

TAMIU **STAFF SENATE**

Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018
TAMIU FPA Recital Hall

Attendance: Priscilla A. Martinez, Norma A. Cortez, Veronica Guzman, Jessica Vasquez, Ruby Rodriguez, Ruby Rodriguez, Alma Guardiola, Armandina Ramos, Rocio Garcia, Cindy Villarreal, Michelle Begwin, Ana Salazar, Nayeli Lopez, Ana M. Vargas, Petra Vela, Athena Cortez, Irene Garcia, San Juanita Guerra, Julia Pena, Gloria Sanchez, Jessica Perez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Karina Saucedo, Alejandro Martinez, Kathy Casares, Jan Aspelund, Ashley Carey, Araceli Sandoval, Vanessa Almaraz, and Cihlalli Perez.

Executive Board: Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Vanessa Almaraz, and Cihlalli Perez.

I. Welcome

Yelitza Howard called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

II. Minutes (Review and Approval)

Minutes approved by San Juanita Guerra and seconded by Athena Cortez.

III. Treasurer's Report

\$2,808.00

IV. Presentation- Dr. Colin Campbell, Presentation and Performance of Sharkey Corrigan Organ

Dr. Collin Campbell originally from South Africa, began playing piano at the age of 6. The organ was first installed in 2006 and was constructed with different types of wood and metal. It also includes 4,003 pipes for the different notes. It was donated to TAMIU at an estimated value of \$1 million dollars and if need be replaced, it will cost \$2 million dollars. The donation was given by the late E. H. Corrigan, a supportive of the arts in Laredo, and is equal to organs in Europe in places such as Germany. It was built to perform music from the French Romantic and Baroque genre. Each pipe on the organ is handmade to provide accurate sounds, while the pedals also provide different notes as well. Dr. Campbell also advised that there is a Music on The Menu once a month at 12:15pm, Silent Movie Saturdays at 3pm, in October it will be Halloween themed, and at end of August there will be a Jazz Concert. Dr. Campbell at this time performed samples of several composer such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Fugue in D minor, Charles-Marie Widor's 5h Symphony Tocatta, and music from Joseph Bonneau.

V. TAMIU News

- a. Master's Degree Program for Employees, Jan Aspelund, HR Director
There will be a waiver of the student fees on the tuition and fees if applying for graduate school. Forms for waiver are available on the HR website and can be taken to the HR Office for submission in KL 158.
- b. Jamboozie Festival Fundraiser Opportunity – Yelitza Howard
On Saturday, September 8th, the Jamboozie will be held and they are asking for volunteers to help with the id booth. There are 2 shifts to volunteer for, 5pm-8:45pm and 8:30pm-11:45pm. If interested there is a sign in sheet or you may email Yelitza at yelitza.howard@tamiu.edu. Those who volunteer will also be able to enjoy the Jamboozie with no entrance cost.
- c. Announcement of Staff Senate Officers 2018-2019, Yelitza Howard
Congratulations to our new Staff Senate Officers for the new upcoming academic year. President – Yelitza Howard, President-Elect – Gloria Sanchez, Vice President of Fundraising – Alex Martinez, Vice President of Marketing – Ana Maria Vargas, Secretary – Kathy Casares, Treasurer – Michelle Espinoza, and Parliamentarian – Rocio Garcia.

VI. Open Floor

Jan Aspelund – New employee, Ashley Carey who will be working with Sandra Jimenez.

Rocio Garcia – On September 3rd (Labor Day), TAMIU Athletics will be having a Future Dustdevils Sports Camp for children on TAMIU employees due to both school districts having Labor Day off. The camp is free and for grades Kinder-8th. Registration is open until August 27th. You may register online at godustdevils.com/summercamps and are limited to the first 30 registered. For more information you may contact the Athletics Department at 956-326-3000. Also be on the lookout for home games of the volleyball and soccer teams.

Mary Trevino – Reminder of SECC photo at 11m after Staff Senate meeting.

Michelle Begwin – On October 25th Chef Pete Mims will have an “Italian Night Demo with Chef Sims” from 6pm-8:30pm. A beautiful delicious evening featuring the culinary skills of Chef Mims. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar. Chef Mims will demonstrate how to make homemade pasta, Alfredo sauce, and lasagna. Cost: \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. There will also be a “Love of Wine” class, Beginners Sign Language Class, and a Intensive Drawing and Painting Class. Please call office for more information at 956.326.3068.

VII. Door Prizes

Karina Saucedo and Jan Aspelund.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am. Motioned by Irene Garcia and Jessica Vasquez seconded.

