

USA General Meeting Minutes Date March 21, 2024

- **Welcome**
 - Michelle Mirpuri started the meeting at 10:01 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of February Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.
- **Guest Speaker- Dr. Andrew Wiemer, Assistant Vice President of Student Engagement**
 - Information was given regarding Homecoming and Family Weekend April 1-6, 2024
 - April 1-70's day, April 2-80's day, April 3
 - April 1- Decades costume contest
 - April 6- Chili Cook Off (this Friday is the deadline to register your team)
 - Banner Decorating Contest
 - Volunteers Needed
- **Guest Speaker- Dr. Christine Kovic, Professor Social & Cultural Sciences**
 - Information was given regarding Women's History Month.
 - March 22- 6:30 pm Bayou Garden Room, B1510 Center Stage Feminism?: Barbie The Movie
 - March 28- 4-6:50, SSCB 1100 Center Stage Feminism: Beyonce and Taylor Swift
 - April 1-15, 50 Years of Women's and Gender Studies at UHCL- A visual display Bayou, 2nd floor, Atrium II

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**
 - Vice President Voting process will be open soon, and open for one week
 - Staff Advocacy Games- Thank you!
 - Dolce Perez, Haley D'Alessandro, Lauren Sawyer
 - Updates from Dr. Walker
 - New Interim VP for administration and Finance, Mr. Marty Baylor
 - AGB Search firm will assist with the search process for this role
 - Compensation Study-plan is in the works
 - SFAC Committee Member Needed (contact Michele if interested)
- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Fran Hawkins-Williams**
 - Vendor Fair Update
 - March 6-7- raised \$700
 - Planning another vendor fair in April
 - Fundraising ideas: Just to name a few. All suggestions are welcomed
 - Pledge challenge
 - Brunch n Bling
 - Candy Grams
 - If anyone would like to be a part of the committee, please email @davisfl@uhcl.edu
- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Lauren Sawyer**
 - Next Event- April 11 from 11-1 Spring Fling Social Location TBA
- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Lisa Hudson**
 - UHCL Recruitment Training- April 29th

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- LinkedIn Basics- April 5th

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**
 - Applications are currently under review
 - April USA Meeting, the winners will be announced

- **Spring Events Committee**
 - Homecoming & Family Weekend Updates
 - USA Duck Races- Wednesday, April 3rd from 11 am to 1 pm
 - Volunteers needed
 - Pep Rally April 1st
 - USA Duck Races April 3rd
 - Chili Cook off April 6th

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Dr. Johna McClendon**
 - March, 10 team members welcomed.
 - New committee members welcomed in attendance of the USA meeting

- **Treasurer's Report, Chair April Harris**
 - Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

Shared Governance Reports

- **University Council, Michelle Mirpuri**
 - No updates provided.

- **Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bianca Schonberg and Lee Ann Wheelbarger**
 - Walk as One 2024 April 5 at 12, Stroll and Roll was suggested to be more inclusive

- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Megan Bearden and Kim Oldigs**
 - No Updates provided.

- **University Life Committee: Fran Hawkins, Sheeba Thomas, Stephanie Holleran, Luisa Beck**
 - a. Voted in favor of new Alcohol Distribution Policy for events on campus that involve students, staff, faculty, alumni or both. This policy governs the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the University's campuses, at both student and non-student events. This policy is similar to one that UH has adopted. Policy headed to University Council for final approval.

 - b. Voted to retire UHCL HR policy on nepotism. UHCL will adopt SAM 02.A.21 (Nepotism).

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board-Rebekah Gonzalez and Kate Rivardo**
 - Working on updating the By Laws for this committee to have a better direction for next year
 - Upcoming Event: Student vs Staff Kickball Game-April 4

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- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board- Stephanie Holleran**
 - No Updates were provided.

- **Dining Advisory Committee-Juliana Espinosa, La'Quinta Payne, and Carmen Conley**
 - Commuter meal plans for staff/faculty still available for purchase!
 - Visit <https://hawkcard.uhcl.edu> to purchase
 - February events were well attended (Superbowl, Lunar New Year, and Black History Month)
 - Upcoming dining services event: Holi on March 26 from 11-2 at the Patio Café
 - Did you know? UHCL has a dietician who does a weekly menu review to ensure diverse menu options for vegetarian and vegan diets.

- **Hawk Spirit Award!**
 - Presented to Tammy Braswell, Director of Assessment QEP, Congratulations.

- **Open Forum/Announcements**
 - Healthy Hawks (wellness committee for staff/faculty) is being re-branded, and we will hear more from them soon.
 - What would you like to see from a workplace wellness committee?
 - What do you do throughout your day that promotes your individual wellness?
 - Email your answers to: healthyhawks@uhcl.edu

 - Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu

 - UHCL Study Abroad is participating in the French Culture Festival. UHCL community is welcomed to join.

 - Environmental Health and Safety Committee had two members commit.

Meeting concluded at 10:44 am

Next USA general meeting is April 18, 2024 at 10:00am