



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
Staff Council

August 2022 Suggestion Box Items

1. Vaccine clinics (Lukas Green on 8/3/22): With the slowly rising number of both COVID-19 and Monkeypox cases in Bexar county. Is the university planning to offer onsite vaccine/ boosters when they become more readily available to students, staff, and faculty?
 - a. Forwarded to Rita Arredondo 8/3/22.
 - b. Rita's response 8/5/22: The University is looking into hosting another COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in the Fall sometime perhaps after September 2022; however, in the meantime, you may check with [City of San Antonio website](#) for where to get your COVID-19 vaccine. Since the vaccine for Monkeypox is in limited availability, it is not possible to schedule any clinic on campus at this time but please see the [City of San Antonio website](#) for more information or please visit Metro Health's [monkeypox webpage](#) or [CDC Monkeypox](#).
 - c. Followed up with Rita on 9/20/22.
2. Branding (Roger Stearns 8/10/22): Since I joined the university five years ago, I have seen the university struggle to brand us as "A&M-SA" over "TAMUSA." The "A&M-SA" is great, and preferred. There doesn't seem to be an easy way to address the "&" in our name for web addresses. However most people still say "tamoosa". Perhaps we could pronounce it "TAM...USA" when giving our university url address. That would get us away from the Moose, and sounds more patriotic.
 - a. Response from Jesse Pisors 8/10/22: I agree with Roger that this is a significant matter. I need to spend more time with my staff working through this in order to propose a solution or response more broadly.
3. Art on campus (Anonymous 8/17/22): Yesterday after convocation we had lunch in the Cafeteria and I noticed the plaque of Nan Palmero had been removed. I was told it's been gone for some time when I inquired about it. I have not been on campus often since the pandemic nor have been in the cafe, so I understand not seeing it removed. We work on a campus that is full of art and each piece has a plaque that gives the artists information... except on the photos in the cafeteria. I would like to ask if a plan is in place to recognize the photographer of those images.
 - a. Forwarded to Jessica Loudermilk 8/17/22: If I recall correctly, essentially, this sign was taken down with the intention of being relocated in the room (as we were asked by system to recognize legislators who have been helpful to us and their plaque was put in that prominent place), but the reinstallation was put off as we considered some changes to the wall colors/art in the dining area. Consideration of those design changes paused with COVID and other challenges taking precedence and during that time, Nan actually asked if he could have the

plaque since it was no longer on display. It is definitely an oversight that there is now not an artist acknowledgement but it's largely due to not having yet reached any resolution on potential changes to the room. I'll ask Facilities about the timeline and about installing an acknowledgement if no changes to the walls are imminent.