

# **TAMIU** **STAFF SENATE**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018  
10 AM SC 120**

**Attendance:** Vanessa Almaraz, Julio Tovar, Margaret Gonzalez, Flora Bocanegra, Valentina Flores, Fabian Castillo, Cesar Castro, Nayeli Lopez, Kathy Casares, Michelle Espinoza, Kristina Valenciano, Andrea Martinez, Ana Maria Vargas, Laura M. Bogue, Enrique Botello, Alma Guardiola, Mandy Ramos, Cynthia Martinez, Martha Laura Medina, Karla Gutierrez, Cihtlalli Perez, Alejandro Martinez, Jr., Michael Gonzalez, Pat Abrego, Veronica Juarez, Melinda G. Elizondo, Jan Aspelund, Yezmin Salazar, Selina Gonzalez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Gloria Sanchez, Rocio Garcia, Jake Hudspeth, Veronica Guzman, David Morales

**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 10:02am.

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

Minutes approved by Martha Laura Medina and seconded by Karla Gonzalez

**III. Treasurer's Report**

\$2,808

**IV. Swearing in Ceremony for new TAMIU Staff Senate Executive Board:**

Mike Gonzalez recognizes previous Staff Senate Executive Board with a round of applause. Mike mentions that under the leadership of the board they have been able to make many advancements and increase engagement in Staff Senate. Balances in Staff Senate account have over doubled in the year.

Rocio Garcia who was inducted to Parliamentarian at 10:16 am by Cihtlalli Perez to further induct new officers, which include Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Kathy Casares, Alejandro Martinez, Jr., Michelle G. Espinoza, and Ana Vargas.

Michael congratulates new executive officers on their election and installment.

**V. TAMIU News-**

**a. Staff Senate Book Scholarship/Yelitza Howard**

Donations to book scholarships will now be worth triple their amount; for example, \$10 will now be worth \$30. There is a good chance more will be offered to Staff Senate Scholarships. The staff applauded for their contributions. (Mike) A couple of things to mention 1) Staff Senate will continue to offer the \$250 per semester to staff. 2) Donations through Viva TAMU is now worth triple. Beyond \$250, we can go above \$1,100 (est.) per semester if matching is maxed out. Michael is encouraging that everyone make a donation because it is worth triple.

**b. Chipotle Spirit Day Fundraiser/Michael Gonzalez**

Karla was able to put together the Chipotle Spirit Day fundraiser for October 2. Staff Senate will receive 1/3 of sales. Karla mentioned that Staff Senate will get credit for sales between 5pm -9pm. Fundraiser fliers are pending approval from Chipotle and as soon as they are approved, they will be distributed and can be presented to Chipotle to receive 1/3 of the sales. Minimum sale of \$300 of 35 people need to participate in order for 1/3 of sales to be received, if not none will be given. At least \$300 need to be made in order for Staff Senate to receive at least \$100.

**VI. Open Floor**

-The alumni association will be hosting a Wacky Nerd 5k run on Sat. Sept. 29. It will be a glow run and very wacky and nerdy. There will be a walk component if you do not run.

-Re-dedication for this year will be on Sept. 20 at 10:00 a.m. This is a function of the Laredo Rotary Club.

-Rocio introduced new employee, Jake Hudspeth. Jake introduced himself and mentioned that they have their first two soccer games this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. against St. Edwards and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. against Dallas Baptist. He invited everyone to attend and show his or her support. They will be giving away free t-shirts and Alamo Drafthouse gift cards.

-First Wellness Wednesday event will be on Sept. 19 and someone from Complete Nutrition will be coming by to talk about supplements and the Rec center will join us. Staff is encouraged to invite co-workers to participate. Event will be during lunchtime so bring your own lunch and join them.

-This Friday will be our Content Manager meeting. Meeting will take place in ZSC 101 at 9:00 am and will be presented by public relations office.

-A suggestion that recognizing victims of Sept. 11 should be made.

-Staff asked about the status of the satellite club however, Mike mentioned that they needed at least eight applications in order to move forward and applications are still being accepted. Only a few more applications are needed to get the satellite club started. Three more applications are needed to complete the eight.

**VII. Door Prizes**

Andrea Martinez, Cesar Castro, Jake Hudspeth, Gloria Sanchez, Nayeli Lopez, Flora Bocanegra, Julio Tovar, Yezmin Salazar, Fabian Castillo, Veronica Guzman, Vanessa Almaraz

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am. Motioned by Lorenzo Rodriguez and Cihlalli Perez seconded.