



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
2 p.m. via WebEx/Student Center 231

I. Welcome

President Enrique Botello called meeting to order at 2:03pm.

II. Review of October Meeting Minutes

Due to a corruption with the file for the minutes due to technical difficulties, some of the minutes for October are omitted.

Motion to Approve the Minutes

1st – Ana Vargas

2nd – Leticia Cruz

III. Treasurer's Report:

\$4,279.00

IV. Speaker Presentation: Melissa Olivarez – Dusty Food Pantry

- The Food Pantry has been on campus since October of 2017 and has just celebrated its 5 year anniversary.
- On average, the pantry assists 300 students a semester, with Fall 2022 assisting 420 students.
- The food pantry assists with food insecurity or if students may forget their wallets or need a snack for the day.
- Current products in need – water, hygiene products, eggs, and milk.
- You can help by donating items to the pantry or by donating by going to their website. <https://www.tamtu.edu/foodpantry/>
- Our goal is to better help and serve our students.

Jessica Perez, Environmental Health and Safety – Thanksgiving Safety Issues

- Never leave the kitchen.
- When cooking turkey, never leave the house. If need you need to leave, turn off oven.
- Use timers.
- Keep flammable items at least 3 ft away from stove/oven.
- Avoid wearing long sleeves and fabrics around stove/oven.
- Always cook with a knit potholder cover.
- Have a wet towel nearby.

- Make sure to turn off the heat when finished and keep oven door closed.
- Contact fire department if needed. Do not try to stop a fire yourself.
- Keep children at least 3 ft away from hot foods and liquids.
- Avoid turkey fryers.

Rosanne Palacios, VPIA – TAMIU Giving Day

- November 15th and 16th will be TAMIU Giving Day.
- Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to help give.
- You can give here: [TAMIU Alumni - Day of Giving 2020](#)

Consuelo Guzman, Student Office of Leadership and Engagement – National First-Gen Week

- National First-Gen Day is November 8th.
- Events will be held Monday, November 7th through Thursday, November 10th.
- Events include LinkedIn Workshops, Loteria, painting rocks, Coffeehouse Wednesdays, faculty/student mixer, and Cording Ceremony.
- The Cording Ceremony, held earlier this week, corded over 250 First-Gen students.
- Cording ceremonies continue for both fall and spring semesters.

V. Staff Senate News

- Book Scholarship Winners – Congratulations to Leonela Preciado, Program Manager from the College of Arts and Sciences and to Virginia Lopez, Academic Success Coach, with the College of Education.
- Newsletter vote – Please follow the QR code provided in the meeting and link in the chat to vote to continue with a Staff Senate Newsletter through email.
- Halloween Costume Contest Winners – Thank you to all who submitted a photo!
All winners won a \$50.00 gift card.
Family/Pet – Rocio Garcia from Athletics, with “The Incredibles!”
Funny– Ana Vargas from PR/Marketing/Info Services with “Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?”
Scary – Vincent Moreno from OIT as “Michael Myers”
- Save the Date for Holiday Gala – Holiday Gala will be held December 3rd from 6pm-12am in the Student Center Ballroom. Guests are to be 18 years and older. An RSVP will be sent out soon. If you have any donations for door prizes, please email Enrique Botello or Daniel Berndt.
- Slice of Thanks – November 21st from 11am and 2pm, TAMIUnity will host a Thanksgiving luncheon with slices of pie provided in conjunction with Staff Senate. Please RSVP.

VI. TAMIU News

- Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 29th at 6pm in front of Killam Library near the flag poles. There will be snacks and Santa.

- Environmental Health & Safety Workshop – Workshops are held monthly with the next session on Wednesday, November 16th called Slip, Trips, and Falls in the Workplace. For more information: <https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/safety/health-and-safety/index.shtml>
- Important Dates –
 Reading Day – Wed., November 23rd
 Thanksgiving Holiday – Nov. 24th & Nov. 25th
 Finals – Nov. 30th – Dec. 6th
- November Vaccine Drive – Thursday, November 10th from 11am - 1pm in the Killam Library's De La Chica Room. Employees who receive the COVID -19 Booster are eligible for a \$25 gift card.

VII. Open Floor

- Fine and Performing Arts – Upcoming Junior and Senior Recitals this week featuring trumpet, percussion, and flute performances.
- Marycarmen Salinas, Student Health Services – Family members can also come to the vaccine sessions on November 10th if under your insurance. However, not eligible for gift cards.
- Kristina Valenciano, HealthyU – November 28th and 29th Catapult will be on campus to assist in the mandatory annual physical. Make sure to have your appointment for your physical by June 30th. Children and spouses may also come if under insurance.
- Athletics Department – Men's Basketball games will be held at 7pm for conference Finals. Currently ranked 3rd. For more information: <https://godustdevils.com/>
- REC Sports – TAMTU E-sports team will be heading to the National Tournament for National Association of Collegiate Esports.

VIII. Door Prizes

- Ivette Soto – OIT
- Lori Rodriguez – Human Resources
- Virginia Lopez – College of Education
- Daniela Ortiz – University Registrar
- Ricardo Ramirez – OIT
- Amy E. Rodriguez – School of Business
- Yelitza Howard – Career Services
- Azeneth Vazquez – VPIA

IX. Adjournment

- 1st – Martha Laura Medina
- 2nd – Leticia Cruz

