

Updated Staff Council General Meeting Agenda

Zoom

March 22, 2022

Members Present: Johnathan Cooper, Jaquelyn Westbrook, Sharmeen Ahmed, Lee Moore, William Coari, Amanda Kowalski, Lee Moore, Debra Cortinas, Jennifer Escamilla, Sonia McNeill, Susan La Torre, Zelda Chacon, JoAnne Salinas, Valerie Gibbons, Hayford Osei, Bethanie Pletcher, Melissa Zamora, Noelle Freese, Patricia Rodriguez, Ronnie Sepulveda, Suzanne Morales, Jaclyn Mahlmann, Maricela Alexander

Members Absent: Brenton Day (Proxy Present), Angela Walker

- I. Call to Order-3:02pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – February minutes to be submitted week of 3/21
- III. New employees' introduction:** Jennifer Escamilla – 11 new employees
- IV. Guest Speaker-** Chelsea Lanzener, Project Mgr. for the VP of Institutional Advancement
 - Topic: 2022 Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign
 - 30% Target
 - IA is here to help
 - Staff/Faculty Giving Event is April 20th
 - Reach out for questions
- V. President's Report- Sharmeen Ahmed**
 - Reminder for attendance and
 - Employee Annual Luncheon collaboration with CLIMB
 - Three programs from Staff Council
 - April 26th, 27th and 28th
 - April 26th we are having the luncheon starting at 11 am. Hosting during the luncheon from Employee Relations Committee
 - April 27th we are doing a series of speakers. Some sort of Meet and Greet or event like this.
 - Call for volunteers in addition to the Relations Committee
 - Need speakers/presenters to fill slots on the 26th. Topic is NAVIGATING THE NEW NORMAL-MANAGING STRESS & BURNOUT.
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- VI. Vice-President's Report- Brenton Day /Not Available– Sharmeen filling in**
 - **Committee on Staff Committee-** Brenton Day (Chair)
 - **Nominations and Elections** –Brenton Day (Chair) Voting starts today 3/22/22
 - **Employee Excellence Awards** – Brenton Day (Chair) Reaching out to judges once the nominations have been completed.
 - Note from Faculty Senate – they are looking to have a formal wait list for courses. Students will be able to check their place in line and no longer must depend on the Dept. Admin.
- VII. Treasurer's Report- Valarie Gibbons** – No Report
- VIII. Committee Reports:**
 - **Communication-Noelle Freese** (Chair) We worked on the staff council elections campus wide email verbiage. Will continue to work on other

communication items.

- **University Relations – Jaquelyn Westbrook** – (Chair) Met a few times to plan for the CLIMB event. Asked for department donations for door prizes. Also needs to see who can help with the luncheon, meet, and greet, and other activities.
- **Benefits & Employee Development – JoAnne Salinas** (Chair)
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IX. Adhoc Committees

- **Bylaws & Constitution- Amanda Kowalski** (Chair)
 - Constitution finished and submitted to Executive Council. Working on By-Laws next.
- **Dorothy Yeater Scholarship – Angela Walker** (Chair) - Angela absent. No updates from the committee.

X. Liaison Reports

- **University Committee Update**
- **HR Update – Debra Cortinas** –
 - Annual Reviews will open 4/1 and close 5/31.
 - Launching a Retiree Islander Volunteer program.
 - Jennifer is working on Leave pages. New forms coming for Family Leave Pool.
 - Debra Cortinas is retiring effective 8/31/22.
- **F&A Update-Jaclyn Mahlmann** –
 - Enrollment for Fall up 22%. Up over 2000 applicants!
 - On 4/30, concert and food truck festival in conjunction with our 75th anniversary.
 - Men's Basketball team made the NCAA finals.
 - First hire through the partner program!
- **IT Update – Ben Soto Not Available**– Johnathan Cooper filling in. Service desk now has a new Service Ticket portal. Located at serviceportal.tamucc.edu. Able to track tickets better.

XI. Old Business – No Old Business

XII. New Business – Announcement Research Week Activities announcement went out today. Encourage your students to participate. Please see details at <https://www.tamucc.edu/research/ri-week/risc.php>

XIII. Adjourn 3:50pm S. Ahmed called the motion, J. Salinas seconded