

TAMIU



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

October 08, 2019 – 2:00 P.M. - STC 231

- **Attendance** - Leticia Cruz, Alejandro Martinez, Michelle Gonzalez, Guillermo Gonzalez, Vanessa Ramirez, Jake Hudspeth, Kristina Valenciano, Kike Botello, Rebekah Kawas, Jorge Dimas, Ana M. Vargas, Juanita Villagran, Heather Benavides, Leonela Preciado, Nayeli Lopez, Jackelyne Briseno, Cihltalli Perez, Julio Tovar, Lisa N. Salazar, Rosalinda Ochoa, Gloria Sanchez
- **Welcome** - Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.
- **Minutes (Review and Approval):** Heather Benavides and Leonela Preciado
- **Treasurer's Report-** No changes – Balance \$3189
- **Dr. Tonya Huber, "Feed my Starving Children" (FMSC)**
 - Signup sheet was sent around for people to volunteer if they are interested in the program
 - A 3 minute video was shown explaining what the program is about and who it supports
 - It shows how the program works by showing volunteers packing mobile packs of food to be distributed to starving children throughout the world.
 - Website: www.fmssc.org/mobilepack if anyone is interested in signing up to volunteer
 - Student Government Association had taken up the Mobile Pack Program for the TAMIU Make a Difference Day Event
 - FMSC MobilePack Event hosted by Student Government Association @ Outlet Shoppes at Laredo
 - Date: November 2, 2019
 - TAMIU was the first university in Texas and in the US to host a pack event on campus.
- **Book Scholarship Recipients**
 - Two awards were able to be given out because of matching funds from VIVA TAMIU.
 - Julio Tovar and Rebekah Kawas were awarded a TAMIU pin and a check
 - The scholarship is given out once a semester and can be treated as a sort of book reimbursement for being a TAMIU student and to help out staff who are studying.
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Holiday Gala Committee Sign Up Sheet
 - December 7, 2019 – Save the Date and invitations will be sent out before that. During the meeting, the Sign up page for the event was passed around.
 - Jamboozie
 - Staff senate was asked last year by Dr. Minita Ramirez to volunteer as a business office and were given a donation for part of their volunteer time.
 - Dr. Minita Ramirez reached out to the Staff Senate this year again to volunteer.
 - Jamboozie will take place in the evening on November 2, 2019
 - Staff Senate Fundraiser
 - Feedback was asked from the staff for ideas and suggestions about what type of fundraiser they would prefer as last year it was with Chili's.
 - One idea that was brought up was doing two different events in one day. For example, one would be family orientated and another like a happy hour type of event. Funds of this event would go to book scholarship or other awards of that type.
 - Julio Tovar suggested that faculty and staff can donate a minimum of 25 dollars a year for staff senate through payroll or another form of payment. The suggestion would be reviewed at a later time.

- **TAMU News**

- Penny Wars

- Jackylene Briseno – Penny Wars is a weeklong event of students donating spare change to help support a program. All proceeds this year were to support the university's robotics engineering students who will be using those funds to build a formula 1 racecar and a Dusty motor 2.0 robot that will be competing in a NASA competition. The winning college would be receiving \$1,000 in scholarship monies as well. For next year's event, applications will be accepted for any programs that can benefit from Penny Wars.

- Continuing Education Courses

- Different type of courses being offered on campus
 - Courses can be located on www.tamtu.edu/ce website.

- Maroon Madness – October 23, 2019

- Jake Hudspeth – Maroon madness is a big kickoff for the basketball season. A great night of fun in the KCB; posters were given out about event. If anyone is interested in the planning of it, there is a promotions meeting in the Athletics Conference room in KCB every Monday at 3:00 pm. It is open to anyone who is interested in providing ideas or feedback.

- Make a Difference Day/Feed my Starving Children – November 02,2019

- #Share Your Story

- Ana Vargas – Stories were being collected for the 50th year anniversary celebration of your time as a student or as an employee. Any type of story can be submitted and if selected, it will be shared on the website, social media, or just in general.

- **Open Floor**

- Kristina Valenciano – A sign up email was sent out as a reminder about the HealthyU dinner on October 25, 2019 at 6pm in the student center ballroom and it was a family event. It had a cooking demonstration with food samples and a free cookbook to take home. Cryogenic presented a Cryo Relief demonstration on October 16, 2019. The second Wellness Wednesday of the month on October 30th, was with Dr. Garcia and her students to help with stress relief activities.
 - Graduate Studies- Graduate school open house was on October 17, 2019. Faculty and staff were available to talk about services and a \$2,000 scholarship was raffled for those participating in the Open House for more information. Candidates that participated and applied that same day had application fees waived. Food and beverages were served
 - Career Fair – Reminder that event was on October 23rd from 1 – 4 pm in the ballroom. They signed up employer 27th to participate in that event that same morning.

- **Door Prizes**

1. Rosalinda Ochoa
2. Julio Tovar
3. Cihtlalli Perez
4. Jackie Briseno
5. Kike Botello
6. Rebekah Kawas
7. Lisa Salazar
8. Kristina Valenciano
9. Leonela Preciado
10. Leticia Cruz
11. Alejandro Martinez
12. Ana Vargas

- **Adjournment** - 2:55pm - 1st Cihtlalli Perez & 2nd Ana Vargas