

Staff Council General Meeting

Zoom

February 22, 2022

I. Call to Order 3:01 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

- L. Moore. seconded S. Bonds

III. New employees' introduction: Jennifer Escamilla

- 14 new hires Jan/Feb

IV. Guest Speaker: Adrian Rodriguez, Vice President of Student Engagement and Success

- 6 months with the University, came from KSU last 5 years. Originally from SA, did studies in Texas A&M – College Station and then Kingsville.
- Updates from SEAS
- Being “student ready” – COVID is still affecting the students
- Work with multi-cultural services, enhancing these programs
 1. New Multi-Cultural student center on the 1st floor of the UC
 - a. Focus on working with Male Students of Color
 - b. Celebration of
 2. Serving the Veterans on the 2nd floor
 3. Pillars of SEAS
 - a. Incorporating Rec Sports
 - b. Prevention Programs
 - c. Counseling Center
 - d. Working with Athletics
 - e. Student Activities Group adding new positions

Student support unit – Working on

Food insecurity

Financial insecurity

I-CARE

V. Guest Speaker: Jessica Aleman, Foster Care Liaison, University College

- Provide support to any foster care or adopted students – undergrad or graduate.
- Free Printing
- Lounge area in the works
- Island Harbor – for those that have aged out of foster care and works until age 21. There are stipends for housing and meals. Stipulations apply that they attend meetings with the liaison.
 1. 5 class rings just purchased by the local foster care office
 2. 8 active students, 4 aged 21 still working with the program, between 60-65 students using the tuition waivers per semester

VI. President's Report- Sharmeen Ahmed

- Employee Annual Luncheon collaboration with CLIMB
 - Collaborating with CLIMB for luncheon. April 26-28, 2022.

VII. Vice-President's Report- Brenton Day

- **Committee on Staff Committee- Brenton Day (Chair)**
 - Report review and voting – please see email sent out for details.
 - Brent nominated report findings; Jennifer E. seconded. Corbin released poll to gather votes. Unanimous, motion passes.
- **Nominations and Elections –Brenton Day (Chair)**
 - Nominations have closed. 22-23 have accepted their nominations. Picked up 2 seats – EEO567 = 1, EEO3 = 1 Out of 28 seats 17 are up for election. Need to be cycling ½ so adjustments need to be made to get this closer to ½ and not our current 60%.
- **Employee Excellence Awards – Brenton Day (Chair)**
 - **Open for nominations.** Rewording and descriptions hopefully to get a better distribution of candidates.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Valarie Gibbons

- \$1665.00 sale of shirts, 32 shirts left

IX. Committee Reports:

- **Communication-Noelle Freese (Chair)**
 - No updates – See Teams to start communication for committee members
- **University Relations – Jaquelyn Westbrook – (Chair)**
 - Meeting next Tuesday
- **Benefits & Employee Development – JoAnne Salinas (Chair)**
 - Homecoming Door Decorating Contest - MARCOM 1st, Nursing 2nd, Disability Services 3rd

X. Adhoc Committees

- **Bylaws & Constitution- Amanda Kowalski (Chair)**
 - Meeting next week to finalize constitution before presenting to Executive Council
 - **Dorothy Yeater Scholarship – Angela Walker (Chair)**
 - Not in attendance

XI. Liaison Reports

- **University Committee Update**
 - **SEBAC presentation-Zelda Chacon**
- **F&A Update-Jaclyn Mahlmann**
 - Near future, move to isolation period that is 5 days instead of 10
 - Fall 8,200 up 1,500 apps up 10% get students in to determine the FY 24-25 budgets
 - Up 12 billion, additional 12 billion in rainy day fund
- **HR Update – Debra Cortinas**
 - March 4th is national employee appreciation day
 - On-site clinics to be announced in newsletter, Catapult Sessions April 19-20 May 3-4
 - HR has been working on a new program – Island Retiree Volunteer Core

- **IT Update – Ben Soto**
 - Service Now – Launch in March

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

- **Addition of a new employee excellence category-Suzanne Bonds**

XIV. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn S Ahmed second J. Cooper 4:41 pm.