

TAMIU



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020 – 2:00 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

- **Attendance** – Ana Vargas, Gloria Sanchez, Valentina Flores, Leonela Preciado, Amy Amorette Garcia, Anabelly Sanchez, Araceli Sandoval, Ashley Carey, Athena Cortez, Carlos Vallarta, Carmen, Cesar Ramirez, Cihlalli Perez, Consuelo Guzman, Gustavo Salazar II, Heather Benavides, Jackelyne Briseno, Jessica Tamez, Juana Villagran, Kathy Casares, Kristina Valenciano, Lisa Salazar, Margaret Gonzalez, Maria Blasco, Marta Castro, Mayra Hernandez, Juan M. Martinez, Jr., Priscilla Martinez, Rodney McConnell, Rosalinda Ochoa, Stephanie Alderete, Scheiby Gonzalez Fisher, Victor Sanchez
- **Welcome** – Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.
- **Minutes (Review and Approval):** 1st Priscilla Martinez and 2nd Heather Benavides
- **Treasurer's Report-** \$3333.49 current balance
- **Student Emergency Grant/Fund – Valentina Flores**
 - Grant of 4.7 million dollars to assist students; given out 10% of money and has a year
 - Submit application and today is the last day to apply for the spring semester by midnight and the following Monday it will be the start for summer tuition application submissions.
 - If they do not have the FAFSA on file, applications can still be submitted
 - Money is directly being given to students and trusting to pay tuition on their own along with campus expenses, school, technology (receipts and quotes), food security (no documentation needed for food), utility bill and has to be same address on Banner, Off Campus Housing (rent and mortgage), a max of 1500 for each student as long as application has been submitted, Transportation (Vehicle and insurance) and can apply again for Summer and Fall
 - They have to be registered for Spring, starting the 18th and you have to be registered for the Fall as well. International students are not eligible but still asked to apply because of the LBV fund which can be used on international students; Same application for all student types and will be sent to Valentina Flores Graduate students are eligible, online degrees are not eligible.
 - <https://www.tamiau.edu/cares> - Applications are on this page; application was presented as well
 - Question: Full time student eligible and can be working; proof does not need to be submitted about that. Email: tamiucares@tamiau.edu
- **Dusty's Food Pantry – Mayra Hernandez (Connie Consuelo Guzman stepped in)**
 - Fall 2019 statistics
 - Demand has gone up and donations as well; 75 students have used it once and students use it in case of an emergency situation; the pantry has been funded by the TAMIU community (funds or food donations); Give campus campaign still ongoing. Original goal was \$2,000 and currently \$5,915 has been donated; funds are pulled when a high demanded item is needed
 - Student environmental organization asked them to stop using plastic bags and switched to reusable bag. Student has to use the bag at the pantry
 - Refrigerator for the pantry is planned to be bought for fresh produce and dairy (is currently being worked on); coordinators or other workers are to be trained to handle the pantry correctly and safely
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Nothing to announce
- **TAMIU News**
 - Summer 2020 Sessions

- Session are fully online (virtual format) and faculty are working together; blackboard collaborate are being used and fall has not be confirmed on what is going to happen
- Commencement August 13, 2020 Spring and Summer Graduates – Location: Same Auto Arena
- **Open Floor**
 - Mayra Hernandez - Cares Act Grant was explained again and Maymester is included; 3 grants available are available: LBV Emergency fund, Trellis EF, Regents Grant
 - Scheiby Fisher - Webb county complete town committee formed and Census asked to be completed for it will help the community. Deadline October 31st to complete
 - Leonela Preciado - Coordinating the first drive thru for a harvest pickup form the TAMIU garden. The first 50 that rsvp through email can come by Friday morning to pick up. Vegetables and herbs will be in a bag for RSVP and a flyer will be posted on social media and share to the public 8-10 am
 - Coach McDonell -Thanked everyone for the information and providing the link to donate to the food pantry
 - Kristina Valenciano – The Virtual 5K started this week and is ongoing as well as the start of Meditation Monday this coming week at 11 am. Yoga with Dr. Mukerji is ongoing and HealthyU is accepting any ideas or suggestions for the staff. Color Fun Friday reminder will be sent out that week.
 - Ana Vargas - Services for Baldomero Garcia is from 4-9 pm with a rosary at 7pm. Details will be provided on Uconnect. RSVP is needed to visit to pay for anyone to pay their respects
- **Adjournment** – 3:07 pm – 1st Cihltlalli Perez & 2nd Kathy Casares