

TAMIU



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2020 – 2:00 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

- **Attendance** – Jessica Perez, Adrian Domingez, Rocio Garcia, Juana Villagran, Ana Vargas, Armandina Ramos, Baltazar Vicharelli, Cihlalli Perez, Karla Lozano, Kristina Valenciano, Laura Bogue, Leonela Preciado, Melinda Downie, Rodney McConnell, Sandra Villanueva, Alejandro Martinez, Amy Amorette Garcia, Amy Rodriguez, Ana Gonzalez, Anabelly Sanchez, Ann Gutierrez, Antonio Gonzalez, Araceli Sandoval, Ashley C. Carlos Vallarta, Cynthia Martinez, Daniela Maldonado, Enrique Botello, Gladys Perez, Heather Benavides, Hilda Dennis, Jackelyne Briseno, Jake Hudspeth, Jazmin Gibeaut, Jessica Acosta Lopez, Karla Leal, Kelly Higgins, Maria Leticia Cruz, Lorissa Cortez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Maria Blasco, Maria del Carmen de la Garza, Martha Laura Medina, Melissa Dominguez, Merari Teran, Rosalinda Ochoa, Gloria Sanchez, Pablo Reyes, Paige Fortner, Amy Palacios, Priscilla Martinez, Sheng Chien Lee, Sofia Maldonado, Yelitza Howard
- **Welcome** – Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.
- **Minutes (Review and Approval):** 1st Alejandro Martinez and 2nd Juanita Villagran
- **Treasurer's Report-** \$3333.45 current balance
- **COVID-19: The New Normal – Adrian Dominguez and Jessica Perez from Environmental Health and Safety Change**
 - A PowerPoint was presented; presentation can be shared if requested.
 - Explanation of what is COVID-19 is presented which can be found on the CDC website
 - Symptoms
 - Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath
 - May appear in 2-14 days after exposure
 - How does it spread
 - Person to person with people in close contact
 - Can be spread through sneezing or touching
 - Touching contaminated surfaces or objects (not the main way it spreads)
 - Recommended that shoes are left outside or disinfected
 - People without symptoms might be able to spread it
 - How to protect yourself
 - Best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus
 - Wash your hands often; if not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay at home
 - Wear your mask (does not replace social distancing); protects other people and individual responsibility is important
 - Who is at risk?
 - Anyone can be exposed to the virus
 - Higher risk
 - Older adults and people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions
 - People with asthma
 - University Response
 - Created a committee with members
 - Site constantly updated information
 - <https://www.tamtu.edu/coronavirus/>
 - Travel restrictions implemented with the state and the university
 - Created a self-reporting travel form to track travel; constantly analyzed data

- Participates in System Calls for: Risk Managers and emergency managers
 - Disinfecting schedule on high contact surfaces
 - Offered the opportunity for on-campus residents to move out
- What can you do?
 - Gather facts from trustworthy sources
 - For information, access the CDC website
 - Be careful with social media (misinformation)
- What if I have questions later?
 - You can send an email to answers@tamiu.edu with your question that is not in the FAQ; you may include contact information, if you wish for a callback
- Resources
 - City of Laredo COVID hotline (24 hrs) at 956-795-4954
 - CDC Dedicated webpage: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>
- Q&A
 - Jazmin Gibeaut – Are we sharing the city guidelines? Answer: Following city guidelines on campus and following all regulations here on campus
- Any questions, you may send an email to safety@tamiu.edu
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Bowl-a-thon has been postponed – Originally on April 16, 2020
 - It will be until further notice
- **TAMIU News**
 - Spring 2020 Commencement postponed
 - It might be in August as a combined ceremony
 - Rec sports live stream – site: https://www.instagram.com/txamiu_rec_live
 - Robert – daily work out; different individual workouts at home and HealthyU will start sharing information as well
 - Go live on Facebook at 6&7pm and have some recorded videos on Facebook and Instagram
 - Student registration ongoing – Summer and fall 2020
 - Virtual courses during Maymester and Summer 2020
 - Campus buildings closure
 - Keycard access needs to be requested
- **Open Floor**
 - Kristina Valenciano – HealthyU – Wellness Assessment extended to August 31 to complete. Webex yoga sessions with Dr. Mukherji: information has been sent out. HealthyU will work with HEB on the topic of overeating and may provide several Webex info sessions on the topic.
 - Melinda Downie - Shout out to students in the College of Education about the work they have done. A website of videos and instructions has been put out on what can be done with families and kids during quarantine.
 - Jake Hudspeth – Introduced Mac McConnell as the new men’s basketball coach.
 - Priscilla Martinez - Giving campaign still going on for Dusty’s Food Pantry and the goal is \$2000. A website was provided: <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/TexasAMInternationalUniversity/dusty-s-food-pantry/?a=1249830#advocates>
 - Leonela Preciado -Thanking for being a judge on the online Service Learning Expo and reminder that the deadline to judge is April 16th
 - Jazmin Gibeaut – A Changemaking Survey is up and running and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHW6TTC>
 - Sandra Villanueva and Lorissa Cortez - Service quality survey is on Uconnect and is asking for more participants to submit to the survey. A link was shared <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5MMGG6>.
- **Adjournment** – 3:18 pm – 1st Jackelyne Briseno & 2nd Martha Laura Medina