Michelle Espinoza
Andria Hernandez	Astrid Hernandez	Monica Molina
Anna Elizalde	Lyanne Hinojosa	Monica Palacios Robledo
Anna Garza	Ivan Cano	Nicholas Hudson
Araceli Sandoval	Ivan Giron	Nirupama Akella
Armandina Ramos	Javier Dominguez	Norma Cortez
Azeneth Vazquez	Jessica Acosta Lopez	Norma Rodriguez
Aquiles Barrera	Jessica Perez	Nydia Perales
Grezia D. Barrera	Jessica Tamez	Miguel S. Olivas
Julie E. Barrera	Juan Garcia	Patricia Ornelas
Bernardo Hernandez	Jhoanna Angeles	Perla Echeverria
Blanca Ramos	Jose Arreola	Rogelio Garcia
Cristina M. Calderon	Jose Bernal Brosig	Rolando Tijerina
Christa Elizondo	Jose Cardenas Jr.	Ruben Mendez
Cihtlalli Perez	Josefina Molina	Marycarmen Salinas
Claudia Beltran	Juan Martinez, Jr.	Samantha Soto
Consuelo Guzman	Julio Medina	San Juanita Vela
Cristina Calderon	Kathy Casares	Selina Gonzalez
Cynthia Martinez	Kevin Lindberg	Sofia Maldonado
Damaris Rivera	Krista Quintanilla	Stephanie Alderete
Daniel Berndt	Kristina Valenciano	Tano Trevino
Daniela M. Ortiz	Laura Echandy	Taryn Shehab

Daniela Maldonado	Karla Leal	Merari T. Teran
Daniela Rodriguez	Lorissa Cortez	Vanessa Almaraz
Diana M. Saucedo	Sandy M. Lugo	Virginia Lopez
Diego Collazo	Susan Foster	Yelitza Howard
Donah Justice	Madison Guerra	Zoila Franco Hinojosa
Elaine Almanza-Ortega	Maria Arce	

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 April 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 Approvals:
 - 1st Motion – Vanessa Almaraz
 - 2nd Motion – Cihtlalli Perez
- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** \$3,147.89
- IV. **Speaker/Presentation**
 - **QEP – Kevin Lindberg, Associate Professor & Interim Chair**
 - 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.
 - **City of Laredo Parks and Rec. – Jose Arreola, Athletic Superintendent**
 - Mr. Arreola mentioned several programs the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation department will be offering in the summer.
 - You can find more information about programs at <https://laredoparksandrec.com/>
 - City of Laredo libraries are also offering Summer reading programs, more information at www.laredolibrary.org
 - **Statement in Defense of DEI, Tenure, and Academic Freedom – Dr. Nicholas Hudson, Director of Student Orientation, Leadership & Engagement**
 - Offered information and wanted to discuss the option to submit a statement in defense of DEI, Tenure, and Academic Freedom.
 - Proposed Legislature Information can be found at: <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=42>
 - Link for Staff to vote on Statement of Defense: <https://forms.office.com/r/GffqStY0xB>
 - Dr. Hudson invited Staff to sign up for Safe Zone Training this summer online at <https://www.tamtu.edu/safezone/index.shtml>.

V. Staff Senate News

- **Paint a Pot Staff and Faculty Event Update.**
 - Thank you to those who participated.
- **Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser Reminder**
 - Reminder for Staff Senate Bowl-a-thon on Thursday, June 15th. \$125 cost per team.
 - You can sign up at:
https://secure.touchnet.com/C20208_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STO REID=78&clearPreview=true

VI. TAMIU News

- **Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp**
 - Dusty's Junior University Summer Camp registration link:
<https://www.tamtu.edu/ce/summer-camp.shtml>
- **Congratulations Graduating Employees**
- **Important Dates**
 - **REC Summer Camps**
 - REC Summer Camps Link:
https://www.tamtu.edu/recsports/summer-camp/summer-recreational-sports-camp.shtml?utm_source=go.tamtu.edu&utm_medium=recsummercamp
 - Env. Health & Safety Workshop – Wednesday, May 17th
 - AED Awareness Workshop registration link:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/EnvironmentalHealthSafety@dustytamtu.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
 - Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 29th

VII. Open Floor

- Sandy Lugo mentioned SBDC several webinars.
- Monica Robledo from the Office of Compliance invited everyone to participate in their Annual Service Quality Survey. https://tamtu.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXlzWo2J7N1CGvs
- Consuelo Guzman from SOLE mentioned Dusty Camps:
Dusty Camp I, Monday - Tuesday, June 26 - 27, 2023 (Overnight Optional)
Dusty Camp II, Monday - Tuesday, July 10 - 11, 2023 (Overnight Optional)
Dusty Camp III, Thursday - Friday, July 20 - 21, 2023 (Overnight Optional)
Dusty Camp IV, Thursday - Friday, July 27 - 28, 2023 (Overnight Optional)
Dusty Camp V, Thursday - Friday, August 10 - 11, 2023 (Overnight Optional)

- Araceli Sandoval from Human Resources advised that the Application for 2023-2024 TAMIU Leadership are open.

VIII. Door Prize Winners:

- Cristina Calderon
- Elsa Real
- Blanca Ramos
- Donah Justice

IX. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

- 1st motion – Martha Laura Medina
- 2nd motion – Jessica Perez

Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 via WebEx

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