

Staff Council General Meeting

UC 145

January 16th, 2025

2:00pm-3:30pm

Present: Claudia Ayala, Ashleigh Campbell, Trennon Cavanagh, Donna DeLeon, Lori Flaminio, Sarina Garcia, Lauren Guerra, Ali Ibarahimov, Stephanie Long, Mary Manhan, Christopher Palfreyman, Rick Reyes, Ben Soto, Lorraine Soliz, Anna Whetstine, Alez Zavala

Absent: Diana Avila, Alexis DeLeon, Yazmin Diaz, Desiree Hofstetter, Micheal LaTorre, Christina Loftin, Devin Martin, Lorena Newsome

- I. Call to Order: 2:05pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Chris Palfreyman, seconded by Lorena Newsome
- III. President's Report – Trennon Cavanagh
 - I. Meeting times and dates have been set for next spring 2025. Rooms will be sent out shortly.
 - II. New member meeting will be in June,
 - We will have food
 - Thinking of farewell gift for outgoing members.
 - III. Presidents Ball
 - Chick-fil-a open Friday Jan 24th
 - University Center Closed Saturday Jan 25th
 - IV. Rising tide award
 - Cutting back to only giving one certificate each semester
 - V. Break In The Day: Homecoming
 - Moving to Tuesday or Wednesday of Homecoming week, goal is to also promote other events happening throughout the week.
 - Food: Tailgate Style for 300+ people
 - Meeting to discuss more on Jan 22nd
 - Theme: Shakas Up
 - Spirit Contest

- Looking for a location.

a. Executive Board Elections

- Vice- President/ President: Stephaine Long
- Parliamentarian: Michael La Torre
- Secretary: Anna Whetstine
- Treasurer: Alimursal Ibrahimov
- Historian: Mary Mahan

c. Upcoming dates/ meeting times

o Upcoming meetings

- February 13th 2pm-3:30pm
- March 6th 2pm-3:30pm
- April 10th 2pm-3:30pm
- May 8th 2pm-3:30pm

III. Vice-President's Report

I. Nominations and Elections

- Looking toward elections in June
 - I. Lori Flamino will be added to the Nominations and Elections committee

II. End of Semester Celebration

- Something special during the May Meeting
- 1/3 of staff council will be leaving
- Sending out which division will need new representatives soon.

V. Treasurer's Report

- I. Meeting with the budget advisory committee
- II. Staff Council Budget is balanced

VI. Staff Council Committee Reports

- a. Nominations and Elections -**Chair: Stephaine**, Martha, Ashleigh, Lori
 - I. See VP Report
- b. Communication Committee – **Chair: Anna**, Luran, Alexis
 - I. Meeting soon to create Homecoming blast
- c. Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee – **Chair: Michael**, Christina, Sarina, Alexandra
 - I. reviewing 2 documents and sending back to Kevin Houlihan.
- d. Benefits & Employee Development- **Chair: Mary**, Lorena, Alex, Claudia, Ali

- I. Yeater scholarship has been sent out.
- II. Dropping Daycare for now
- III. Focusing on Emergency fund
- e. University Relations – **Chair: Desiree, Ben**, Grace, Diana, Donna, Lorraine, Rick, Others
 - I. Thinking of games for Homecoming Break In The Day

VII. University Committees Reports

- a. Calendar Committee - Anna
 - I. No Report
- b. Campus Wellness Committee – Ben
 - I. Meeting soon
- c. Committee on Committees - Stephaine
 - I. Reviewing council 2/14
- d. Environmental Committee – Ashleigh
 - I. No Report
- e. Expressive Activity Committee – Rick
 - I. No Report
- f. Faculty Senate - Stephaine
 - I. Collaboration for Break in the Day
- g. Historically Underutilized Business Comm. - Desiree
 - I. No Report
- h. Strategic Planning Council - Trennon
 - I. No Report
- i. Student Endowment Scholarship Comm. – Ali
 - I. No Report
- j. Student Success Council - Lorena
 - I. No Report
- k. Transportation Advisory Committee – Luran
 - I. No Report
- l. University Safety Committee – Micheal
 - I. No Report
- m. University Budget Advisory Committee- Ali
 - I. Meeting soon

VII. Liaison Reports (if any)

- Advisor Update – John LaRue
 - Band country list with federal government- <https://www.state.gov/countries-of-particular-concern-special-watch-list-countries-entities-of-particular-concern/>
 - If you plan on visiting those countries, you must report it to your supervisor.
 - This should not affect international students.
 - Tik Tok ban- FAQ from system- <https://cyber.tamus.edu/policy/guidelines/prohibited-technology/>

- Locations where you can't have a phone with Tik Tok, phone must be turned in before entering.
 - List coming soon of locations
- HR Update – Cassandra Casanova
 - Doctorial Tuition Assistance Program ends 5/31/2025, for those already enrolled they must finish by 5/13/2028
 - This does not effect employee betterment
- IT Update – Ben Soto
 - No Report
- Faculty Senate- Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr
 - No Report
- Past President- Alexandra Janney
 - No Report

VIII. Old Business:

- I. Still looking into getting Staff Council Name Badges

IX. New Business:

- I. Music License needed to play music on campus.
 - I. John LaRue and his office are looking into it.

X. Adjourn:

- I. Motioned By Rick Reyes, and seconded by Sarina Garcia