

TAMIU



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020 – 2:00 P.M. - STC 225

- **Attendance** – Heather Benavides, Jacky Briseno, Anna Gonzalez, Jake Hudspeth, Jon Hussak, Kelly Higgins, Michelle Espinoza, Lorissa Cortez, Rosabel Ramos, Michelle Begwin, Cindy Villarreal, Juanita Villarreal, Merari Teran, Felipe Rodriguez, Rosalinda Ochoa, Lisa N. Salazar, Martha Laura Medina, Cihltalli Perez, Ana M. Vargas, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Jennifer Torres, Kristina Valenciano, Gloria Sanchez, Sergio Infante
- **Welcome** - Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.
- **Minutes (Review and Approval):** 1st Lorissa Cortez and 2nd Heather Benavides
- **Treasurer's Report-** \$3501.02 and still pending the other Chili's Check
- **Office of Student Counseling and Disability Services – Rosabel Ramos**
 - A PowerPoint was presented to the meeting that showed services provided. Their office moved to STC first floor (128) and their phone number stayed the same.
 - Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Team (BAIT)
 - Provides guidance and assistance to students who are experiencing a crisis. A website is available to report an issue at www.tamiau.edu/reportit and a point of contact must be provided for reaching out to the student to assist them.
 - Employees EAP
 - Work/Life Solutions by Guidance Resources
 - Our employee insurance covers counseling and for more information can be located at www.guidanceresources.com. If you call EAP, they will work on matching a counselor for the caller along with articles provided about services for any issues
 - TAO
 - Therapy assistance offered that is web based. Services are offered to all students and employees for free. It is an opportunity for students to access at their own pace. More information can be found at ThePath.TAOConnect.org. For employees, their TAMIU credentials must be used along with the code: Wellness 19-20. It is in connection with the SSO account.
- **Staff Senate News**
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Chipotle – January 29, 2020 – 5-9 pm
 - Save the Date – Open for the community as well
 - Flyers and information will be posted
 - We have to hit \$300 for staff senate to receive a check
 - 4th Annual Bowlathon Save the Date – Thursday April 16, 2020
 - Open to the Laredo Community
- **TAMIU News**
 - Friday, January 17: On-campus residences open
 - Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 - Tuesday, January 21: Spring 2020 First Class Day
 - Monday, February 3: Spirit Week begins
 - Monday, February 10: Consent Week begins
 - Thursday, February 6: Spring 2020 Flex Entry First Class Day

- **Open Floor**

- Gloria Sanchez spoke about the reroofing of the Killiam Building, which will not be finished by the start of class day. We have been told it will continue into the Spring and should go through April. Part of the reserved parking on the left side of the library was taken for equipment and alternating closures will be marked while the tile is being brought in. Additional parking areas will be added for reserve and a whole row in front of AIC has been changed to reserve parking. Students will be told on the 4th floor which is the quiet floor about the noise; bathrooms are also being remodeled as well.
- Greendot training is being offered and have a goal of reaching 50 employees (staff and students) and they are half way there. For more information, it is on the compliance website.
- Kristina Valenciano – The following weekend, TAMIU is hosting Comic con on the 25th and 26th; along with a super bowl party after the convention. TAMIU is hosting the TAMU Regents this year and will be on February 5,6, and 7. Orangetheory will be stopping by for HealthyU the following day at 2pm along with information about transformation challenge they are hosting.
- On January 23rd and 25th , there were basketball games in the KCB. On February 8th and the 16th , a putty golf contest was offered for a \$1,000 prize.
- TAMIU was awarded a Title V grant for graduate studies to assist students in tough subjects as in the STEM area. An orientation event was provided on January 16th for graduate students.
- A reminder about the class ‘Let’s learn Japanese’ being offered in January along with traveling languages as well. More information can be located at www.tamtu.edu/ce. A new program considered to be a mini master’s offered from Texas State and it is the Texas certified Manager Program

- **Door Prizes**

1. Cindy Villarreal
2. Michelle Espinoza
3. Jennifer Torres
4. Lorissa Cortez
5. Kristina Valenciano
6. Anna Gonzalez
7. Jacky Briseno
8. Lorenzo Rodriguez
9. Ana Vargas
10. Michelle Bigwin

- **Adjournment** - 2:58pm - 1st Lorenzo Rodriguez & 2nd Juanita Villagran