Staff Assembly General Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021 via Zoom

Board Members:
- **President**: Yesenia Curiel
- **Past President**: Priya Lakireddy
- **Vice President**: Alvin Cha
- **Finance Officer**: Lorena Magana-Aguilar & Vanessa Hauser
- **Secretary**: Ian Cooke
- **Co-Chair of Programs and Events**: Molly Elazier
- **Co-Chair of Programs and Events**: Ashley Summerset
- **Co-Chair of Communications**: Brenda Rojas
- **Co-Chair of Communications**: Austyn Smith

I. **Welcome** – President Yesenia Curiel called the meeting to order at 9:03

II. **Staff Assembly Executive Board Updates:**

III. **President—Yesenia Curiel informed staff of the following:**

- Update on Campus Council Search
  - i. Staff Assembly was invited to be a stakeholder in this search
  - ii. 4 candidates were presented
  - iii. Next step is interview with Chancellor and Office of the President

- Remember our EAP services available and take care of your mental health

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
  - i. April is SAAM. Please visit the link to get more information.

IV. **Vice President-Alvin Cha informed staff of the following:**

- 2021 Staff Engagement Survey
  - i. Survey will be going out early May. This is a very important survey which is released every 2 years for policy covered staff. Please be on the lookout for this information.

- Staff Assembly Board Election and Self Nominations form
i. Staff Assembly self-nominations are open and are due May 21st 2021. Please consider applying, the application is live now.

• Review Draft Plan for strategic planning. There is a survey on the website to input your opinions.

V. Programs and Events Co-Chairs – Molly Elazier and Ashley Summerset informed the staff of the following:

• Fun Fridays
  i. Fun Fridays are happening. This week we will be playing Pictionary!
  ii. This is a drop-in event, logon whenever is convenient. We really encourage you to join us, it is a nice break.

• SAW Volunteers
  i. May 17-21st. Schedule is being solidified now and will be virtual with the exception of one in person event.
  ii. Dress up opportunities, virtual campus tours, games and spirit day.
  iii. Celebration of service will also be during this week. Each department will be hosting a virtual event. All events open to the campus community.
  iv. The theme will be “zooming through the decades”. Starting with the 90s and going backwards to 1950.

VI. Finance Officer – Lorena Magana-Aguilar & Vanessa Hauser informed staff of the following
• Prizes for the winners of Fun Fridays have been sent out.

VII. Communications Co-Chairs-Brenda Rojas and Austyn Smith informed the staff of the following:
• If you would like anything to go out in the next newsletter please email staff assembly by April 30th.

VIII. Past President-Priya Lakireddy informed the staff of the following:

• Police Advisory Board
  i. Symposium meeting will be moved from April 30th to the fall to have a chance to reach out to stakeholders to have a meaningful dialogue.

• Elections
  i. Strongly encourage people to self-nominate for Staff Assembly

• Staff Engagement Survey
  i. Please fill out the survey, at the system level they take it very seriously and need your opinion

IX. De Acker-Covid Updates
• We hired 3 contract position to staff the covid response center.
• The numbers are going down and Merced County has moved to the Red tier.
• They process 1000 test a week in the asymptomatic center
• If you need a vaccine, you can call student health and get an appointment for next week

X. Announcements:
• Celebration for Lao New year is this week. There is an event at Bangkok restaurant to celebrate.

Next General Meeting: May 20, 2021 at 9am

Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 am