Location: Teams

Date: 05-31-2023

^O **Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM



GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order: 12:05 PM
 - a. All board members present.
 - b. Members present.
- 2. Constitution and By-Laws:
 - a. Proposed By-Laws changes and vote:
 - 1. Modify the requirement of having an executive be a tenured faculty member to be a full-time faculty member of any rank with the expectation that the faculty member will continue to be full-time throughout service.
 - i. Jennifer Sutton starts motion to consider changes and open for discussion. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - ii. Jennifer starts motion to close discussion and open the proposal for votes. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - iii. Proposal #1 passes by unanimity.
 - 2. Rename Vice President position to President Elect.
 - i. Jennifer Sutton starts motion to consider changes and open for discussion. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - ii. Jennifer starts motion to close discussion and open the proposal for votes. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - iii. Proposal #2 passes by unanimity.
 - Modify the requirement of the President Elect serving for five (5) years (two years as President Elect, two years as President, one year as Ex Officio) to three (3) years by serving one year on each position.
 - i. Jennifer Sutton starts motion to consider changes and open for discussion. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - ii. Jennifer starts motion to close discussion and open the proposal for votes. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
 - iii. Proposal #3 passes by unanimity.
 - 4. Remove the privilege of the Treasurer having board voting power since the Treasurer is appointed, not elected.
 - i. Jennifer Sutton starts motion to consider changes and open for discussion. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.





- ii. Jennifer starts motion to close discussion and open the proposal for votes. Julian Rodriguez seconds the motion.
- iii. Proposal #4 passes by unanimity.
- 5. Remove language that is irrelevant under elections referring to the establishment of the association.
 - i. Jennifer Sutton starts motion to consider changes and open for discussion. Sandra Cecilia Esquivel seconds the motion.
 - ii. Jennifer starts motion to close discussion and open the proposal for votes. Sandra Cecilia Esquivel seconds the motion.
 - iii. Proposal #5 passes by unanimity.
- 3. Elections.
 - a. Following updates to LaFSA's Constitution and By-Laws, LaFSA will confirm current nominees and inform members about the election procedure.
- 4. Officers' report:
 - a. A full officers' report will be shared before the end of the summer.
 - b. Julian Rodriguez, Secretary and Interim Treasurer, presented an up-to-date report for both positions (see appendix).
- 5. New Business:
 - LaFSA will be attending a listening session about the present and future of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) offices in Texas according to the final version of Senate Bill 17:

https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB17

6. Adjournment: 1:00 pm

Julian Rodriguez

Secretary





Appendix

Julian Rodriguez

Secretary and Interim Treasurer

Secretary Report

- 2022:
 - WildApricot was adopted in June of 2022 as the association's content management system and publication platform.
 - The LaFSA Board met six (6) times. Minutes posted online.
 - LaFSA sent 10+ manual email blasts to its members via WildApricot.
 - o LaFSA sent a more than 600 emails via WildApricot.
- As of May 23, 2023:
 - The LaFSA board has met six (6) times. Minutes posted online.
 - LaFSA sent 17 manual email blasts to its members via WildApricot.
 - LaFSA sent more than 100 emails via WildApricot.
 - WildApricot was renewed in May 2023 as the association's content management system and publication platform.

Interim Treasurer Report

- 2022:
 - WildApricot was adopted in June of 2022 as LaFSA's association management software.
 - The cost of WildApricot for 2022-2023 was \$648, paid with membership fees and donations.
 - Other expenses:
 - \$229.34, 10/27/2021: LaFSA pins (swag)
 - \$76.71, 08/11/2022: Summer 2022 LaFSA board strategic planning meeting lunch.
 - \$705.89, 09/23/22: General membership and new Latino faculty welcome lunch at the MAC.
 - \$376.24, 05/31/22: Polo shirts for board members and the UTA President.
 - Annual membership dues remain unchanged: \$25 per year.
- As of May 23, 2023:
 - WildApricot was renewed in May 2023 as LaFSA's association management software.



- The cost of WildApricot for 2022-2023 was \$810, paid with donations made by UTA TRiO and the UTA Cultural Engagement and Social Change. LaFSA thanks them for their extraordinary support.
- The Spring 2023 general meeting held at the UTA Central Libraries Atrium did not have any cost.
 - The lunch was sponsored by Taco Casa. This save LaFSA between ~\$700.
 - No cost associated with using the Atrium at the UTA Central Library.
- As of April 24, the current account balance was \$1,078.72.
 - Having \$1,000+ in the bank account prevents EECU from charging LaFSA a \$10 account handling monthly fee. This means that we are currently saving \$10/month.
- Our online membership payments, inside WildApricot, is managed by AffiniPay; it charges the following processing fees:
 - The AffiniPay rate is 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction (3.5% + \$.30 per transaction when using American Express). If a member pays an invoice of \$25, the amount due to AffiniPay is \$.30 + 2.9% of \$25 = \$1.03
 - AffiniPay will deposit all our funds and then withdraw its fees each month from our EECU bank account.
- Annual membership dues remain unchanged: \$25 per year.