

UTRGV Staff Senate – May 20, 2021

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Noelynn Llasos; Laura Ramos; Claudia Dole Morrison; Karen Dorado; Rogelio Chanes; Kevin Garza; Nicole Englitsch; Nayeli Garcia; Ashley Mercado; Juan Santos-Flores; Maria Juarez-Serna; Orlando Castaneda; Tammy Munoz; Veronica Villarreal; Armando Garza; Marisa Campirano; Kelli Quin; Milagro (Millie) Resendez; Alisha Puentes; Teresa Villarreal; Irene Cardenas; Andres Chavez; Yadira Mejia; Caitlin Bruseth; Jacob Camacho

II. Welcome / Introduction: Staff Senate President – Noelyn Llasos

- UREC Fitness and Wellness: Led Seated Stretch Session by Mollie Wallace.
- Approval of April Minutes: Motion – Teresa Villarreal; 2nd – Millie Resendez; Minutes Approved.
- Staff Senate YouTube Channel will now have our meeting recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quoVBg-L2lw>

III. Guest Speakers

a. Amanda Quintanilla & Priscilla Palacios – PD & Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention:

<https://www.utrgv.edu/ovavp/>

Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention (OVAVP)

1201 W University Dr, Edinburg, TX 78539 ELCTR 156 Phone: (956) 665-8287

2168 E. Jackson St., Brownsville, TX 78520 BNOBL 106 Phone: (956) 882-8282

Email: ovavp@utrgv.edu

UTRGV PD DIVISIONS

- Patrol (uniformed officers in units or bicycles) 24/7
- Public Safety Officers (security) 24/7
- Criminal Investigation Division (investigate all criminal incidents that occur on Campus, Victim Services)
- Professional Standards Unit (Community Engagement, Communications/Dispatch)
- Training Division (Advanced Law Enforcement)
- K-9 Unit

VICTIM SERVICES

A Victim Services Specialist provides emotional support to a victim going through a crime throughout the criminal justice process. Providing awareness to the community.

Provides services to *students, faculty and staff* at UTRGV.

Provides information to victim's regarding available resources, including but not limited to counseling services, housing accommodations, transportation needs, and class assignments.

Makes referrals to appropriate UTRGV Departments, agencies and services within the county; serves as a go-between for victims, survivors and their families.

Provides information on Safety Plans, Victim's Rights, Crime Victim Compensation, VINE and Protective Orders to victim.

Accompanies a victim to a meeting with the police, judicial hearing, court hearing, or a hospital/medical center, and any campus departments



Learn More About UTRGV's App

CampusShield Smartphone App
100% FREE | Google Play | App Store

UTRGV CAMPUS EMERGENCY (956) 882-4911
UTRGV POLICE DIRECTORY (956) 882-7777

CAMPUS SHIELD APP

Apple QR
Android QR

UTRGV PD PHONE NUMBERS

Non-emergency number: 956-882-7777
Emergency number: 956-882- 4911

When in doubt call 911, the UTRGV PD Dispatch will be contacted

SOCIAL MEDIA

UTRGV.EDU/Police

TWITTER.COM/UTRGVPOLICE

Amanda Quintanilla
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956-665-3164



Services We Offer

- ▶ Assistance in navigating campus and community resources such as legal aid, law enforcement help, medical or health assistance, mental health support, housing assistance, etc.
- ▶ Direct advocate/client support services.
- ▶ In-house counseling: providing trauma-informed counseling services
- ▶ Educational activities and awareness programs.
- ▶ ALL of our services are FREE



Confidentiality

OVAVP, Health Services, and the Counseling Center are all **CONFIDENTIAL** resources. That means we will not share your information with anyone without your permission. Unless there is concern about the immediate safety of you or others, possible abuse of a child, elder, or someone with a debilitating disability.

What is a victim advocate?

- ▶ Provide confidential, non-judgmental assistance to victims, survivors, and bystanders of interpersonal violence.
- ▶ Explain rights, assist with locating medical, psychological, and legal resources on campus and off campus, and help clients with appropriate accommodations for their unique situations.
- ▶ A critical voice for promoting change in beliefs and policies that marginalize members of the campus community who identify as victims, survivors, or bystanders of interpersonal violence.

Office Locations

Brownsville Campus
BNOBL 106 North Office Building
2168 E. Jackson St., Brownsville, TX 78520
Phone: (956) 882-8282

Edinburg Campus
ELCTR 156 Learning Center
1201 W University Dr., Edinburg,
TX 78539
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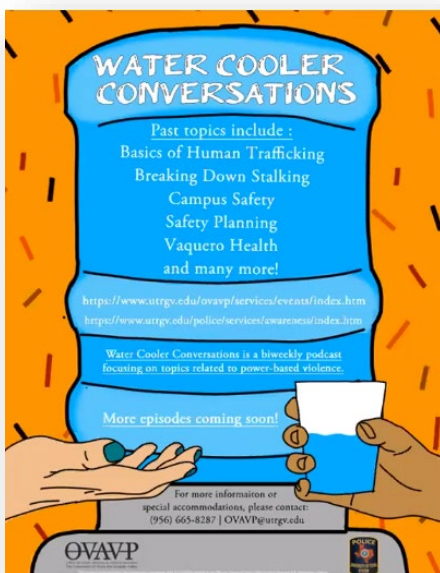
ovavp@utrgv.edu (Confidential Email)



www.instagram.com/OVAVP



<http://bit.ly/OVAVPYouTube>



Recognize. Choose. Act.

If you suspect that a member of the UTRGV campus community is in danger of harm to themselves or others, based upon comments they made or that were reported to you, contact Campus PD for an assessment at: **956-882-4911** or call 911.

If you are concerned for a member of the UTRGV campus community, but you do not think there is any immediate danger, file a report on your concerns at:

Vaqueros Report It

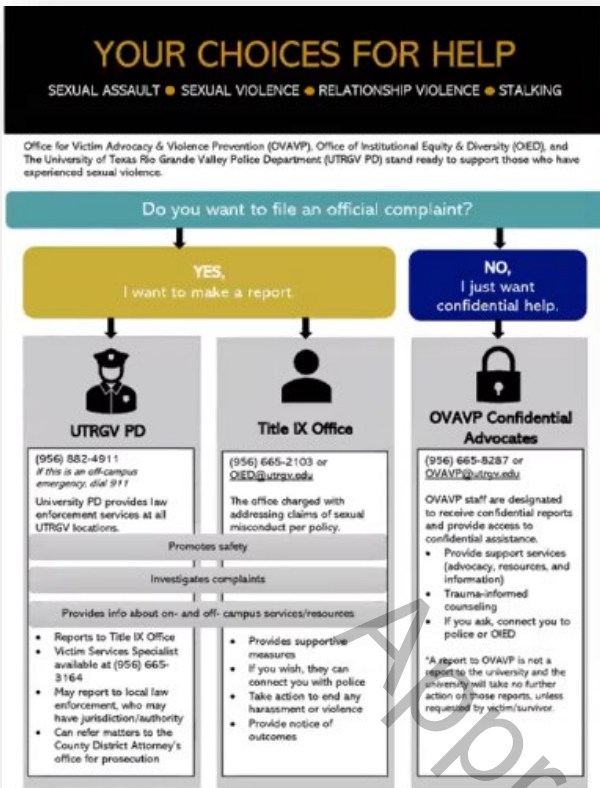
If you are a UTRGV student and are looking for help, please contact the Vaqueros Crisis line at: **956-665-5555**

Or you can access a free and confidential text line by texting HOME to **741741**

Thank you for your concern for our campus community! If you have any questions, please contact:

OVAVP: 956-665-8287/956-882-8282

Health Services:
956-665-2511/956-882-3896



RESOURCES

Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention
(956) 665-8287 (Edinburg)
(956) 882-8282 (Brownsville)
Email: OVAVP@utrgv.edu

UTRGV Counseling Center
(956) 665-2574 (Edinburg)
(956) 882-3897 (Brownsville)
Email: OIED@utrgv.edu

UT Health RGV Student Services
(956) 665-2511 (Edinburg)
(956) 882-3896 (Brownsville)

Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity
(956) 665-2103
Email: OIED@utrgv.edu

Vaquero Crisis Line
(956) 655-5555

University Police Department
Police Directory: (956) 882-7777
Campus Emergency: (956) 882-4911
Email: Police@utrgv.edu

Student Rights and Responsibilities
(956) 665-5357 (Edinburg)
(956) 882-8289 (Brownsville)
Email: srr@utrgv.edu

24-hour Nurse Advice Line
(855) 810-4457

National Crisis Line
(800)- 273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-7233

b. Irma Hermida – UTRGV Tech Ambassadors

- Peer to Peer support group on Microsoft TEAMS Platform.
- Link to TEAMS online training: <https://www.utrgv.edu/it/blog/2021/03/live-teams-training-2.0-recordings.htm>
- Anyone at UTRGV can be Tech Ambassador.

UTRGV Tech Ambassador Team

Purpose

The purpose of this team is to provide peer support to increase usability of university licensed applications and software. All members help raise our personal knowledge and usage of productivity tools to reach university mission and goals.

What is a Tech Ambassador?

UTRGV Tech Ambassadors play a critical role in helping facilitate UTRGV's transition to new technologies.

- Learn how to use new technologies and help train others
- Be informed about upcoming changes and new software
- Experience new application features before the rest of the university community
- Provide feedback to our developers and technology administrators

Started: 12/7/2020

Current Members: 240

ASK A QUESTION

Anyone can post questions on any of the application channels available. Members of the group may see your question and provide the support you need to maximize the usage of an application and its features.

If your question is related to a specific application not listed, you can create the channel and post your question there.

NOTE: THE UTRGV TECH AMBASSADOR GROUP IS NOT A TECHNICAL ISSUES SUPPORT GROUP

The group is NOT made up of technicians to help resolve technical issues. We have a wonderful team to help you with those as part of the IT Support Center.

IT Support Center

Training Calendar

Check out the Training Calendar to find out of upcoming trainings by Microsoft trainers and others.

Register for Training

Upcoming Training

MS Teams 3.0 Training for Power users by Microsoft Trainers

- Power Apps - June 1 (Pending Confirmation)
- Power BI - June 2 9am-10am & 3pm-4pm
- Power Automate - June 3 (Pending Confirmation)

Past Teams Training

PLC Notebook Training Calendar +

June 2021

Mon	Tue
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JOIN US

Don't be shy and ask your technology related questions.

Although we're not all subject matter experts, everyone in the organization has information and knowledge to share with others. We grow stronger together.

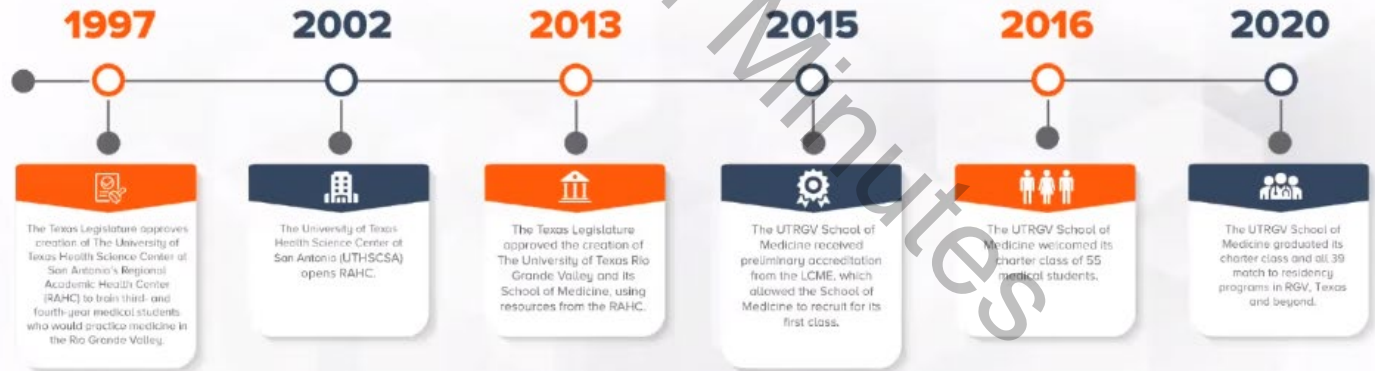
Please join and invite others!

Join UTRGV Tech Ambassadors Team

c. Sofia Hernandez – School of Medicine – Chief Operating Officer

- New Dean: Dr. Michael B. Hocker.
- Congratulations to SOM for co-win on Team Excellence Award.

UTRGV | UT Health Rio Grande Valley : School of Medicine



EDUCATING A DIVERSE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

220 Students Accepted

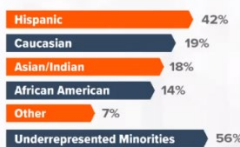
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34.5% Rio Grande Valley

49† Hidalgo County

22† Cameron County

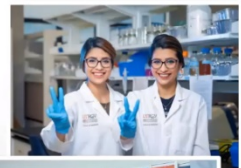
4† Starr County



GROWING OUR OWN

- 35% of enrolled student are from RGV
- 53% from Class of 2024 are from RGV

- Pipeline programs:
 - **JAMP** – statewide recruitment
 - **Early Decision Program** – recruit top college students back to RGV
 - **Vaqueros MD** – recruit STX high school students



UTRGV SOM AMONG MOST AFFORDABLE

UTRGV School of Medicine tuition for the 2020-2021 Academic year:

- \$19,639 In-state Tuition, among most affordable in U.S.



DELIVERING QUALITY CARE TO RGV COMMUNITIES

- Over 120 Physicians delivering patient-centered care in over 30 sites
- 3 Area Health Education Clinics (AHECs) in Hidalgo, Cameron and Starr Counties
- Plan to open more sites, including our sites in Edinburg, Harlingen, Brownsville and McAllen.
- 226,214 Outpatient and 67,717 inpatient visits since 2018 including visits conducted on the UTRGV Unimóvil (mobile van)



KEEPING PHYSICIANS IN RGV, TEXAS

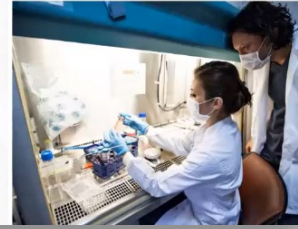
- 236 residents in 17 GME programs
- Partnerships with 4 hospitals
- 83% residents practicing in Texas
- 64% residents practicing in the RGV
- Adding more slots...
 - Urology
 - Endocrinology
 - Neurology
 - Geriatrics
 - Cardiology
 - Gastroenterology
 - Child Psychiatry
 - Pediatrics
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Sports Medicine
 - Nephrology
 - Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Exceeding state goal of 1:1.1 ratio



ADVANCING RESEARCH IMPORTANT TO RGV COMMUNITY

- 56 scientists, \$97M in extramural funding
- Signature Program:
 - South Texas Diabetes & Obesity Institute
 - Multi-disciplinary work
 - Sites in Brownsville and McAllen
- New Programs
 - Neuroscience – New site opens 2021 in Harlingen
 - Cancer Immunology – Biomedical Research site opened March 2019 in McAllen



TRANSFORMING THE ECONOMY OF THE RGV AND BEYOND

- \$13.7B economic impact of RGV healthcare and bioscience sector
- 43% of new jobs created over the past decade from healthcare and bioscience industry
- 3 out of 10 jobs
- \$659M in investments generated and 1,000 new jobs created by UTRGV School of Medicine



UTRGV's COVID-19 Response resulted in:

- Creation of 355 jobs
- \$13.9M in labor income
- \$20M in overall economic activity
- \$18M in lost wages prevented

STATE & LOCAL SUPPORT IS KEY TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS AS A START-UP MEDICAL SCHOOL

- Grow enrollment (more Valley students)
- Obtain final LCME accreditation
- Expand clinical operations over next 10 years
- Increase number of new degree programs
- Fight COVID-19 pandemic



UTRGV leading COVID-19 testing in RGV.



Medicine, nursing and PA students helping with vaccine effort.



UTRGV's Dr. Michelle Lopez, the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the Rio Grande Valley.



MONITOR EDITORIAL Staying well

Pandemic proved, increased need for health professionals

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a defining moment for the healthcare industry. It has highlighted the need for health professionals to stay well and maintain their own health during these challenging times. The pandemic has also shown the importance of teamwork and collaboration among healthcare professionals to provide the best care for our patients.

The pandemic has also shown the importance of staying well. Health professionals must take steps to protect themselves and their families, such as wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and getting vaccinated. It is also important to stay up-to-date on the latest information about the virus and its treatment.

The pandemic has also shown the importance of mental health. Health professionals may experience stress, anxiety, and burnout during these difficult times. It is important to seek support and take care of your mental health as well as your physical health.

The pandemic has also shown the importance of continuing education. Health professionals must stay up-to-date on the latest research and best practices in their field. This may involve attending conferences, taking courses, or participating in continuing education programs.

The pandemic has also shown the importance of community. Health professionals should support each other and their colleagues during these difficult times. We can all do our part to stay well and provide the best care for our patients.

"Once COVID-19 began to spread through the Valley UTRGV proved its worth quickly, providing healthcare personnel who helped treat patients, administer tests and provide test results. And it continues to do so as the pandemic lingers on." - The Monitor

COVID-19 RESPONSE



> 100K tests for hospitals and our 3 drive-thru sites (capacity to run >2,000 daily)



299 contact tracers, investigators, and epidemiology leads



> 75K vaccines given across RGV



8,500 telemedicine visits since the start of the pandemic

May 2021

IV. Committee Updates

- I. **Communications Committee Senator Millie Resendez, Chair / Senator Rogelio Chanes, Co-Chair**
 - Staff Senate Spotlight: Maria Juarez & Veronica Villarreal to be featured for May.
 - Follow us for Meme Mondays.
 - April 28th Meet your Senator event was a success; employees who won prizes will be notified via emails.
 - We Are Staff Senate - video played.
- II. **Staff Success Committee Senator Claudia Dole Morrison, Chair / Senator Jacob Camacho, Co-Chair**
 - Meeting every month to discuss initiatives for staff appreciation, wellness, & learning opportunities.
- III. **Caitlin Bruseth, Chair / Senator Irene Cardenas, Co-Chair**
 - Main project is getting staff list to use for voting on amendment proposals / revisions & elections.
- IV. **Feedback Committee Senator Karen Dorado, Chair / Senator Nick Dubberly, Co-Chair**
 - Encourage all to use Staff Senate Feedback Form: [Feedback Form](#)

V. Public Comments / Questions -

- Noelynn Llasos: Recognition for three staff senators who graduated (pics below).
- Thank you to everyone who worked commencement ceremonies!
- Back to Campus Roundtable discussions are coming up soon!
- Student Unions are now open 8:00 – 5:00 for facilities and rooms.



Nayeli Garcia
Division of Finance and Administration



Kelli Quinn
Division of Institutional Advancement

VI. Motion to Adjourn: Karen Dorado; 2nd from Claudia Dole Morrison.