Members Present: Timothy Boulan, Catherine Bridges, Cassondra Casanova, Ashley Dyckman, Shawn Elizondo, Jennifer Escamilla, Cassie Eyring, Delaney Foster, Diana Gaona, Patricia Hill, Shay Lee, Maria Martinez, Joseph Miller, Christopher Palfreyman, Crystal Ramirez, Cari Reed, Patricia Rodriguez, Ben Soto, Lori Shearin, Martha Simcik, Alison Whelan, Joseph Doan proxy for Sara Chapa.

Members Absent: Meredith Coplen, Debra Cortinas, Dora Garza, Yvonne Salas, Cynthia Salinas, John Regalado, Nancy Salinas, Terry Tatum.

I. Call to Order at 3:04 p.m.

II. President’s Report – Christopher Palfreyman

III. Vice-President’s Report – John Regalado

- No report.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Cassie Eyring

- Report provided for October. Please review and let us know if any changes are necessary.
- We will not see money from SECC campaign in the account until next month.
- Motion to approve by Catherine Bridges and Ashley Dyckman second the motion.

V. Historian’s Report – Ashley Dyckman

- No report.

VI. Approval of Minutes – Cassondra Casanova

- Motion to approve minutes by Joseph Miller and 2nd by Catherine Bridges.

VII. Guest Speakers

- Dr. Kelly Quintanilla – Merger Open Discussion
  - Dr. Quintanilla said the merger was dead and the Chancellor would not request a vote. We would not move forward with legislative piece. She stressed for staff to remember what our mission is while we move forward, that we are here to focus on our students.
  - 60-70% of students that come in are not college ready and Dr. Quintanilla said we need to stop blaming each other. It is no one’s fault. She said we need to move on and focus on the students that are here. We did not expect this many students to be in college.
  - She mentioned that as we move forward the talk of merger would continue to come up.
  - Business as usual was a discussion but we need to all engage in that discussion in the future if it comes up. Dr. Quintanilla said we are all equally valuable when it comes to what we have to offer.
  - She mentioned we would continue as TAMUCC and we do not have definite answers about the future but we would continue as a valuable member of this team and serve our students.
  - Leslee Schauer – Will there be a committee when searching for the President’s replacement?
    - Dr. Quintanilla was unsure. Dr. Killebrew was the last candidate brought to campus when in the running for the President position. The next candidate selected would not be brought to campus.
  - Delaney Foster – The trust amongst us has been broken. What will be done to fix this?
    - Dr. Quintanilla understood that the trust had been broken and said the University would do whatever it takes to gain that trust back. She asked everyone to email suggestions to her on how we could rebuild that trust.
    - She was very proud of how we composed ourselves during the merger talk. We did not stoop to a low level and diminish the success of the other University with which we were in the talks of merging.
    - She stressed anything to help us move forward would be greatly appreciated.
  - No other questions, she wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels during the holiday season.
Juliette Miller – Workday Update

- Juliette gave a PowerPoint on the new project Helios which will be replacing TAMUS HR mainframe with workday.
- The main goal is to simplify work processes. It will be mobile friendly, easy to use and modern.
- It is in the prototype stage right now and will go live December 2017.
- Islander jobs will be the second launch.
- Some items in Canopy will have to transfer to FAMIS.
- For regular updates, to see who is involved with the project, committee members and those presenting the project go to workday.tamus.edu. Email Debra Cortinas or any HR personnel for more information or questions regarding Project Helios.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Committee Reports
   - Benefits and Employee Development – John Regalado
     o No report.
   - Bylaws and Constitution – Patricia Hill
     o No report.
   - Nominations and Elections – Timothy Boulan
     o No report.
   - University Relations – Cynthia Salinas
     o Cynthia announced the Islander Lights event to take place December 2nd from 6-8pm. Games, crafts, inflatables, holiday refreshments, dancing and pictures with Santa will be taking place at the event.

X. Adhoc Committees
   - Staff Annual Luncheon – Joseph Miller
     o Joseph that everyone thinks they should keep on the Tuesday before Spring Break.
     o Invited others to join their meetings, will have another meeting before Christmas.
     o Question on the budget of the event. Comes from Campus events account. Current $6300 for catering. Last year catering was around $7500.
   - Dorothy Yeater – Shawn Elizondo
     o Applications for the Spring 2017 scholarship are not being accepted through December 19, 2016.
   - Employee Excellence – John Regalado
     o No report.

XI. University Committee Reports
   - Calendar Committee – Christopher Palfreyman
     o No meeting, no report.
   - Committees on Committees – Shay Lee
     o No report.
   - Community Outreach – Joseph Miller
     o No report until beginning of 2017.
   - Environmental Health & Safety Council – Yvonne Salas
     o No report.
   - Expressive Activity – Patricia Hill
     o No report.
   - Faculty Senate – John Regalado
     o Laura Marino gave the report of the most recent Faculty Senate meeting with Kelly Quintanilla speaking about the current information regarding the proposed merger.
     o Faculty Senate created their resolution for the proposed merger. “Due to lack of transparency and faculty input the Texas A&M University of Corpus Christi Faculty Senate opposes the merger between TAMU-CC and TAMU-K.”
     o New notice and comment items including needing approval of the academic calendar, discussion of service and assistance animals on campus as well as non-research animals.
• Homecoming Committee – Diana Gaona
  o No report.
• I-Adapt- Cassie Eyring
  o Cannabis summit was very helpful and a good event.
• Inclusive Excellence – John Regalado
  o No report.
• International Education Council- Delaney Foster
  o No report.
• Student Success and Retention Committee – Lori Shearin
  o No report.
• Parking and Transportation Committee – Patricia Rodriguez
  o No report.
• University Center & Student Activities Advisory Council – Ashley Dyckman
  o Report about new changing coming in the way rooms are reserved with a changing of the yearly calendar.
  o With the new system you should be able to reserve your room for a whole year, getting rid of “exceptions” for rooms.
  o UC wants to make reservations a priority to students instead of staff. There will be more updates later.
• Veteran’s Affairs Committee – Timothy Boulan
  o Veterans Day celebration on November 11 at Garcia Plaza went well. Both Dr. Killebrew and President of the Student Veteran Organization gave speeches.
• Recreational Sports- Ben Soto
  o No report.

XII. New Business
• Further discussion will be held of the date for the Staff Council Holiday Bash-Potluck lunch with catering from Chartwells. The request was made for UC Anchor Ballroom A&B.

XIII. Good of the Order
• Kudos – We will select 2 rounds of kudos at the next meeting with Cynthia Salinas.

XIV. Meeting Adjournment
  o Shay Lee motioned to approve and Timothy Boulan seconded the motion.