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Thursday, February 16, 2023

9:00am-11:00am

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I. 9:00am Call to Order

Kelli Quin, Parliamentarian

"I call this meeting to order at 9:01am. We will proceed with Roll Call with Madam Secretary Marisa Campirano."

II. 9:00am Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Marisa Campirano, Secretary

"I will now begin Roll Call. Staff Senators, please indicate your attendance by stating "Aye" in the Zoom chat" (call Staff Senators name)."

"Madame President, Quorum has been established."

III. 9:03am Welcome & Introduction

Yadira Mejia, Staff Senate President

IV. 9:03am New Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 2022

- **Yadira:** Is there a motion on the floor for the approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2022?
- **Staff Senator Kelli Quinn:** I move to approve the December minutes.
- **Yadira:** Is there a Second?
- **Staff Senator David Guerra:** I second.
- **Yadira:** All those in favor please state aye in the Zoom chat. All opposed? Any abstentions.
 - Meeting Minutes for December 2022 have been approved.

V. Guest Speakers

- ✓ *Mr. David Hovar & Ms. Norma Rodriguez, University Marketing & Communications*
- ✓ *Dr. Michael Lehker, Dean of College of Health Professions*
- ✓ *Coach Travis Bush, UTRGV Head Football Coach*
- ✓ *Dr. Reymundo Ramos, Associate Vice President for Student Success*
- ✓ *Mrs. Shakera Raygoza, Co-Owner of Terra Preta Farms (collab with Hub of Prosperity (University Farm) through SENTLI)*

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- ✓ *Mr. David Hovar & Ms. Norma Rodriguez, University Marketing & Communications*

Norma Rodriguez is the Public Relations Manager. David Hovar is the Interim Communications Manager.

We are going to do a presentation about UTRGV Messenger and a demo. The UTRGV Messenger Service has been available since 2017, and since then we know we needed a much updated version.

A survey was conducted in October which revealed that employees were seeking a higher quality, more engaging, less repetitive content. The platform was also based on the need to reduce the volume of emails being sent to university listservs. That was really one of the main concerns.

We created 2 new categories to better serve our growing audience and reduce the need for departments and divisions to send relevant university wide emails. We've added the Health and Safety category which gives you an update on campus, Health safety initiatives and medical news events. This Health and Safety category also provides a place for important news and updates.

The other category that we added was newsletter. Here in divisions, college or department newsletters can be made available to a wider audience. It is now dedicated to hosting newsletters, eliminating the need to distribute via email so they can just add the link. The audience can see the full version of the newsletter.

Updated events which was formerly called happenings. In this category, information about university related events, for example, could be concerts, plays, athletics.

Heads Up is now called Around Campus. And lastly, we've got training and workshop category.

David conducted a demo of the new UTRGV Messenger service.

How to submit bullets to messenger:

<https://support.utrgv.edu/TDClient/1849/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=76442>

- ✓ *Dr. Michael Lehker, Dean of College of Health Professions*

Dr. Lehker shared a secret with us today about how to have a great morning every morning. The greatest mornings of all mornings always start the night before with a good night's sleep. A good night's sleep is what your body tells you. It helps restore all the damage done

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from the day before. Then it starts with a good breakfast. Don't rush it. Sit down for a wonderful breakfast. If you can tell me what your breakfast tasted like, the texture of your breakfast, and how it smelled then you did it right. Next, have a moment of gratefulness. Tell your husband/wife, child, pet, thank you...INSERT MORE

Thank you for allowing me to join you and share about the College of Health Professions.

I have been on the job for almost 8 years now, and I really like my job. So many of my friends have moved up from dean to Provost or President, and they ask me when I am going to make the move. I say why would I. I really like my job and where I am at. INSERT MORE

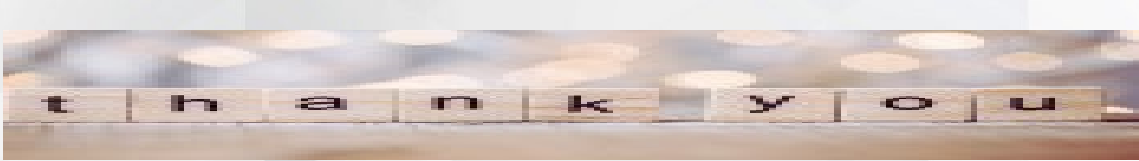


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What we really do address helps in a holistic way. And I don't know if you know that but 80% of your health. It's not determined by having access to a physician having access to a hospital.

It's really 80% of your health is determined by what we call the social determinants of health. What it really means, where do you live? Where do you work? What kind of education did you have? How much money you make all those effects that impact your health and health professions. Address all of that. So, we don't only treat the disease. We heal the body, the mind, the soul, the spirit. That's what health professionals do.

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We are a real family of health professionals. And just to give you an idea of who we are, one out of 10 jobs in the United States is now health care. That's a big economic engine, health care. It takes a lot of money to run health here.

- Anesthesiologist assistant^{3, 4} Anesthesia technologist/technician^{3, 4}[Anesthesia technology](#)⁴
- Athletic trainer³
- Audiologists^{1, 5}
- Cardiovascular technologists and technicians³, [Cardiovascular technology](#)⁴
- Behavioral disorder counselors⁵
- Clinical laboratory workers¹[Medical technologists](#)², [Medical laboratory technologists](#)², [Medical laboratory scientists](#)² Medical and clinical laboratory technicians⁵
- [Cytotechnology](#)⁴
- Dental hygienists^{1, 5}, dental assistants^{1, 5} dental laboratory technicians ¹
- [Diagnostic medical sonography](#)⁴ Diagnostic medical sonographers⁵
- Dietitians^{1, 5}, Dietetic technicians^{1, 5} dietetic assistants¹ [Registered dietitian](#)² Nutritionists ⁵
- Electroneurodiagnostic technologist³ [Electroneurodiagnostic technology](#)⁴
- Emergency Medical Technician EMT, Paramedic ^{1, 3, 4}, ⁵ Exercise science (personal fitness trainer, exercise physiologist, and exercise science professional)³ [Exercise physiology](#)⁴ [Exercise science](#)⁴ [Personal fitness training](#)⁴
- Genetic assistants¹
- Health Administration
- Health information technologists¹, Health information administrators¹; [Health information management](#)²
- Health educators⁵
- [Histotechnology](#)²

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- Home health aides⁵
- [Kinesiotherapis²](#) ,³ [Kinesiotherapy⁴](#)
- [Lactation Consultan^{t4}](#)
- Marriage and family therapists⁵
- [Magnetic resonance technologists²](#)
- Medical assistant³, ⁵[Medical assistin⁴](#)
- [Medical dosimetris²](#)
- Medical illustrator³[Medical illustratio⁴](#)
- [Medical libraria²](#)
- Mental health counselors⁵
- [Music therapis²](#)
- Medical transcriptionists¹
- [Nerve conduction studies technologis²](#)
- [Nuclear medicine technologis²](#), ⁵
- Occupational therapists^{1,2}, ⁵Occupational therapy assistants¹⁵ Occupational therapist aides⁵
- Ophthalmic medical assistants^{1,2}, optometric assistants and technicians¹, [Paraoptometriciar²](#)
- Orthotics and Prosthetics ¹Orthotist², ^{3,4}, [and Prosthetist²](#), ^{3, 4} [Orthoptist²](#), ³ [Orthotic and prosthetic technician⁴](#)
- Other social and mental health service workers¹
- Perfusionist^{3, 4}
- Pharmacy assistants¹Pharmacy Aides⁵Pharmacy technicians⁵

- Physical therapists⁵, Physical therapy assistant⁵, Physical therapist aides⁵
- Physician assistants⁵
- Podiatric assistants¹
- [Poetry therapis²](#)
- [Polysomnographic technolog^{2,3}](#) [Polysomnographic technolog⁴](#)
- Psychiatric aids⁵Psychiatric technicians⁵
- Radiation Therapists⁵
- Radiologic service workers¹[Radiologist assista²](#)[Radiologic technolog²](#), ⁵[Radiologic t technician⁵](#) [Radiology administrat²](#)
- [Recreational Therapi²](#), ⁵ [Recreational therap⁴](#)
- Rehabilitation counselors⁵ Other rehabilitation service workers¹
- Respiratory therapy workers [Respiratory therap²](#), ^{3, 5}
- [Specialist in blood bank technology/transfusion med⁴](#)icine
- Speech pathologist⁵Speech–language therapists⁵
- Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors⁵
- [Surgical technolog²](#), ^{3, 5} Operating room technician¹, [Surgical assista³](#)it [Surgical assist⁴](#)g
- [Surgical technolog⁴](#)
- [Surgical Neurophysiolog²](#)st
- Vocational rehabilitation counsel^drs

But these are all health professions. A tremendous number of jobs, and that's why it's so difficult to define who we really are, right. We are in lots of different jobs, and they are all great paying jobs, usually.

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Occupational Therapy

Licensing Exam: 80.0 %

Completion: 92.0 %

Employment: 80.0 %



Let's take a look at some of the programs that we have. Student success is really what we are all into right. I think we are very successful with our students. We take, for example, occupational therapy.

92% of our students complete the program. 92% over 4 years. That's really a big number. 80% pass the licensing exam, and all of them are employed within 6 months.

Student Success



Rehabilitation Counseling

Licensing Exam: 84.0 %

Completion: 88.0 %

Employment: 90.0 %



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Same picture for rehabilitation services.

Student Success



Communication Science Disorders

Licensing Exam: 98.53 %
Completion: 97.06 %
Employment: 93.33 %



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same picture for communication, science disorders.

CoHP: Overview

Edinburg, Brownsville and Harlingen

Six Departments and One School
Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) in Rehabilitation Services
Professional Doctoral: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Audiology
Master Degree Programs (7)
Bachelor Degree Programs (12)

5129 Undergraduate Majors
770 Master Students
61 Doctoral Students

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We have 6 different departments and one school. We have doctoral degrees. A. Ph. D. And we have rehabilitation services and counseling.

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We have 2 professional doctoral degrees, one in occupational therapy, physical therapy, and we are planning on a third, audiology.

We have 7 different masters programs, and we have 12 different bachelor's degree programs.

We serve almost 6,000 students at the University. We graduate 1,000 students every year. 1,000 new students are going into high paying jobs in the community, supporting their families, supporting the communities for help. That's the impact that we have 1,000 new health care professionals every year.

CoHP: Department and Schools

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
 - Biomedical Sciences
 - Health Sciences (Health Administration, Health Informatics)
 - Clinical Laboratory Sciences
 - **Nutrition/Dietetics**
- Health and Human Performance
 - Kinesiology
 - Exercise Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Rehabilitation Services and Counseling
 - **Addiction Studies**
 - Rehabilitation Services
 - Rehabilitation Counseling
- Border Health Office
- Physical Therapy

These are all programs and departments that we have.

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Interprofessional Education Our vision is that all learners are systematically prepared to collaborate across professions and with people living in communities to improve population and individual health outcomes through high-quality interprofessional care.

As I said, we are all about teamwork. We all work together. We are family. Because of that, we are all trained to really work in teams. We hope that we bring in our physicians, all our dentists, our optometrist, to be really those team players as well to really provide exceptional health care to our community.

Research, Discovery and Innovation

- **External Grant Funding**
- COMD: 2 Grants, \$1.56 Million
BMED: 4 Grants, \$7.00 Million
- SRSC: 5 Grants, \$1.20 Million



We have a wonderful group from our medical sciences programs who train people to do research. They provide the scientific foundation for all health care.

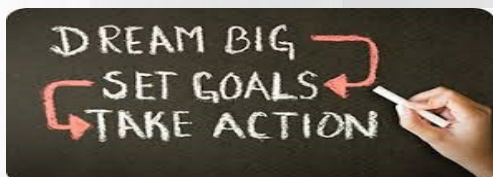
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Here's just some of the money that we're bringing in through our research endeavors.



- Effective Evidence Informed Education
- Expand a competitive research enterprise
- Strengthen private, government, business, foundation, community organization and clinical partnerships
- Improve health outcomes through Interprofessional Collaboration and Education
- Academic Program Development
- Improve Recruitment and Retention

This is our dream right here. This is what we want our building to look like with all our health professions together.



Questions:

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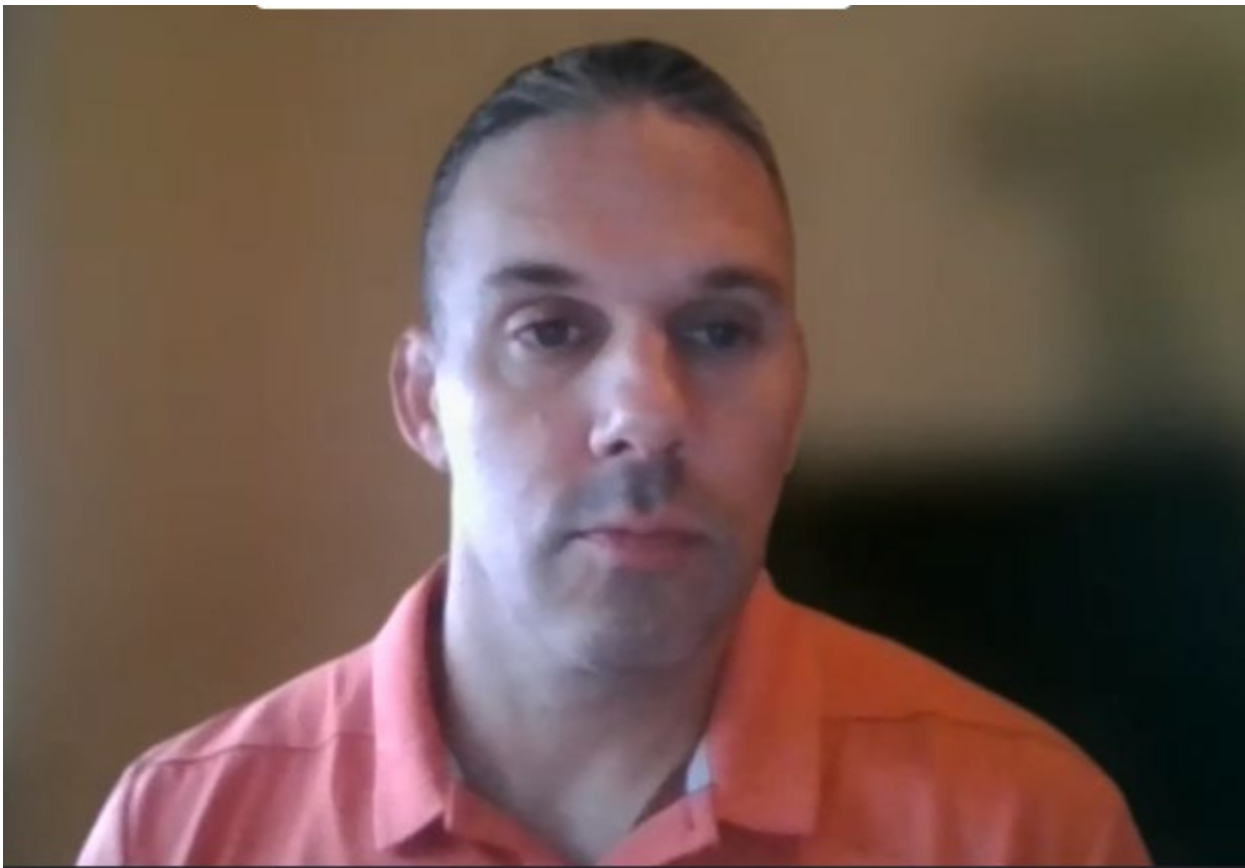
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- In your opinion, are we ever going to have health care for all in the US? What would it take?
 - It would require tremendous shift, our politics and our in the way of how we're looking at health care. And there's a really big debate is as health care, the common good, also their personal responsibility. It's both right. We are personally responsible for our health, but it's also common good. We don't have a healthy society. We don't have healthy people. I don't see that we will have health care for everyone in the very near future. But we are all working towards that, so that we all can be healthy.

✓ *Coach Travis Bush*, UTRGV Head Football Coach



Good morning. I'm excited to be on here this morning and appreciate the opportunity. I'm here to give an update of where we are with football at UTRGV. It's something that's been talked about for a long time. And here we are, and we're going. It's such a long process starting out, and you know right now we're in our big building phase. We're working on building a staff right now. You'll see in the next few months a lot of construction.

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around the athletic pieces on campus to build some facilities not only for football, but all sports at the same time. We are already recruiting for the class of 2024, and that'll be the first class we bring in with students. But I think the biggest thing we're excited about is the support. The excitement around here, the support, not just from campus and staff, but all the communities in the Valley. I think the fact that you know we've already sold close to 1500 season tickets, and we're still 924 days away from our first ball game shows you the support and the excitement. I think this is something that's been wanted. They've wanted here for a long time. And here we are, and we're going, and it's huge. I think football is huge. It's going to be big. There's a huge market for division one college football. But you know, in our end, this is way bigger than football, you know. In reality, we're just a small piece of the university. and having been a part of this and having seen firsthand what adding football along with having a successful football program can do for the entire university.

The biggest piece here is really kind of completing the total campus life for our students. We're adding a marching band, college football. You got your game day atmosphere. We have got 16 division one sports already, but really just kind of giving them the final pieces there of that college experience.

Questions:

- What does a practice season encompass? And what does that mean?
 - We're bringing that first class in Fall '24. We're not going to play any games, so everyone in that class will have a Red Shirt year. You're pretty much practicing with no games. So, there's some unique ways. You have to keep the morale up, but it's a great development year for those young guys. Really help them get acclimated to college life. Not having the stresses of playing games or traveling, you know, really helps them start off with a great GPA. And that'll be the focus. But there'll be some things we can do with scrimmages.
- Are we looking at local talent to fill out the roster? Or are we looking to recruit nationwide?
 - Being from Texas, I don't think we need to go outside the State. But yeah, we're going to walk across the street and start recruiting. That's where you want to recruit your area first, your region first. We're going to start in the valley and work our way up in the State of Texas. We've talked about dipping down in Mexico, and there's some big bodies down there as well. We want to take the best we can here out of the valley first and

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give them that opportunity. Going back to that first initial year in in 2024, you know you're roughly going to have about 20 to 25 scholarship players in that first class, but you're going to need about 60 to 80 to practice. So definitely going to start from home and work our way out from here.

- Will the first team be all freshmen red shirts. Or are you also planning to recruit transfers?
 - You want to establish a culture and build a foundation in your program which we want to do with high school student athletes in the area. But having that ability to kick off and maybe have some upperclassmen in certain positions. Yeah, we will definitely utilize all the resources we have.
- Tailgating. Will we be able to tailgate throughout the whole game, or do we need to close up once it begins?
 - I think those decisions will be out of my hands, but I don't know if you can stop anyone in the Valley from tailgating. I anticipate an amazing atmosphere. You Look at HEB Park, and how it's set up. It's beautiful. I can't wait. 924 days away. It's going to be a fantastic atmosphere, just to be a part of it.
- Are we running a 3 4 defense or 43?
 - Hopefully, we'll be able to do both.
- Will we be competing in the WAC?
 - The WAC is where we're in right now, in all sports. Some of those schools don't play football. What's happening right now is the football schools in the WAC, in our conference, are going to merge to form a football only conference that will open this year. They're still working on. We're having meetings on the actual names since it's a football only conference. But it's going to be a very competitive conference starting out.

✓ *Dr. Reymundo Ramos, Associate Vice President for Student Success*

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Office for Pre-Professional Development

DR. REY RAMOS

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR
STUDENT SUCCESS

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley

I wanted to be able to share some news with you guys. We have launched a brand-new website. I wanted to start getting word out before we start getting a lot of questions in Student Success and Academic Advising.

We have launched this new office. When I first arrived at UTRGV 3 years ago, one of the questions that I kept asking was, where is the pre-professional support for our students? And so now what we've been given the charge of doing with the support of Dr. Bailey and Dr. Arnie and Dr. Charlton is to really for the first time have a campus-wide office that will support all of these students that have an interest in pursuing a post-secondary professional degree.

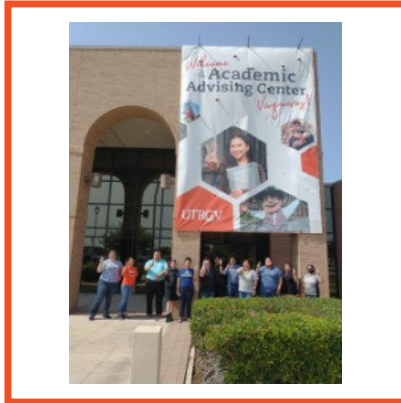
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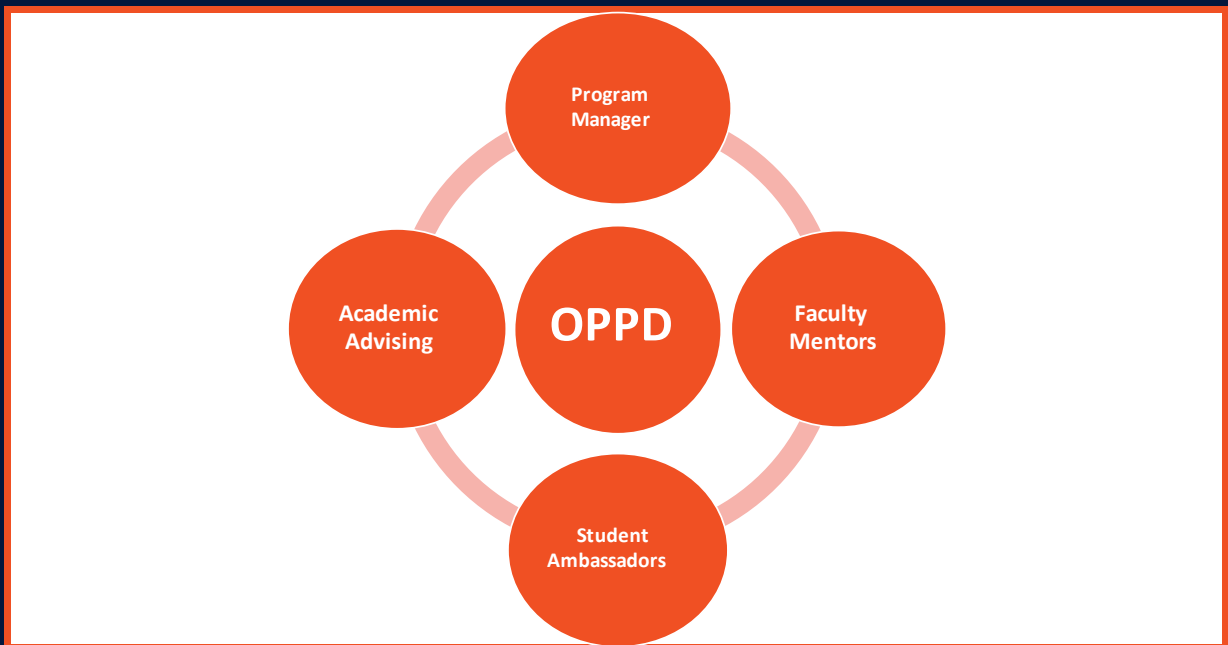


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We will have support services both on the Brownsville campus and the Edinburg campus. We have very intentionally placed this office within sort of the umbrella of academic advising. There's going to have to be some close collaboration between our health and sciences, advisors, and really our other advisors.



The team when we initially begin is going to be small. Because the team is going to be so small. We are really going to have to leverage collaborations with other people on campuses.

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It's going to be vitally important. As I mentioned, academic advisors are working with this office to ensure that our students are on track. We're going to have to build very quickly a network of faculty mentors that's able to speak to these students not only about what it's going to take to face the rigors of a pre professional program, but also what it really means to be a PA or a doctor, or a pharmacist or dentist, those sorts of things. I think that also it's going to be important for us to sort of grow student, a program for student ambassadors, so students that are upper classmen that have already begun preparing, or been through admissions, processes that has been through interviews, those sorts of things so that way they can also help mentor our students. , We hope not only to have faculty mentors, but also peer to peer mentors that will help prepare our students in the best way possible.



These are sort of the pathways that we anticipate serving right off the back. Whether they want to go premed, or podiatric medicine. They want to be a dentist, a PA, either an ophthalmologist or optometrist, a pharmacist, etc. You notice the lawyer sort of has that orange line around it. We will add prelaw to the mix here.

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What do we plan to do through this office? Really, again, it's to provide a wealth of different services. Obviously, we plan to have programming and outreach to our undergraduate students. There's an element of major and career exploration that I think needs to happen.

The link for the website is listed there it is live. So, if you have any students that are interested in some of these programs I would suggest. You send them to this website.

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- I just had a call from a parent asking if they could sign up for early admission to physical therapy. I informed them that our college wasn't offering that early admission yet. Is your office extending anything like that to the physical therapy group now?
 - Right now, this is coordinated through the School of Medicine. We just want to help support students by helping them understand what the requirements are for those programs, and when they should be applying for them.

- ✓ *Mrs. Shakera Raygoza*, Co-Owner of Terra Preta Farms (collab with Hub of Prosperity (University Farm) through SENTLI)

Hi! Good morning, everyone. Thank you for allowing us to come and share what we're doing. We started up in 2020 to address the needs of the community for access to fresh produce, and we've been working with Ms. Claudia Garcia with the Campus Food Security Initiative for the past couple of years, getting our fresh produce to the UTRGV community. We've been working to make this more convenient for everyone to access the great produce that is grown right here in the valley.

I am a farmer. I'm originally from Florida, but I've been in the valley since 2007, and I own and operate Terra Preta farm, a certified organic farm. I started SENTLI Center during the pandemic, when we had a huge outreach of people from the community looking for fresh produce, looking for eggs, all those things, and we realized that there is a big disconnect. People don't know who their local farmers are, or where to go to buy all this great produce.

Our mission is to reconnect the people to the land, the local food system. We do a lot of educational programs with students. But one of our other projects or programs is doing a veggie box program. The community members come, and they purchase and support those products in advance for the whole season. But that method has evolved, and now it's more of a support. We have members purchase one box at a time, or they can sign up for several or a few. We've been making them available to staff at a discounted rate. My colleague, Priscilla, will cover how you can go about and purchase those online using that discount.

So, the veggie boxes come with 6 to 8 vegetables. That's a medium-sized box, which I think is convenient for most people if we're just now starting to incorporate more in our diet. We also have the large box for those who are plant-based. That comes with 8 to 10 items, and everything is sourced here locally from the RGV from local farmers. They mostly are on a

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small scale. They probably are farming on less than an acre, so we try to support those small growers. We work with about 10 right now. Right now, we do just have the option to pick up at the Hub of Prosperity on Saturday mornings. But if there is a lot of interest, you know we'd be interested in trying to set up a pickup at a location in Brownsville. So please reach out to us. If that's something anyone might be interested in and hosting a pickup or a distribution time over there in Brownsville.

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HOME FARM2GO BOXES ONLINE MARKET MEET YOUR RGV FARMERS REGISTER HERE! CONTACT US

SENTLI

WELCOME TO SENTLI ONLINE MARKET!

Senti Center for Regenerative Agriculture is a non-profit organization whose **mission** is to reconnect people to the Land and their Local Food Systems. Our vision is to regenerate a thriving local food system where farmers grow in harmony with nature and community members work side-by-side to nourish mind, body, and soul. We strive to increase the accessibility and affordability of nutrient-dense sustainably grown food for our communities to ensure the viability of our family farms. We accomplish this through Education, Regeneration, Food Policy, and Research.

CONNECTING FARMERS-TO-COMMUNITY

Sentli **serves both local Rio Grande Valley Farmers and Community** by aggregating locally grown vegetables and value-added products on an **Online Marketplace**. We make it possible for Farmers (Producers) to work together to meet the growing demand for Fresh, Local, Sustainable food in the RGV. Farmers **BENEFIT** from the marketing, selling, packaging and delivering of their produce and prepared foods. Customers **BENEFIT** from our marketplace by having greater accessibility to a variety of Fresh, Nutritious, Locally Grown vegetables in a Cost-Effective manner on a weekly basis.

SENTLI'S ONLINE MARKET

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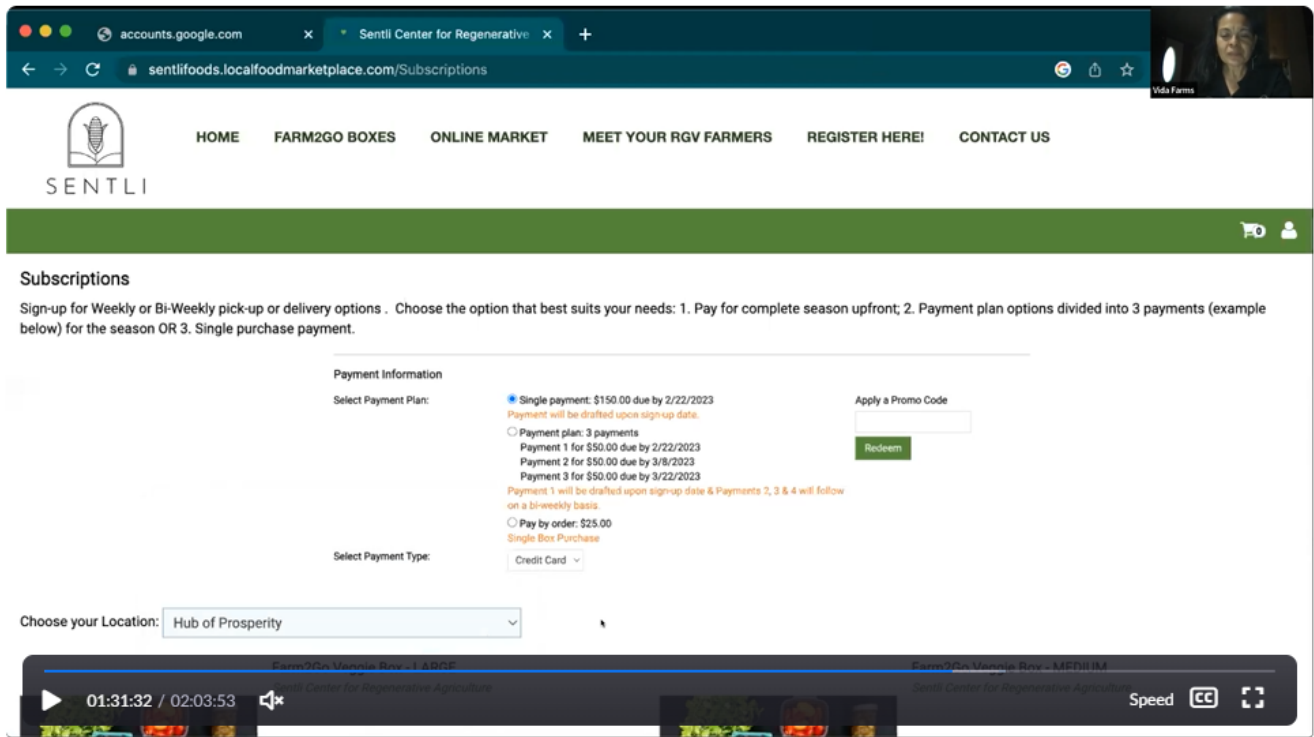
We have this really nice website. It's pretty easy to use for everyone. We have our home. It kind of tells you what we are about, what we're trying to do and you're able to register as a customer. Once you register as a customer. Then you're able to start ordering. You can order the boxes, and it's called the farm to go boxes.

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You would choose the different sizes that you want you're also to be able to choose them on a weekly or buy weekly, I know, for, like bigger families, the large works really well and the bi-weekly works for, like people who probably don't need a lot of vegetables throughout the week.

Again, we're supporting local. We're trying to push that when you buy local you're actually saving money. And it lasts so much longer in your refrigerator, and I feel like some people don't realize that that you spend maybe \$30 \$40 at the grocery store. However, you're having to throw it away because it doesn't last as long.

If you have any questions, please always contact us via email or through this site. I will be available to help if you have any questions.

Claudia Garcia:

Hi! Thank you for this opportunity. It's great to see so many, so many familiar faces, and others that I haven't been able to meet yet. I currently serve as a program coordinator for the office of professional education and workforce development.

I'm going to type our website link so that you can learn a little bit more about what campus with security initiative is, and what opportunities there are for not just students, but staff like us, and faculty. And we're also very active on social media, particularly Instagram. That's the best way to reach our students, so we may have all our information and educational recipes fun and very engaging, so that we get to change habits or eating. Have it a little bit, you

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know, little by little at a time. So, I'm going to include that on the chat, so that you can learn a little bit more about that. But there's one thing that I want to share with you quickly, which is an additional opportunity, in addition to the farm to go boxes on a weekly basis on Tuesdays that we have now call our pay what you can. Tuesday. We offer our students, but it's also available to our all our staff and faculty. Pay what you can meals which are prepared with locally grown produce that is fresh and is in season. Our research kitchen, which is located close to campus across from UREC, Global Blends Deli. As of last week, we started a collaboration with the hub of Prosperity Farm, and they are also, including a fresh produce stand right there on site at the terrace, where you can find locally grown fresh produce that they have during their Saturday's markets.

We prepare meals that are distributed to students during the pickup and distribution hours. We make sure that we're utilizing some of the ingredients that our students can find at the food pantry so that they get to do more with the budget that they have. Of course, always incorporating fresh produce. We work with the community garden where we are. Student organizations have adopted garden beds. We have our own garden beds. We also collaborate with the Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Advancement.

VI. Committee Reports

Communications Committee	Elections & Constitution Committee	Feedback Committee	Staff Success Committee
<u>Chair:</u> Melanie Garza <u>Co-Chair:</u> Rolando Segovia <u>Members:</u> Cristina De Leon Juan Santos-Flores Karina Flores Javier Salinas	<u>Chair:</u> Monica Granado <u>Co-Chair:</u> Irene Cardenas <u>Members:</u> Cristina De Leon Armando Garza David Guerra Kelli Quin	<u>Chair:</u> Jazmin Zuniga <u>Co-Chair:</u> Marisa Campirano <u>Members:</u> Melba Cantu Karen Dorado Nicole Englitsch Alisha Puentes Cordelia Rasa	<u>Chair:</u> Marivel Mata <u>Co-Chair:</u> Veronica Villarreal <u>Members:</u> Orlando Castaneda Claudia Dole Ricardo Lopez Ashley Mercado Laura Romo

Communications Committee

Chair: Melanie Garza, Co-Chair: Rolando Segovia

Members: Juan Santos-Flores, Karina Flores, Noelyn G. Llasos, Laura Romo, Javier Salinas, Rolando Segovia

- We had a workspace decorating contest of which we had all these amazing submissions, Registrar, Recruitment, Admissions, Upward Bound, the OVAL Department, Career Center, Parking and Transportation, UT Health, Advising Center, Biology.
- 2 winners were announced: Audience Award winner Career Center & Student Success
- If you have any questions, email staffsenate@utrgv.edu.

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Elections & Constitution Committee

Chair: Monica Granado, Co-Chair: Irene Cardenas

Members: Cristina De Leon, David Guerra, Kelli Quin

- Elections Committee has been coordinating with HR to compile the list of eligible employees for the Staff Senate election nominations.
- If you have someone you would like to nominate, keep an eye out for the email.

Feedback Committee

Chair: Jazmin Zuniga, Co-Chair: Marisa Campirano

Members: Melba Cantu, Karen Dorado, Nicole Englitsch, Noelyn G. Llasos, Alisha Puentes, Cordelia Rasa

- There weren't any updates shared.
- Provided an image of the feedback submissions addressed thus far.

Staff Success Committee

Chair: Marivel Mata, Co-Chair: Veronica Villarreal

Members: Orlando Castaneda, Claudia Dole, Noelyn G. Llasos, Ashley Mercado, Laura Romo

- Employee Appreciation Week is coming up March 1st – 3rd.
- Staff Senate will be hosting the breakfast event across campuses on March 3rd.
- Athletics is providing free admission to staff and faculty at the 2 baseball games.
- UREC is offering free inbody assessments at Edinburg and Brownsville.
- UTRGV Campus Stores will be providing 20% off one apparel or gift item.
- Be on the lookout for the Staff Appreciation email.

VII. Public Comments & Questions

Kelli Quin, Parliamentarian

- Karen Dorado: The University is sponsoring Charro Days and Sombrero Fest, which are 2 big community events in Brownsville, Thursday, Feb 23rd through Saturday, Feb 25th. If you are interested in being an ambassador for the university at our table, please don't hesitate to reach out at events@utrgv.edu or email me directly.
- Announcement from the B3 Institute. They have the Spanish classes for faculty and staff. It is online synchronous for 10 weeks. There will be an intermediate and conversational class.
- Karen Dorado: Next Wednesday, Student Activities and the Center for Student Involvement will be hosting Charreada on the Brownsville campus from 1 – 3pm. There will be lots of games and fun.

VIII. Adjourn

Yadira opens the Staff Senator floor to make a motion*

'If there aren't any further Public Comments or Questions, we will now move to make motion to adjourn.

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- **Staff Senator Karen Dorado:** "I move to adjourn the Staff Senate General Meeting for the month of February"
- **Yadira-** Is there a second?
- **Staff Senator-** I second.
- **Yadira-** Is there any Debate or Discussion, Debate or Discussion, Debate or Discussion? All those in favor please state aye (in Zoom chat), all opposed (in Zoom chat), any abstentions?
- **Kelli Adjourns at 11:05 am.**