



**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17-21<sup>st</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Police Advisory Board
  - i. Symposium meeting will be moved from April 30<sup>th</sup> 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