

TAMIU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:00pm | Webex

Executive Board: Ana Vargas, Cihltalli Perez, Kristina Valenciano, Priscilla Martinez, Vanessa Garcia, Patsy Lopez, Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez

Attendees: Alejandra Eligio Alejandro, Alex Martinez Jr., Amelia Rodriguez, Amy Palacios, Amy Rodriguez, Ana Clamont, Anabelly Sanchez, Andrea Beattie, Andria Hernandez, Antonio Gonzalez, Armandina Ramos, Ana Gonzalez, Call in User 3, Carmen, Cesar Caballero, Cindy Villarreal, Claudia Ortiz, Consuelo Guzman, Cynthia Martinez, Daniela Maldonado, Edelmiro Santos, Enrique Botello, FN, Gabriela Rodriguez, Georgina Zmudio, Gladys Perez, Hilda Dennis, Jake Hudspeth, Jessica Acosta Lopez, Jessica Verastegui, Juana Villagran, Juliana Medrano, Kathy Casares, Kelly Higgins, Laura Echandy, Leonela Preciado, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Lorna Espinoza, Denise Luna, Margaret Gonzalez, Maria Alice, Maria Blasco, Maria Elena Hernandez, Maria Flores-Westerman, Maria Leticia-Cruz, Mariana Mendiola, Mary, Treviño, Michelle Flores, Nayeli Lopez-Diaz, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Mariana Mendiola, Nayeli Lopez-Diaz, Rebeca Delgado, Roberto Torres Saenz, Rocio Garcia, Sandra Villanueva, Scheiby Gonzalez-Fisher, Stephanie N. Hernandez, Vanessa Martinez, Vanessa Ramirez, Veronica Juarez, Marisa Salazar, Diana Carolina Valdez

I. Welcome

- Staff Senate President Ana Vargas called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

II. Review of December meeting minutes

Motion to approve December meeting minutes:

- Cihltalli Perez 1st motion
- Cynthia Martinez 2nd motion

III. Treasurer's report:

- Staff Senate Budget = \$1750.96

IV. Speaker/Presentation:

- **Therapy Assistance Online TAO-V3 – Vanessa G. Garcia, MA, LPC**
 - The speaker presented on the impact of COVID-19 on mental and emotional health. The speaker provided information on Therapy Assistance Online (TAO) V3 provided by Student Counseling Services to TAMIU students and employees. TAO is a self-guided self-help service that provides various pathways towards improved mental and emotional health. The speaker provided a registration link and demonstrated steps towards creating a TAO account.
 - <https://us.taoconnect.org/register>

V. Staff Senate News

- **Staff Senate Board member welcome**
 - President Ana Vargas welcomed back Gloria Sanchez serving as Immediate Past-President.
- **Book Scholarship Spring 2021**
 - To view application requirements: <https://www.tamtu.edu/staffsenate/bookscholarship.shtml>
 - The scholarship application will open during the February Staff Senate meeting on February 9, 2021.
 - Previous awardees are encouraged to re-apply for the Spring 2021 semester.
 - Donations to the Staff Senate Book Scholarship can be made as a recurring or one-time donation.
 - Email staff.senate@tamtu.edu or contact Office of VPIA for more information on how to donate to the Staff Senate Book Scholarship.

- **Staff Senate Newsletter Update**

- The Staff Senate Newsletter has been updated by VP of Marketing Priscilla Martinez.
- The Newsletter is sent every Wednesday after monthly staff senate meetings and on the last Wednesday of every month.

VI. TAMIU News

- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Holiday
 - Campus will be closed.
- Jan 22 Last class day and final exam for Wintermester
- Jan 25 First class day for Spring semester and Spring Sub-term I
- Disability Services for Students office change
 - Disability Services for Students has moved from STC 126 to STC 118 and 119.
 - Denise Luna is the DSS Coordinator who can be reached at 956-326-2763 or 956-326-3086.
 - DSS website: <https://www.tamtu.edu/disability>
- Reminder about off campus COVID-19 test results
 - Gradual phasing of employees returning to work on campus is ongoing.
 - covidupdate@tamtu.edu = send off-campus COVID-19 test results
 - Missed COVID-19 exam date or time, can still be rescheduled. Contact Student Health Services to reschedule COVID-19 testing appointment. Employees will need to speak to their supervisor about their delay in COVID-19 testing.

VII. Open floor

- **Andrea Hernandez** – January 22, tuition due date for Spring Sub-term I.
- **Erika Noyola** = Premier Health Clinic has COVID-19 tests available with same day results.
- **Question:** Will there be COVID vaccines for staff on campus at some point in the not so distant future?
 - **A:** There are plans to have COVID vaccines for staff on campus. As we are a vaccine center, the vaccines are not just going to be for TAMIU community, the vaccines will have to be provided to the general public. There will be vaccines available for staff on campus. The clarification needed is if there will be certain days in which vaccines will be administered for students and another day for staff; or if it is going to be students, staff, and the general community all together.
 - Staff Senate President Ana Vargas will get clarification on COVID-19 vaccination availability.
- **Question:** Will it be based on the survey Dr. Ramirez sent?
 - **A:** The survey was created so we know what group the people on our campus community are in.
- **Question:** Is there is a registration for it?
 - **A:** There is currently no registration.
 - President Ana Vargas will address COVID-19 vaccine related questions to Dr. Arenaz for clarification to be presented by the next staff senate meeting.

VIII: Door Prizes

1. Daniela Maldonado
2. Yelitza Howard
3. Cindy Villarreal
4. Rocio Garcia
5. Maria Flores-Westerman

IX: Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:**
 - Kristina Valenciano 1st Motion
 - Erika Noyola 2nd Motion
 - Time: 2:47pm