

TAMIU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017
10 AM STC 230

Attendance: Karla Gutierrez, Cihlalli Perez, Martha Laura Medina, Jesse Gonzalez, Elsa Real, Janet Haverkamp, Michelle Begwin, Yelitza Howard, Ruby Howard, Lucy Maldonado, Araceli Sandoval, Claudia Martinez, Denisse Garza, Christy Martinez, Veronica Guzman, Vanessa Almaraz, Sergio Infante, Beto Gonzalez, Jack Byham. Jesus Cavazos, Kelly Higgins, Tim Fairhead, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Tyson Jex, Lorenzo Rodriguez, and Gloria Sanchez.

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

I. Welcome

Michael Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

II. Minutes (Review and Approval)

Approved by Karla Gutierrez and seconded by Sergio Infante.

III. Treasurer's Report

\$2,556.24

IV. Presentation

Outlet Shoppes at Laredo, Sylvia Bruni – As a Lead Outreach Community Member, Sylvia Bruni explained how the outlets in Laredo are growing and the new and upcoming projects that will we be coming our way. She encouraged those in attendance to stop by the outlets and check out the specials at the different stores. She provided those in attendance a bag with coupons and a Vera Bradley coin purse. Upcoming events to be held at the Outlets are The North Pole Experience, 21 Days of Christmas, Pizza Party with Santa, and Procrastination Celebration to be held on December 22nd. In December there will be no charge for the first 3 hours of parking. During December there will also be holiday movies shown in the parking lot as in a drive-in theater experience. All those in attendance were encouraged to visit the website and VIP Program at www.theoutletshoppesatlaredo.com.

V. TAMIU News

- a. Human Resource on Workday Conversion, Araceli Sandoval and Christy Martinez –Sunday, December 17th Workday will go live. A checklist will be sent on Monday, December 18th. All personal information, direct deposit, and benefits will be copied over. When submitting leave, Workday asks for hours rather than days. Please comment on how long you will be out in the “comments” section. HR is working with OIT to work out issues with TAMIU Works and postings should be ready on Sunday, December 17th.

Verify on Workday if you see the negative amount under for the wellness exam to ensure if you have taken your wellness exam this year. There is also a Workday app for phones and tablets with the code, TAMUS.

- b. Athletics Update, Tim Fairhead and Kelly Higgins – The 2nd Conference game will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 2pm in the TAMIU KCB, Men’s basketball team vs. Dallas Baptist. There will be a contest at halftime to win a \$25,000 car. On Tuesday, December 19th at 6pm, there will be free pictures with Santa during the Texas A&M Commerce game.

VI. Professional Development

Vanessa Almaraz – Was skipped due to time restraints.

VII. Open Floor

- a. Janet Haverkamp – Continuing Education will have a winter programming campus for ages of 8-12 and 11-14 on the first week of January. High Tech seniors will continue this semester on Thursdays and volunteers will be given a shirt that they will wear during sessions. These sessions are to help the elderly. Each session is \$5.00. In February there will be a healthy cooking class (lunch and learn). More information will come out soon.
- b. Jesse Gonzalez – Please pick up any sandwich boards if your department has any on campus. Also, Graduation for TAMIU will be held on Friday, December 15th at 4pm at the Laredo Energy Arena.
- c. Jack Byham – Volunteers are needed for the VITA Program. There are several opportunities and the IRS teaches classes for those who are interested.

VIII. Door Prizes

Beto Gonzalez, Kelly Higgins, Denise Garza, Araceli Sandoval, Veronica Guzman, Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Christy Martinez, Tyson Jex, Jack Byham, Jesus Cavazos, Vanessa Almaraz, and Ruby Rodriguez.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 by Lorenzo Rodriguez and seconded by Yelitza Howard.