

USA General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

- **Welcome!**

Veronica Ortiz started the meeting at 10:00am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online.

- **Guest Speaker – Dr. Kevin Wooten, Chief Strategy Officer**

Information covering the UHCL Strategic plan and the difficulties creating the plan was provided. Discussion, details and next steps for the “Evolution and Status of UHCL Strategy” and Three Ts” for the “Impact 2025” strategic plan occurred. The floor was open for questions.

USA Committee Reports

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Alyssa Ramirez**

USA has been invited to participate in the Homecoming Welcome Week and will be hosting the Duck Races on April 12th.

- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Esther Herrera**

Upcoming professional development sessions were provided.

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Kate Rivardo**

Spring programming events and dates were provided.

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**

Congratulations were given to Miriam Qumsieh for receiving the Fall USA Scholarship. Information for the Spring scholarship and application deadlines were provided.

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Stephanie Holleran**

No updates were provided.

- **Treasurer’s Report, Chair April Harris**

Updated budget balances were shared.

Shared Governance Reports

- **University Council, Veronica Ortiz**

Searches - Updates on searched were provided. Dr. Matt Aschenbrener has been named the VP Strategic Enrollment Management, Dr. Tina Powellson has been named the VP Student Affairs, and the search for the VP Student Engagement is currently winding down.

Academic Council: Minor in Film and Media and Mechanical Engineering secondary requirements have been approved.

Neumann Library: Lee Hilyer has been named as the Interim Executive Director.

DEI email from the Chancellor: HR is reviewing hiring and promotions to address the items covered in the email.

Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bianca Schonberg and Lee Ann Wheelbarger

Updates on plans on moving the Registrar's Office back to SSCB and a possibility of providing more faculty spaces to address growth in enrollment was provided.

Planning & Budgeting Committee: Kurt Lund and Megan Bearden

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) is looking for input on policies and budget initiatives for the upcoming budget cycle.

University Life Committee: Sheeba Thomas and Fran Davis

No updates were provided.

Hawk Spirit Award!

Presented to Corina Morales, Program Manager of Pearland Campus Operations. Congratulations Corina!

Meeting with Dr. Walker

Veronica updated everyone on the monthly meeting with Dr. Walker.

Dr. Walker he provided updates and timelines for the new VP of Strategic Enrollment Management and the VP of Student Affairs. Legislative updates and processes were also provided.

Veronica provided updates to Dr. Walker over the USSEC (University System Staff Executive Council) Quarterly meeting, possible fundraising ideas, and USA's participation in the Homecoming/Family Weekend with the Duck Races.

Open Forum/Announcements

- **Commencement Ceremony:** Volunteers are still being accepted
- **Chili-Cook Off event:** Will be held on April 15th.
- **Student Leadership Banquet:** Award applications open. Everyone is encouraged to recommend any student leaders, organizations, or advisors.
- **Service Merit Awards:** Will be hosted on April 12th.
- **Staff Merit Awards:** Deadline for nominations will be on March 31st.
- **March Madness Festival:** The Pearland Campus will be hosting this festival on March 25th.
- **Wellness fair:** Will be on March 21st hosted by Student Diversity and Inclusion.
- **Lunch 'n' Learn:** This session will be hosted with local female politicians on March 23rd.