

USA General Meeting Minutes Date March 20, 2025

- **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.

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**

- Budget Reality and Sustainability
 - Presentation slides and FAQ's available on USA website
- Upcoming USA events
 - Munch & Mingle – March 27th @ Noon
 - Move with Us – April 2nd @ Noon
 - Spring Market & Craft Fair – April 16 & 17
 - Mid-Day Mocktails – May 5th
 - Professional Development Day – coming soon

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Erin Haynes**

- Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
 - Total raised: \$780
- Spring Fair
 - April 16-17 | 10am – 7pm | Bayou Atrium II
 - Come support our vendors!
- Summer Lunch & Learn
 - Looking for at least 3 more activities
 - Contact haynes@uhcl.edu for more information and to host an activity

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelley**

- Midday Mocktails
 - Monday, May 5th | 10am-12pm | Faculty Lounge
 - Tacos, Mocktails & Games

- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Shannon Samuelson**

- Working on workshop for Spring 2025

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Lupita Hernandez**

- Working on Spring scholarship

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**

- Welcome 5 new team members!
 - Melanie Jacobs – Sr. Research Admin. Accountant
 - Ann Theodori – Vice President, Strategic Enrollment Management
 - Marguerite “Maggie” Alix – Coordinator, Military and Family Services
 - Alexa Ventura – Coordinator, Communications and Pearland Student Affairs
 - Marcus Fontenot – Electrician, FMC-Building Maintenance

- **University Events Committee, Chair Dolce Perez**
 - Family Weekend – Saturday, March 29th
 - 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Hunter's Family BBQ Brunch
 - 1:00 Pm – 3:00 PM – Hunter's Carnival & Attractions
 - Mock classroom and information sessions
- **Treasurer's Report, Chair Megan Bearden**
 - Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

Shared Governance Reports

- **Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bernie Streeter & Debra Ross (Alternates: Miriam Qumsieh)**
 - FSSC Meeting scheduled for March 25
 - FSSC Sub-Committee:
 - Space Allocation and Utilization (SAUS):
 - HSH requests a group classroom configuration for 30-40 students in pod seating. Other colleges' needs and detailed requirements are pending.
 - Admin/Finance move to SSCB 3.311 and SSCB 3.312 pending.
 - Parking and Transportation (PTS):
 - All chains on the bollards have been removed
 - Rec & Wellness accessible parking will use the workers to check on use of the accessibility parking spots
 - Shuttle Bus Location - waiting on vendor to be cleared
 - U Traffic Flow will soon have new signs stating DO NOT ENTER WRONG WAY to keep all traffic moving in one direction and to prevent any potential traffic hazards/accidents
 - New Stop Signs @ entrances in the D Lot
 - Some of Lot B will be roped off for construction materials, office trailers, and office staff for new construction.
 - Adjunct Faculty and parking stickers- connect all adjuncts to Parking to help with the parking tag and how much.
 - Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):
 - All lab renovations in SSCB are complete. Bayou lab renovations specifically on the third floor have begun.
 - Laboratory Decommissioning and Equipment Clearance Procedure document was updated to assist the faculty in preparing for lab renovations.
 - Issue raised: Security concerns specifically on the Bayou 3rd floor. During weekend usage, students have reported being followed by public citizens or observing them wandering around. They are described as possibly homeless and/or suspicious. Students have reported this activity to their professors and have been encouraged to report to UHCL PD. Faculty have raised concerns to upper administrators, but no action appears to be taken.
- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Kurt Lund & Dolce Perez (Alternates: Bianca Schonberg & Karen Neira)**
 - No updates

- **University Life Committee: Luisa Beck & Stephanie Holleran (Alternates: Miguel Venegas & Audrey Pena)**
 - Reviewed the Campus Carry policy – no changes made
 - Next meeting in April
 - Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting Friday, April 4 for new requests

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board: Rebekah Gonzalez & Johnathan Davis**
 - Spring 2025 meeting to be scheduled
- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board: Stephanie Holleran**
 - Looking for a 2nd advisory board member!
 - Spring 2025 meeting to be scheduled
- **Dining Advisory Committee: Alicia Salazar & Carmen Conley**
 - No updates
 - Next meeting: 2/20 at 11am
 - Off-Campus/Commuter Student Feedback:
 - Request for more events like the Black History Month celebration held in February in the dining hall.
 - Resident Student Feedback:
 - Desire for additional pasta and homestyle meal options.
 - Suggestion for a "Build Your Own Sandwich" station.
 - Preference for more grilled items instead of fried options.
 - Catering Feedback:
 - Request to label all food at events, including possible allergens.
 - Contact Information:
 - For questions, comments, or concerns, please call: (832) 924-3777

Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to Marci McMahon, Executive Director, Center for Faculty Development, Congratulations.
- **Guest Speaker – Roberta M. Leal, PHD, LMSW, CNP and Maria I. Wilson, EDD, LMSW, LVN: Assistant Professor of Social Work**
 - Self-care Strategies in Higher Education: Mindfulness, Movement & Reflection

Open Forum/Announcements

- **Spring 2025 Commencement**
 - Saturday, May 10, 2025 | NRG Arena
 - Volunteer needed
- **Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu**

Meeting concluded at 10:55 am

Next USA general meeting is April 17, 2025 at 10:00am