

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE



**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2019**  
**2PM AIC 127**

**Attendance:** Kathy Casares, Anna Gonzalez, Julio Tovar, Sergio Infante, Cesar Castro, Fabian Castillo, Rocio Garcia, Cihlalli Perez, Lisa N. Salazar, Vanessa Almaraz, Gustavo Salazar, Leticia Cruz, Kristina Valenciano, Jackelyne Briseno, Michelle Espinoza, Alex Martinez, Kaleena Hernandez, Valentina Flores, Enrique Botello, Heather Benavides, Ana M. Vargas, Gloria Sanchez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Rosalinda Ochoa, Hilda Dennis, Nayeli Lopez, Leonela Preciado, Ana Robinson, Armando Cadena

Executive Board: Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Kathy Casares, Rocio Garcia, Michelle Espinoza, and Alejandro Martinez, Ana Maria Vargas

I. **Welcome:** Yelitza Howard called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

II. **Minutes (Review and Approval):** Heather Benavides and Cihlalli Perez

III. **Treasurer's Report:** \$2710.00 + \$480.00 Chili's Check = \$3190.00

#### IV. UPD R.A.D. Presentation

- Officer Robinson and Officer Cardenas presented information about Rape Aggression Defense System Class, which is only provided for women. It is a Hands-On 2 day class, which has four instructors and one supervisor.
- It is a 12 hour course which is divided between two days which are usually Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. The next RAD class is in October and another one in December.
- They need a minimum of 10 women to sign up for the class to move forward because if not, the class will be cancelled. Family members are allowed or any other woman you know that are interested may sign up as well for the class is free.
- The first day of the training, the first two hours is lecture. It's basically a PowerPoint provided by the RAD system about what we do. A lunch break is given on the first day. The second day is just Hands-On training on how to defend ourselves with provided scenarios. A lunch break is given but it is allowed to go anywhere as long as they arrive back on time.
- Participants are encouraged to go through the scenario, which is not mandatory but it will help. Muscle memory and using your voice is taught as a way of defending yourself. Departments can call and set up classes for this course on a chosen date and time.
- Date of upcoming classes: October 18-19, December 6-7  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

V. **#VivaTAMIU Campaign**

- Jackelyne Briseno and Yelitza Howard - Last year's campaign had a 47% donation total with funds going to specific areas of the university. For the 50th year anniversary, the goal of this year is 50% of donations from faculty and staff. As of the day of this meeting, 86% of the goal has been met as of now. There are 120 days left of campaign and at the end, everyone who participated will be part of a celebration of thanks.
- A new crowd funding website is being used for VIVA TAMIU and donations are seen in real time. The total amount of donations have met over \$50,000. Donations can be done on mobile phones as well.
- There are still large numbers of area that need support from the donations. There is also a leaderboard of departments that shows who is in the lead of donations.
- It is recommended that the word is spread about this program for colleges to hit 100% of donations.
- For every person that donates \$60 or more, will receive a sunshade for their car. Payroll deduction is an option for donating and if there are any questions, they may be directed to the Institutional Advancement Department.

VI. **Matching Opportunity for Book Scholarship**

- Any donations to the Staff Senate Book Scholarship through VIVA TAMIU will be matched and it will be done up to \$500.

VII. **Book Scholarship-Opens Sept 10**

- It is offered every semester in Fall and Spring Semester.
- Applications opened 09/10/2019 and there is reimbursement for books purchased. Email was sent with the information about the scholarship.
- It is offered for full time employees and staff members. Mobile form to enter information and how to submit an essay is available on the staff senate website. The scholarship will be open for the next two weeks.

VIII. **Swearing in of Officers**

- Lisa Salazar - Parliamentarian
- Gloria Sanchez - President
- Ana Vargas - President Elect
- Cihlalli Perez - VP for Marketing & Communication
- Heather Benavides - Treasurer
- Jackelyne Briseno - VP of Fundraising
- Rosalinda Ochoa – Secretary

IX. **TAMIU News**

- Lorenzo Rodriguez mentions about a **Career Fair** on October 23rd compiling a resume book. She ask for resumes to be submitted for the book so every employer that attends the event will take the book with them. We can contact her if any questions about submitting one with 2 easy steps. They are hoping for 50 resumes to be submitted so they can be put into the book. A consent form has to be signed for releasing the information on the resume. The form is located on the

career services website. Resume guidelines will be sent and when the resume is ready to be submitted, a link will be provided on the [www.tamtu.edu/careerservices](http://www.tamtu.edu/careerservices) website.

- Jackelyne Briseno mentions about **Penny Wars** which are now open and of any programs that will benefit from it, they can expect to get around \$1,000. Any program to be donated does have to be on campus and be connected with TAMTU. Any program you support or in charge of needs participation, let Jackie know and Penny Wars starts the first week of October. A week long event of donating spare change to all colleges or schools. All proceeds will go to an area facing financial difficulties and the winning college gets bragging rights.
- Yelitza Howard mentions about an **Alumni Meeting**, September 24th at 6-7pm; participation is welcomed and is going to be located in the De la Chica room in the killam library.
- Heather Benavides mentions about a **special movie screening** directed by Alfonso Gomez Ramon which will be shown before the movie is open to the public. It will be at the Alamo Drafthouse on Tuesday, September 25th. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to scholarships he has set up at TAMTU and are priced at \$100. The director will have a Q&A session afterwards. Tickets are already being sold and seats are limited.

#### X. **Open Floor:**

- Kristina Valenciano mentions about **Wellness Wednesday** and about a new gym named NineRound who will be attending at 10m and 2 pm. Snacks will be provided. HealthyU will be presenting a dinner along with the Texas A&M AgriLife extension. There will be demonstrations of healthy eating and will be geared towards diabetes and heart health.
  - It will be on Oct 25 at 6:00 pm and guests are welcome as well. Online sign up is required and a recipe book is given out to take home; this event is not with Aramark catering.

#### XI. **Door Prizes:**

1. Rocio Garcia
2. Ana Robinson
3. Lisa Salazar
4. Leticia Cruz
5. Gustavo Salazar
6. Michelle Espinoza
7. Cihlalli Perez
8. Armando Cadena
9. Kristina Valenciano
10. Rosalinda Ochoa
11. Alex Martinez

#### XII. **Adjournment**

2:55pm - 1st Leonela Preciado & 2nd Lisa Salazar