

Latinx FS Caucus General Body Agenda/ Meeting Minutes

09/24/2024

[Zoom Meeting](#)

In attendance today:

1. Denis Jacob Machado
2. Adriana L. Medina
3. Aline A. Acosta
4. Daniela Recabarren
5. Eva Gonzalez
6. Monika
7. Roger Suclupe
8. Rosa Reyes
9. Ysatiz Piñero
10. Carmen Serrata
11. Denis Vargas*
12. Maria Sanchez
13. Karla Liboreiro

*Denis Vargas is the newest member because he has not yet been on the listserv. Denis Jacob Machado sent him an invite.

1. Bienvenides! Bem-vindes!

- a. Welcome to our first general body meeting and to all our new members!
- b. Name, pronouns, department, connection to Latine identity
- c. Why are you active in the Caucus?
- d. What else do you need from the Caucus (professional needs; social needs)?

2. Upcoming Meeting Times

Please find the updated information on our website

(<https://fsc.charlotte.edu/about-us/meetings/>) and ping Denis if you see anything that needs changing. The meetings for the Fall semester of 2024 will be virtual (once a month on a Tuesday, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM). Zoom links will be provided via email through our "listserv" (LATINOFS-group@charlotte.edu), and you can email us to become a member.

- a. September 24th
- b. October 29th
- c. November 19th
- d. December 10th

3. Goals for the Semester

4. Updates

5. Past Events

- a. [International Festival](#) - September 21st
- b. [Latin American Coalition Festival](#) - September 21st at noon

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Día de los Muertos - Oct. 30th, 2-4 PM, STUN 267 (Do other departments have interest in collaborating?) Reach out to Eva!
- b. Alumbra Tu Semestre - LASO - Tonight! 09/24, 7pm at Hechenbleikner Lake
- c. Niner Nation is where you belong - Thursday Sep. 26th at 5:30 pm Alumni Pavillion
- d. Pláticas - a Latinx support space for students - September 25th, 1 PM, STUN 262

Denis Jacob Machado' notes from Sept. 24, 2024

Who we are and what do we need:

Adriana asked participants to introduce themselves and explain why they are active in the caucus. I (DJM) tried to capture some of that in the three topics below.

- I. Key Motivations for Joining and Engagement:
 - Sense of Connection: Participants expressed that being part of the caucus fosters a strong sense of belonging and community.
 - Safe Space for Dialogue: Many value the caucus as a supportive, non-judgmental environment where they can openly share thoughts and concerns.
 - Like-Minded Community: The group allows individuals to connect with others who share similar values and experiences, further enhancing their engagement.
- II. Participant Demographics:
 - Several members are new to UNC Charlotte, in their first or second year, seeking a platform to establish meaningful connections and find their place in the university community.
- III. Suggestions for Improvement:
 - There is a growing interest in organizing more in-person meetings to strengthen connections and foster deeper engagement among participants.

DJM shall include these in the next group email:

- Zoom link, date, and time for the next meeting.
- Our website is <https://lfsc.charlotte.edu/>. You will find a lot of information there, including the contact information for the executive committee and the meeting calendar.
- If any Latinx/Hispanic faculty and staff member would like to be added to this directory, they can complete this form. Alternatively, don't hesitate to get in touch with Natalie Ornat at nornat@charlotte.edu.
- I shall ask everyone, but mainly Daniela Recabarren and Eva Gonzalez, to send me information about events that I can post on <https://lfsc.charlotte.edu/news-and-events-noticias-y-eventos/>.
- Please join our Instagram at [@clt_latinx_caucus](https://www.instagram.com/clt_latinx_caucus).