



## **Staff Council General Meeting minutes for June 21, 2023**

**Zoom Meeting 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Minutes Recorded by Maria Estrada, Staff Council Secretary

**Board:** Tremaine Kwasikpui, Staff Council President; JR Sears, Staff Council President-Elect; Maria Estrada, Staff Council Secretary; Gerrelyn Davidson, Staff Council Treasurer; Rachael Hudspeth, Staff Council Communications Officer

**Guests:** Danielle Soria-Orozco, Director of Alumni Relations

**Call to Order:** The Staff Council general meeting was called to order by Staff Council President, Tremaine Kwasikpui around 10:03 am.

**Reports:** Mr. Kwasikpui greets and welcomes attendees to the Staff Council General Meeting for June 21, 2023.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the May 17, 2023, minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Welcome New Gators**

Mr. Sears introduces the new UHD gators/employees.

- Bruce Hunter, Coordinator, Library
- Zewuze Ladzekpo, Executive Director of Financial Affairs
- Sherry-Mae Tan, Assistant Coordinator, Purchasing
- Deborah McGinty, Licensed Counselor
- Ideth Rivas, Accountant II
- Shannon Kombo, Assistant Coordinator, Purchasing
- Taylor Smith, Academic Success Coordinator II
- Rose Mata, Administrative Assistant II
- Edwin Alvarado, Advising Assistant
- Danielle Soria-Orozco, Alumni Relations Director

### **Edge Grant Recipient**

Mr. Sears introduces the Edge Grant recipients for the month of June.

- June Recipient: Rebecca Hamilton

### **Alumni Relations Presentation**

**Danielle Soria-Orozco, Director of Alumni Relations**

- Ms. Soria-Orozco introduces herself and begins her presentation.

- She elaborates on the four areas of engagement as defined by the Council of Advancement in Support of Education.
  - Volunteer- Alumni donating their time or talent for educational opportunities.
  - Experiential-Alumni attending events in-person or virtually.
  - Communications- Engaging alumni through social media.
  - Philanthropic- Alumni giving back to the university.
- Ms. Soria-Orozco discusses new initiatives that will be taking place once the new CRM is in place, such as updating email and mailing lists. She will also be reaching out to UHD departments and looks forward to growing Alumni Relations.

### **Upcoming Events**

- June 21: Basic Needs Center Support Services for Students
- June 21: Staff Council Snack Break at the Welcome Center from 1-2:30pm
- June 21: ESO Summer Enrollment Information Session at the Milam/Travis Room from 2-3:30pm
- July 13: On-Campus Jobs for Gators Fair
- August 21-25: Welcome Week
- September 6: Student Involvement Fair
- September 9: Gator Serve
- September 28: Staff Awards
- October 9-14: UHD Homecoming
- November 15: Health Fair

### **President's Report**

- Upcoming Policies- Staff Awards Policies will be updated to the website. Other upcoming policies include compensation for faculty and staff, staff salary compensation program, alternative work arrangement, and the staff ombudsman policy.
- If you would like to be part of the review process, you can Staff Council to obtain more information.
- Staff Awards- September 28<sup>th</sup> Monetary value will be included for some staff awards.
- Staff Council-Elections were extended for nominations. Mr. Kwasikpui elaborates on the open positions and encourages everyone to participate.

### **Questions from Staff**

**Question:** The Great Gator Bake-Off I am not sure if something like this has been proposed before, but I think that it would be neat if either as part of the next chili cookoff (or separate event) UHD would host a staff baking/dessert contest for individuals or groups that want to share their abilities and delicious treats with others.

**Answer:** Staff Council will share with the committee working on the Chili Cook-Off. As always, we are looking for dedicated staff to assist, so please plan to do so.

**Question:** When and where will the report summarizing the recommendations related to ESO that were compiled by the consultant that was brought in (and mentioned at I think the April meeting) be posted?

**Answer:** We are working to have ESO compile the thoughts and share it on the Staff Council website.

### **General Q&A**

**Question:** When will the elevators be fixed? Is there a plan to have fixed by this time next year?

**Answer:** We've gotten the elevator question a couple of times. We have asked previously about the elevators, but I do think it is somewhat unfair to say that all elevators are out. One side of the elevators were out and then they fixed those and moved to the other side. We will ask facilities if they can come to our next meeting to update staff.

**Question:** Is there a webpage that identifies working elevators with planned outages and updates?

**Answer:** We are not sure but can check on that.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Kwasikpui at 10:28am.