USA General Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2017

• Welcome/Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/28/2017:
  o Meeting called to order at 9:03 by Colden Snow
  o Motion to approve minutes: Trisha Ruiz
  o Second motion to approve: Karen Fiscus

• Committee Reports
  o University Council
    ▪ Update by Colden Snow
    ▪ Took place Thursday, October 12th
    ▪ President Blake and various Deans were present, including chairs of ULC, PBC, and FSCS
    ▪ Smoking put on hold to line up with what other schools do; tentative Fall 2019 date to make campus smoke-free
      • Smoking cessation programs to help people quit smoking will be offered
  o Facilities and Support Services Committee
    ▪ Update by Monica McKey
    ▪ Bayou Building Chiller will be replaced on Friday, October 20th and should be completed in 2-3 weeks; there may be a crane on the road by student lot D
    ▪ Final paperwork has been completed on Arbor Roof; should begin within next few weeks and be completed by January 2018
    ▪ Delta Chillers will be replaced by Summer 2018: currently no contract in place
    ▪ STEM and Rec buildings lost a week due to Harvey, but the contractors were able to make up the loss and are still slated for completion Summer 2018
    ▪ Police building is currently under construction and should be completed by late November or early December
    ▪ Final contract is on the Chancellor’s desk for the Health Building in Pearland campus, pending signature
    ▪ Student Housing has been postponed from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019: design complete but had some pricing issues, so changes were made to come under budget and should be finalized within the next few weeks
    ▪ Pearland Campus sustained some flood damage from Harvey, but final repairs are being made on weekends
    ▪ 40-50 parking spots will be added in Lot D for Faculty and Staff (with completion of STEM and Rec buildings)
    ▪ Need to ensure USA spots are being used to avoid losing them
    ▪ University Drive’s road repairs will be fixed once construction has been completed
    ▪ Visitor pay station will be added to Pearland Campus
• Al Black from Environmental Safety is investigating a mold spot located near B3326

○ Planning and Budget Committee
  • Update by Leigh Ann Sheller
  • Jean Carr conducted committee meeting
  • $6.7 million tuition shortfall for FY 2017 (loss of international graduate students biggest contributor); tuition & fees provide 49% of our revenue
    • Hiring freeze, lapsed salaries, and unbudgeted reserves from fund 2064 were used to close the shortfall
    • State allowed UHCL to keep lapsed salary dollars because of Harvey
  • Texas State Legislature reduced UHCL’s general revenue funding by 10%
  • FY18 BASE revenue shortfall: $12.85 million
    • BASE commitments made to cover $5.7 million (45% of shortfall)
    • One-time commitments made to balance budget - $7.1 million (55%) of shortfall: includes lapsed salaries, department reserves, and university reserves
    • Hurricane Harvey may have contributed to additional loss of revenue
    • Fall SCH hours are tentatively up, but will need to see final numbers at the end of October
  • FY19 Additional BASE reduction of $3.5 million; $3.6 million needed to balance budget
    • FY19 budget preparation will begin Feb 2018
  • FY20 - $1.9 million needed to balance budget
  • Legislature also cut Special Item Funding by 30% for biennium (covers CADD, EIH, Downward Expansion, Institutional Enhancement, and High Tech Labs)
    • May go away completely next legislative session
  • Tuition increases are being considered; additional money has been allocated to the colleges to hire additional adjuncts to add more sections and hopefully increase enrollment; new offered degrees and new buildings may help increase enrollment, but prudent spending, leaving non-cruical positions unfilled, and finding new revenue resources will help cover shortfalls

○ University Life Committee
  • Update by Shamae Sanderson-Archer and Dr. Katie Reno
  • No updates: next meeting Tuesday, October 24th

• Treasurer’s Report
  • No change in amounts of 4 cost centers
  • September activity to date: $1370.00
• **Announcements**
  o **Taco Table Update**
    ▪ Cancelled until further notice to comply with health standings, but meeting next week with Environmental Safety will help iron out any issues
    ▪ Likely open by October 27, but Environmental Safety has to approve it
  o **Heart Walk**
    ▪ 8AM on Saturday, October 28th, at Kemah Boardwalk
    ▪ How to sign up: [http://www2.heart.org/goto/UHCLFacultyStaff](http://www2.heart.org/goto/UHCLFacultyStaff)
    ▪ More information: [http://BayAreaHeartWalk.org](http://BayAreaHeartWalk.org)
  o **Commencement Volunteers**
    ▪ Fall 2017 commencement: Sunday, December 17th at NRG Arena (shuttle bus will be provided from UHCL to NRG)
      ▪ 12pm: CSE and COE graduations
      ▪ 5pm: BUS and HSH graduations
    ▪ Go to [www.uhcl.edu/commencement](http://www.uhcl.edu/commencement) and click “Volunteer” link to sign up
  o **Spotlight Speaker: Brian Mills, Director of Campus Recreation and Wellness**
    ▪ Director of Campus Recreation and Wellness
    ▪ Membership info: March 2018 (price likely to increase but will be kept reasonable and comparative to other gym memberships nearby)
    ▪ HR and monthly deductions may be possible on memberships
    ▪ Information sessions available throughout Fall 2017; more will be added Spring 2018
    ▪ Questions, comments, and concerns can be sent to campusrecreation@uhcl.edu if unable to attend an information session
  o **Quote of the Day and Closing**
    ▪ “Be strong minded and always think that the impossible is possible.” – Selena Quintanilla
    ▪ Closing by Colden Snow at 10:00