

TAMIU



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018
10 AM STC 230

Attendance: Vanessa Almaraz, Cihtlalli Perez, Veronica Guzman, Norma Cortez, Taryn Shehab, Gloria Sanchez, Eric Gonzalez, Tim Fairhead, Mayra Hernandez, San Juanita Guerra, Jackelyne Briseno, Erika Cantu, Melinda Elizondo, Karla Gutierrez, Yelitza Howard, Michelle Begwin, Janet Haverkamp, Jorge Dimas, Fabian Castillo, Pablo Reyes, Juanita Villagran, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Ruby R. Rodriguez, Merari Teran, Juan Martinez, Flora Bocanegra, Veronica Juarez, Araceli Sandoval, Melissa Dominguez, Armandina Ramos, Alma Guardiola.

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

I. Welcome

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

II. Minutes (Review and Approval)

December minutes amended and approved by Yelitza Howard and seconded by Karla Gutierrez.

January minutes approved by Juanita Villagran and seconded by Michelle Begwin.

III. Treasurer's Report

\$1556.00

IV. Presentation- Mayra Hernandez, TAMIU in the Community

Mayra provided information on several upcoming events with TAMIU. The Big Event will be March 24th and students will work with the City of Laredo. They are expecting up to 300 to 400 students who will participate. Promotional flyers have been placed on school bulletin boards, emails, and through social media for more information and registration. If you volunteer your time and submit community service hours, you are eligible to receive the Presidential Service Award with a pin and congratulatory letter signed by the President. Submission of hours are due by the end of April. If you need to make a request for volunteers, please submit requests 3 weeks in advance. TAMIU in The Community on Trailblazers can help you submit community service hours. TAMIU is also working with the Carnegie Foundation Classification. With this application and hopeful certification, TAMIU

will be able to better work with the community and be able to apply for more certified grants to be able to provide more to the university and our surrounding community.

V. TAMIU News

- a. Staff Senate Survey- And email was sent in late January for employees to fill out with suggestions. Highlights of survey will be discussed in next months meeting. There was a total of 11% participation of employees who filled out the survey.
- b. Bowl-a-thon, Will be March 8th with registration beginning at 5:30 and games starting at 6pm. Registration can be done on the TAMIU Staff Senate website going to the Events folder. Registration includes teams of 5 for \$125. There will be door prizes, and 20 lanes will be provided for a Spring Break theme. There will be trophies and plaques awarded to best bowler (male and female), best spirited group, best dressed group, and worst bowlers. Registration will need team name, captain name and names of players. Payment can be also made through cash and check at the TAMIU Bursar's Office ZSC137. Flyers have also been sent out to recruit for sponsors. For more information please contact Yelitza Howard at 956-326-4483.

VI. Professional Development – Vanessa Almaraz, Healthy Hearts

Provided a video about how we can become healthier and protect our hearts. Examples such as substitutions are games or toys for children. Avoid smoking and drink moderately. Exercise regularly.

VII. Open Floor

Tim Fairhead – TAMIU will be having Sprit Week starting February 10th thru February 17th. On Friday the 16th, CAB will host a cookout outside of the gym, while on Saturday the 17th, there will be a Silent Auction during the Senior Day games. There will also be a baseball double header against Houston-Victoria on the 17th.

Michelle Begwin – Chef Pete Mims will be having a food demonstration on March 1st on how to cook a classic Spanish Paella. Session will be held in the Student Center Ballroom at 6pm. Session is \$40.00 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information please call 956-326-2837 or email ce@tamiu.edu. Proceeds will go towards scholarships for children to attend Dusty's Junior Summer Camps.

Jorge Dimas – The TAMIU Graduate School will be having an Open House on March 1st in ZSC from 5:30pm -7:30pm. There will also be a raffle for a \$2,000 scholarship.

San Juanita Guerra – The Big Event will be held on March 24th with registration beginning at 7:30am -8:00am in District 2 with the City of Laredo. Emails have already been sent out to student leaders and advisors.

Eric Gonzalez – RecSports offering group fitness classes to help promote a healthy life. There are also intramurals if interested. On February 22nd, it will be National RecSports and Fitness Day.

Michael Gonzalez – Book Scholarship applications will be open starting on February 19th and will close on February 26th.

Michael Gonzalez – SBDC will be hosting a Mobile Business Event on March 6th from 5:30-8:30pm in ZSC 101, registration fee of \$25.00. Register online at sbdctamiu.edu.

Michael Gonzalez – SBDC will host International Women’s Day on March 8th. Three speakers from Spain will be on campus to present how their company was able to meet the 50/50 gender pay equality initiative before the deadline of 2030. There will also be a panel discussion and reception at the Helen Watson Gallery.

Jackelyne Briseno – During the week of February 27th, TAMIU will be working together to provide “Random Acts of Kindness” to those on campus. Throughout the week each participant will get the chance to do and act of kindness to the person designated to them. If interested in participating please email Jackelyne Briseno at jackelyne.briseno@tamiu.edu.

VIII. Door Prizes

Erika Cantu, Veronica Guzman, Vanessa Almaraz, Jackelyne Briseno, Fabian Castillo, Pablo Reyes, Yelitza Howard, Cihtlalli Perez, Jorge Dimas, Norma Cortez, Michelle Begwin, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Eric Gonzalez.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am. Juanita Villagran approved, Mayra Hernandez seconded.