

# TAMIU STAFF SENATE

## Meeting Minutes August 11, 2020 2 PM- Virtual Meeting

**Attendance:** Abigail Fernandez, Alejandra Eligio Alejandro, Alejandro Martinez, Amy, Amy Palacios, Amy Rodriguez, Ana Gonzalez, Anna Garza, Araceli Sandoval, Armandina Ramos, Athena Cortez, Bernardo Hernandez, Brittany Cedillo, Cindy Villarreal, Claudia Ortiz, Cynthia Martinez, Elsa Real, Erika Cantu, Erika Noyola, Fabian Castillo, Gladys Perez, Guillermo E. Gonzalez Jr, Gustavo Salazar, Heleodoro Lozano, Jake Hudspeth, Jessica Acosta Lopez, Jessica Vasquez, Jonathan Serna, Julio Medina, Julio Tovar, Kelly Higgins, Kristina Valenciano, Laura Bogue, Leonela Preciado, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Lorna Espinoza, Margaret Gonzalez, Maria Blasco, Maria D. De La Garza, Maria Leticia Cruz, Mariana Mendiola, Marisol Tabarez, Martha Laura Medina, Melinda Elizondo, Merari Teran, Mindy Downie, Nayeli Lopez Diaz, Patsy Lopez, Petra Vela, Priscilla Martinez, Rodney McConnell, Rosa Luna, , Ruby Rodriguez, Sarah Roesch, Valentina Flores, Vanessa Garcia, Vanessa Martinez, Veronica Juarez, Yadira Ramirez, Zoila Franco Hinojosa

**Executive Board:** Ana Vargas, Cihlalli Perez, Rosalinda Ochoa, Heather Benavides, Jackelyne Briseno, Yelitza Howard, Lisa Salazar

- I. **Welcome:** Ana called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm
- II. **Minutes (Review and Approval):** Lisa Salazar and Rosy Ochoa
- III. **Treasurer's report:** \$3,483.49; received Chili's check
- IV. **Staff Senate Bylaws Presentation**
  - Discussed Staff Senate Bylaws amendments. (See attached.)
  - Ballot will be opened to accept or reject changes proposed to the bylaws. If approved, changes will take effect during the 2021-2022 board.
  - Open floor for comments or questions about the changes from the staff.
  - Motion to present September ballot for vote Mindy Downie and Martha Medina.
- V. **Staff Senate News**
  - Update on July's Virtual Coffee with the President and Staff
    - Thanked everyone who submitted questions and participated
    - Answers will be emailed to attendees after meeting
- VI. **TAMIU News**
  - First Class Day for Fall & Fall Sub-Term I – August 24, 2020
  - Wellness Incentive Deadline – August 31, 2020
  - Faculty and Staff Fall Assembly Cancelled
- VII. **Swearing-In Ceremony for new TAMIU Staff Senate Officers**
  - President: Ana Vargas
  - President Elect: Cihlalli Perez
  - Vice President Marketing and Communications: Priscilla Martinez

- Vice President of Fundraising: Kristina Valenciano
- Secretary: Vanessa Garcia
- Treasurer: Patsy Lopez
- Parliamentarian: Erika Noyola

**VIII. Open floor**

- Kristina Valenciano – Thanked everyone who participated in the Wellness Olympics. Taking suggestions for any virtual Healthy events. Announcement regarding room reservations: Suggests for scheduled classes or events to have hand sanitizers available and notify Events Office if any room needs to be cleaned; rooms are set up to follow socially distancing guidelines.
  - Question: Are Pilates going to continue? Currently working with the Rec and will check to confirm if Xcaret will continue the class.
- Question from Staff Member: Do we have any ideas about the holiday gala (or a socially distanced alternative)? Board will be discussing with Dr. Arenaz and to confirm
- Jackelyne Briseno - Registration for Alumni @ Home: A Virtual 50th Anniversary Bash is open! Registration link: [go.tamtu.edu/alumniathome](https://go.tamtu.edu/alumniathome). Also, announced student intern position open for VPIA office.
- Yelitza Howard - Career Services will launch a new job database platform on Oct. 1. Stay tuned for more info.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Rosy Ochoa and Cihtlalli Perez @ 2:59 pm