



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024
2:00 p.m. | via MS Teams**

I. Welcome

II. Review of August 2024 Meeting Minutes

III. Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance: \$2,555.48
+ \$10,000 budget given every September
Ending balance: \$12,555.48

IV. Speaker/Presentation:

- Cordelia Perez, Chief, TAMU Police Department – Campus Safety Initiative Safezone will be replacing DustyALRT. It will enhance the ability to spread word on campus by being available as an app on cell phones. Simply press the emergency, medical alert, or non-emergency buttons for assistance. Well-being help is also available through Lifeline (988). The app will automatically know your location once a button is pressed. An accidental call for assistance can be canceled by pressing the button twice. An officer will call to ensure that everything is okay or to be made aware of the situation. Please encourage students and employees to download SafeZone. Register with your university email.

V. Staff Senate News

- Book Scholarship Announcement
 - Book Scholarship is now open. This will help qualified staff pay for textbooks. Deadline to register is Sunday, September 29th.
- Employee Recognitions
 - This is a tradition that started last year with Nadia De la Garza and Rebecca Romero being our first winners. The nomination period will be from October 1 to October 31. We will be reviewing nominees in November.
- Thank You – Stipends for Employees
 - Full-time employees received \$1,000 and part-time employees received \$500.
- Save the Date – Holiday Gala (December 7, 2024)
 - Everyone is encouraged to sign up to be part of the planning committee.
- Staff Senate Suggestion Box

- We received a suggestion to have UPD check for non-permitted vehicles parked in reserved spaces. UPD has been made aware of this problem. Vehicles without permits will be booted if they are parked in a reserved space. You can use the non-emergency feature of the SafeZone app to report a vehicle.
- If you'd like to suggest, go to the Staff Senate website:
<https://www.tamtu.edu/staffsenate/> Suggestions may be made anonymously.

VI. TAMIU News

- Healthy U Announcements – Vaccination (October 9, 2024)
- System Employee Benefits
- VIVA TAMIU – Staff Senate

VII. Open Floor

- Campus evacuation drills will be conducted next week. Please be aware.
- Constitution Day at the Library, September 17 at 2:00 pm.
- Food handler's certification September 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

VIII. Door Prizes

- 1st prize winner: Airam Bernal
- 2nd prize winner: Christian Chavez
- 3rd prize winner: Stephanie Uribe

IX. Adjournment

- 1st motion: Maria Leticia Cruz
- 2nd motion: Bernardo Hernandez