

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2017  
10 AM LBV Planetarium

**Attendance:** Martha Laura Medina, Yelitza Howard, Karla Gutierrez, Taryn Shehab, Veronica Guzman, Veronica Juarez Cihlalli Perez, Gloria Sanchez, Vanessa Almaraz, Athena Cortez, Jackelyne Briseno, Julie Barrera, Sofia Maldonado, Amy Sandoval, Margaret Gonzalez, Erika Cantu, Merari Teran, Juanita Villagran, Irene Garcia, Ruby R, Rodriguez, Melinda Elizondo, Jose Hernandez, Melissa Dominguez, Araceli Sandoval, Ana Salazar, Petra Vela, Melinda Lee Downie, Ana Vargas, Tim Fairhead, Jeff Caha, Tyson Jez, Joan Davis, Fabia Castillo, Juan Martinez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Cindy Villarreal, Janet Haverkamp, Michelle Begwin, Rosie Dickinson, Amy Acosta Lopez, Amy Rodriguez

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

## I. Welcome

Michael Gonzalez called meeting to order at 10:02 am.

## II. Minutes (Review and Approval)

Approved by Athena Cortez seconded by Jackelyne Briseno

## III. Treasurer's Report

\$1,537.34

## IV. Presentations

- a. Aramark Meal Plans, Trevor Liddle – Employees can go to the Bursar's Office and purchase a meal plan. Once purchased, the Bursar's Office will contact Card Services to place meal plans on staff/administrator id card. Office details are being finalized on the process through the Bursar's Office.
- b. Response to Staff Concern with Parking, Trevor Liddle – Because of other issues pertaining to the university, PD reserves times to check the reserved parking lots. Reserved parking is from 7am-6pm, Monday through Fridays, and after 6pm on those days, anyone can park in the reserved sections. More parking has been added to the WHTC area.
- c. Maroon Madness, Tim Fairhead – On October 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm, there will be a Pre-Madness Fiesta following at 8pm, the Men's and Women's Basketball teams will be presented to the TAMIU community. For faculty and staff there will be complimentary food and drinks on the west side of the bleachers. Food will be catered from Popeye's. There will also be times to meet the players. Outside there will be basketball and jousting for kids. Housing will have a VIP section for their students at 6:30pm. There will also be door prizes such as a flat screen tv, gaming console, \$500.00 bookstore gift card, Beats Headphones, etc.... After the introduction of teams, there will be a special ring and banner ceremony for the Men's Basketball team for last season's performance. During the week, posters will be given to offices and departments with the schedules of the teams games.
- d. Planetarium and Movies of the Month, Alejandra Martinez – The Planetarium is able to offer more variety to their showings. Right now they are showing Pandas, Humpback Whales, Earth, Sun, and Moon, Black Holes, and Whales and Dolphins. They will now be showing throwback movies in hopes families will come watch a fun movie and save money at the same time. For the month of October such movies will be Hocus Pocus, Beetlejuice, The Nightmare Before

Christmas, Poltergeist, and Space Jam. The planetarium is now working in accordance with organizations on campus and Staff Senate will be hosting a "Movie of the Month" fundraiser on October 25<sup>th</sup> showing Hocus Pocus at 6:30pm with the doors opening at 5:30pm with a costume contest before the movie. Pre-Sale Tickets will be \$4, Pre-Sale Party Packs (includes 4 tickets and 4 Popcorns) will be \$20. Door Tickets will be \$5 for Adults, and \$4 for Children. All concession items are \$1 (special event items price will vary). There are only 87 seats, please come early. Tickets can be purchased 1 hour prior to show or online through TAMIU Marketplace. Next Movie of the Month will be Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Snack Shop is also open with \$1.00 snacks and can be paid through cash or card.

- e. Book Scholarship Recipients – Congratulations to Melinda Lee Downie, Jackelyne Briseno, and Jose Hernandez.

#### **V. TAMIU News**

- a. Staff Senate Bowl-a-thon- Will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Jett Bowl.
- b. Staff Senate Survey – Staff Senate will work together with Faculty Senate and Dr. Tobin to create a survey that can be used for comments or suggestions for Staff Senate following protocol of the survey Faculty Senate created.
- c. Staff Senate Raffle hosted by the TAMIU Alumni Association – Tickets available now are \$5.00 and part of the proceeds will go towards Staff Senate. Prizes include a dinner for 10 provided by Aramark with Delivery, a Google Home Speaker, and a Studio 55 Body Scrub Treatment. Winners will be announced after the showing of Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- d. TAMIU Halloween Festival – Festival will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm. Staff Senate is looking for at least 6 volunteers to help with game during the festival. Please contact any Staff Senate officer if willing to volunteer.

#### **VI. Open Floor**

- a. Michelle Begwin – Continuing Education will offer a "Cooking for the Holidays" workshop on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Chef and instructor will be Pete Mims. Cost is \$150.00 and proceeds will go towards student scholarships. For more information please call ext. 3067 or email [ce@tamiu.edu](mailto:ce@tamiu.edu).
- b. Michelle Begwin – Continuing Education will be offering High Tech sessions each course will be on Fridays starting October 27<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>. The course is for the senior citizens in our community that need assistance in technology use. We have recruited TAMIU student volunteers to tutor the seniors. And each session is \$5.00/per participant. For more information please call ext. 3067 or email [ce@tamiu.edu](mailto:ce@tamiu.edu).
- c. Petra Vela- The Newman Catholic Club will be offering Adoration in Student Center 233 from 10am-2pm ever Wednesday.
- d. Tim Fairhead – Trunk or Treat will be held Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm. There are 75 open spots to participate. Event will be held in the ZSC parking lot and the community will have the chance to meet the athletic teams. Event is free and open to the community. Offices are also welcomed to participate with contests for Best booth, Best Spirit, and Best Team.

#### **VII. Door Prizes**

Fabian Castillo, Margaret Gonzalez, Sofia Maldonado, Melinda Downie, Ana Vargas, Athena Cortez, Jose Hernandez, Veronica Guzman, Julie Barrera, Petra Vela, Martha Medina, Cihlalli Perez, Jackelyne Briseno, Araceli Sandoval, Amy Sandoval, Irene Garcia, Juanita Villagran, Gloria Sanchez, Janet Haverkamp.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32am by Irene Garcia and Veronica Juarez