

TAMIU STAFF SENATE



Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020 – 2:00 P.M. - STC 231

- **Attendance** – Ana Vargas, Cihtlalli Perez, Lorna Espinoza, Lorena Rodriguez, Rebecca Delgado, Melissa Dominguez, Jake Hudspeth, Sean Saputo, Martha Laura Medina, Kristina Valenciano, Karina Saucedo, Veronica Juarez, Annie Salinas Dodd, Jazmin Gibeaut, Heather Benavides, Alejandra Covarrubias, Lisa Salazar, Lorenzo Rodriguez
- **Welcome** – Ana Vargas called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
- **Minutes (Review and Approval):** 1st Heather Benavides and 2nd Cihtlalli Perez
- **Treasurer’s Report-** \$3605.94 current balance with the Chipotle check cleared
- **SOLE – Jazmin Gibeaut (Change Making)**
 - Change Making Task Force
 - Change Making is a broad term in taking action towards a positive change
 - Different examples were shown on types of change making opportunities
 - Campaign presented “Millions of Change Makers” and explained
 - What can we do to make a difference? Is the main principle of this campaign
 - SOLE challenged 50 students to do change making activities and projects
 - There are numerous resources to start on making a change for the good; for any information or ideas, SOLE has plenty of information to start.
 - A survey will be sent out to employees on seeing what we are involved in and what role we will want to take. A question will be asked on what we are involved in and if we would like to be if we are not.
 - The core idea of change making is what kind of impact you would want to make. There are 4 types:
 - Direct Service
 - Skilled Direct Service
 - Systems Change
 - Shifting Mindsets
- **Book Scholarship Recipients**
 - Two Scholarship Awards were given out at the meeting, but three were awarded
 - Lorna Espinoza
 - Karina Saucedo
 - Third recipient (in absentia): Pedro Gallegos
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Bowl a thon – April 16, 2020
 - Any money fundraised will be going to the book scholarship and information for the Bowl-a-thon is available online
 - Anyone who participated in the Staff Appreciation event was thanked for stopping by
- **TAMIU News**
 - March 12 - Spring 2020 Graduate School Open House, 5:30 p.m., Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center
 - March 16 through March 21 - Spring Break; no classes. University closed March 19 & 20
 - March 25 - Presidential Lecture Series by Dr. Mark Martinez and Miguel Orozco, 6 p.m., Academic Innovation Center 126
 - March 28 - The Big Event, 8 a.m., Cielito Lindo Park (District 1)
 - March 28 - Military Appreciation BBQ & Car Show, 10 a.m., TAMIU Dustdevils athletic field
 - March 28 - TAMIU Alumni Golden Celebration
 - April 7 through April 8 - Lamar Bruni Vergara Academic Conference

- April 10 through April 11 - Easter Holidays; no classes

- **Open Floor**

- Kristina Valenciano –
 - On March 12, Registrar's Office hosted a Graduate Fair, renamed Commencement Kick off from 10:00 am -7:00pm in Zaffirini 101.
 - That same day, Dinner Tonight was hosted by Healthy U
 - Airrosti rolling class was mentioned for the next day and spots were still available
 - A reminder was mentioned about employees checking their MyEvide for there was an update
- Melissa Dominguez – Early invite for TAMIU Enrichment Day (TED) and will be held Friday May 15th; Theme still has not been decided.
- Jake Hudspeth - That weekend, softball games were happening at home and being played Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1:00pm on Friday and 12:00 pm for the following days. Baseball will start on the same days an hour after the softball games start.

- **Door Prizes**

1. Alejandra Covarrubias
2. Jazmin Gibeaut
3. Martha Laura Medina
4. Karina Saucedo
5. Heather Benavides
6. Annie Salinas
7. Kristina Valenciano
8. Sean Saputo
9. Ana Maria Vargas
10. Lorenzo Rodriguez

- **Adjournment** – 3:00 pm – 1st Martha Laura Medina & 2nd Veronica Juarez at 2:40 pm