

Staff Council General Meeting

April 9th, 2:00PM-3:30PM, UC OSO 221

- Call to Order:
 - 2:02 PM by Joseph Doan
- Approval of Minutes:
 - Motioned to approve: Kristina Messoline
 - Seconded: Amy Rivera
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Leslie Mills: Introduce the AI Learnathon
 - May be rescheduled for a future SC Meeting
- Upcoming Meetings
 - May 14th, 2:00PM-3:30PM, UC Bayview 320
 - Please accept calendar invites for Staff Council Meetings
 - If unable to attend, please email Staff.Council@tamucc.edu and Stephanie Long about your absence and if you will be providing a proxy in your place.
- President's Report – Stephaine Long, not present at Meeting. VP Joseph Doan provided Report.
 - The Staff Council Recognitions meeting has been moved to June (instead of May) to ensure accurate membership, accounting for both outgoing and incoming members.
 - SOP updates: All documents have been edited and are ready. Next steps include formatting and distribution to the respective committees/owners for final review, followed by release to the full group in time for the new term and forward planning.
 - Rising Tide: Process change suggestions are being developed for the new term, including identifying a platform for the creation and maintenance of certificates.
 - Budget: Approximately \$5,000 remains. Discussions are underway regarding options, and I will provide an update with a proposed plan at the May meeting.
- Vice-President's Report – Joseph Doan
 - Employee Excellence Award nominations
 - 16 individuals nominated, 11 met eligibility criteria
 - Islander Engagement – 7 nominations (4 for same individual)
 - Islander Impact – 3 nominations
 - Islander Leadership – 7 nominations (2 for same individual)
 - Interdivisional Collaboration Award for Excellence
 - Four projects nominated
 - 39 collaborators – 21 met eligibility criteria

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- Treasurer's Report - Amy Rivera
 - Updated Executive Board on Staff Council Operating account actual activity. On target with budget.
 - Overfill for remaining budget \$5K.
 - Look into supplies that might be needed.
 - Look into Shark Week
- Parliamentary Report – Andres Garcia
 - No New Report
- Historian Report - Yazmin Diaz
 - Discuss Dorothy Yeater Scholarship for Summer for Website Updates
 - Samuel Glowacki sent Yazmin all updates for website for Dorothy Yeater Scholarship
- Secretary Report – Ashleigh Campbell
 - No New Report
- Staff Council Committee Reports
 - Nominations and Elections – **Chair: VP-Joseph Doan** (Kristina, April, Lori)
 - Nominee notification and confirmation

Divisions	Nomination Participants	# of Nominees
Academic Affairs	16	28
Enrollment Management	4	9
Finance and Administration	13	24
Institutional Advancement	0	0
Institutional Excellence	1	3
President's Office	1	1
Research and Innovation	5	13
SEAS	6	14

- Communication Committee – **Chair: Secretary- Ashleigh** (Lorena, Kayleigh)
 - No New Report
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee – **Chair: Parliamentarian- Andres** (Sarina, Joseph)
 - Still working on biennial review

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- Benefits & Employee Development- **Chair: Samuel** (Claudia, Zelda, Christopher, Mary)
 - No New Report
- University Relations – **Chair: Katie** (Amber, Lauran, Allison, Donna, Kevin, Yazmin, Amy, Alexis, Kandrea)
 - Started talking about Shark Week
 - Will be happening in July
- University Committees Reports
 - Calendar Committee – Claudia Ayala
 - No New Report
 - Campus Wellness Committee – Mary Mahan
 - No New Report
 - Committee on Committees – Joseph Doan
 - Drafted the final report of the review of committees.
 - Looking into Leadership Change
 - Reinforcing the requirement to use Teams for Documents
 - Staff Council VP will begin moving documents from the Staff Council I-Drive into Teams
 - Waiting for feedback from the President's Cabinet
 - Environmental Committee – Lorena Newsome
 - No New Report
 - Expressive Activity Committee - Andres Garcia
 - Get materials set for Summer and Fall
 - At next Staff Council Meeting, an Expressive Activity Member will be a guest speaker to talk through updates and receive feedback.
 - Have an open discussion format.
 - Faculty Advisory – Joseph Doan
 - No New Report
 - Historically Underutilized Business Comm. – Kayleigh Garcia
 - No New Report
 - Strategic Planning Council – President- Stephaine Long
 - No New Report
 - Student Endowment Scholarship Comm. – Kandy Ortega
 - No New Report

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- Student Success Council – April Jasso
 - Gathering data and collecting surveys
 - Improve on three of the pillars for student success: Communication, Well-being, Retention
- Transportation Advisory Committee - Lauran Guerra
 - No new updates on parking
- Parking Appeals Subcommittee – Yazmin Diaz
 - Working through parking appeals, approximately 1,200 appeals. The committee has completed 500.
- University Safety Committee – Allison Guerra
 - No New Report
- University Budget Advisory Committee- Treasurer - Amy Rivera
 - No New Report
- Liaison Reports (if any)
 - Advisor Update – John LaRue
 - No New Report, Not Present at Meeting
 - HR Update – Casandra Casanova
 - No New Report, Not Present at Meeting
 - Faculty Advisory Update- Scott Johnson
 - Running elections for open seats.
 - Tentative Dates for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Meetings have been set.
 - All meetings are open to the public.
 - Interim legislative sessions, SB 37 Compliance
 - Past President- Trennon Cavanagh
 - No new report – not present at meeting
- Old Business:
 - CFE is hosting **Green Zone Training** at the end of this month - RSVP sign-up will be sent out soon.
 - Additionally, on April 14th, we have the **AI Final Showcase** scheduled from 11:30am-1:30pm in UC Legacy.
- New Business:
 - Summer Dates and scheduling around Islander Launch Dates, questions regarding Absences.

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- Look into Proxy's and explore dates for Staff Council meetings to accommodate orientation activities.
 - Revisit the possibility of hybrid meetings to foster full participation for all staff members. VP Doan motioned to add this to the May meeting for discussion and possible vote.
- Adjourn:
 - Motioned to adjourn: Yazmin Diaz
 - Seconded: Lauran Guerra
- Proxy
 - Amy Perry for Zelda Chacon
 - Katie Garcia for Lorena Newsome
 - Lorraine Soliz for Amber Castillo