

TAMIU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

10 AM WHTC 111

Attendance: Priscilla A. Martinez, Margaret Gonzalez, Flora Bocanegra, Michael Gonzalez, Cihtlalli Perez, Martha Laura Medina, Leonela Gutierrez, Vanessa Almaraz, Miguel Valdez, Erika Cantu, Rosario Benavides, Fabian Castillo, Juan M. Martinez, Araceli Sandoval, Yelitza Howard, Hilda Dennis, Martha E. Perez, Irene Garcia, Carmelina Gammon-Salinas, Erika Noyola, Emily Lerma, Jackelyne Briseno, Guillermo Gonzalez, Karla Gutierrez, Jorge Dimas, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Vanessa Garcia, Aracely Hernandez, Jacqueline Escamilla, Norma A. Cortez, Julie Barrera, Gloria Sanchez, Veronica Juarez, Kristina Valenciano.

Executive Board: Michael Gonzalez, Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Karla Gutierrez, Vanessa Almaraz, Martha Laura Medina, and Cihtlalli Perez.

I. **Welcome**

Michael Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

II. **Minutes** (Review and Approval)

Minutes approved by Martha Laura Medina and seconded by Vanessa Garcia.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

\$2,558.00

IV. **Presentation- Eddie Millan, Public Information Officer with the City of Laredo Parks and Leisure Department.**

Parks and Leisure work year round to be able to provide annual and new events for the City of Laredo. In total, there are 8 divisions as part of Parks and Leisure that include; Special Events, El Mercado/Plazas, Uni-Trade Stadium, Aquatics, Forestry, Recreation Centers, Construction/Maintenance, and the Cemetery. Laredo has a total of 120 parks with 11 Splash Parks, 4 Plazas, 8 Rec Centers, 3 senior citizen centers, 8 pools, and 3 boxing gyms. Just recently Laredo hosted the annual Mud Run with over 350 participants. Upcoming events include The 20th annual Fishing Derby held on June 23rd at Lake Casa Blanca. Admission Fee waived if participating in event. There will also be a July 4th Celebration at Dos Laredos Park near the Outlet Mall, and Back to School Bashes in early August at any nearby park. Starting June 16th, registration for the 2nd summer session at the Rec Centers will begin with a \$60.00 fee. A Rec Center membership is required and valid for 3 months for only \$15.00. Ages range from 12-15. All pools have an entrance fee of \$2.00 and all pools and splash parks are closed on Mondays. A Splash Park has been opened at Slaughter Park with colored lights. For sport fans, professional athletes have participated in mini camps that include Tommy John, Tony Parker, Drew Pearson and Danny Green, who will be

in Laredo on June 26th. For more information you may call 956-795-2350 (M-F 8am-5pm). Closed on Sundays. Or you may contact them through Facebook www.facebook.com/LaredoParks. For immediate assistance, you can call 911 or 311.

V. TAMIU News- Human Resources (Araceli Sandoval), Open Enrollment

- Open Enrollment will open on July 1st and will end on July 31st. On July 19th, there will be Open Enrollment meetings at 9am and 2pm in ZSC 101.
- Also, health screenings will take place on June 13th and 14th located in ZSC 101. This will count as your wellness exam if you do not have a provider. For more information, please check previous emails sent with registration link.

Campus Activities – Michael Gonzalez

- Campus will also be closing at 3pm June 14th due to water maintenance and will be closed till Monday, June 18th.
- Staff Senate will host a “Spirit Day” fundraiser at Fresh Snack. Check emails for more information and confirmed date.
- Staff Senate will be having nominations for upcoming Staff Senate year, check email for more information and dates.

VI. Open Floor

Guillermo Gonzalez – As approved by Mr. Castillo, full-time benefit eligible employees of TAMIU can qualify for an employee discount if going for your 1st Master’s degree as per the Graduate Studies Office. Savings can be up to \$500.00 according to the hours of classes taken during the semester. Details will be sent in the near future. For more information, please stop by The Graduate Studies office in ZSC 206 or call ext. 3020.

Yelitza Howard – There will be an Alumni meeting for those who are interested in participating in the Alumni Association and to learn more about the nominations process on June 26th in KL 102 at 6:30pm.

Miguel Valdez – Introduction of new employee, Leonela Gutierrez, Administrative Associate of Career Services.

Priscilla Martinez – New Outreach Coordinator to Student Conduct and Community Engagement.

VII. Door Prizes

Norma Cortez, Vanessa Almaraz, Margaret Gonzalez, Priscilla A. Martinez, Leonela Gutierrez, Hilda Dennis, Juan Martinez, Veronica Juarez, Guillermo Gonzalez, Araceli Sandoval, Kristina Valenciano.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:56am. Motioned by Jackelyne Briseno and Araceli Hernandez seconded.