**University Staff Association** 

**USA General Meeting Minutes** 

August 11, 2022 - 10:00-11:00 am - Faculty Club

#### Welcome!

Veronica Ortiz opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 11, 2022. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed us the meeting was being recorded.

# Opening Quote

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Guest Speaker – Tony Moreno, UH Senior Auditor, Internal Audit

While Tony works out of Central Campus, he will be meeting with all offices on the UHCL campus over the course of this fiscal year. He'll be conducting outreach to UHCL to explain the function of the Internal Audit Office and he'll be building relationships with our campus. He'll be utilizing his risk assessment skills to prepare our campus to be proactive versus reactive. Some of you have probably already met with him.

## USA Committee Reports

- o Fundraising Committee, Vacant
- Professional Development Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter
   Bernie shared that the committee is working to develop Summer '22 Professional Development and is seeking recommendations, suggestions and volunteers
- Program Planning Committee, Chair Kate Rivardo Kate first shared a recap from 21-22: Virtual Trivia Sessions, Picnics at Potter Pond, Bingo Events, Ice Cream Social, Snow Cone Social, Staff vs. Student Volleyball Tournament, and the Sunshine Committee/Monthly Appreciations visited 16 departments between December-July! Kate also asked for suggestions for additional programs and if anyone is interested in helping, please let her know!
- o **Scholarship Committee**, Chair Dillon Nash
  - Dillon shared a recap from 21-22: the scholarship process got a revamp the process went from paper forms to an electronic form submission process. This increased our applicants drastically and really streamlined the process. The committee began utilizing a rubric for submissions. We awarded \$1,500 in scholarships and had the largest applicant pool ever after the switch to an online application process. Dillon thanked everyone who served on the committee during his tenure as chair.
- Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Stephanie Holleran Stephanie shared that the "new" year's Hawk Onboarding Team has begun again. She shared that she is still attending monthly New Employee Orientations and we learned she will be continuing as the chair of the committee. YEAH!!
- Treasurers Report, Chair April Harris
   USA Support \$5,090.27
   University Staff Association \$221.44
   USA Scholarships \$1,100.02



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## • Shared Governance Reports

- O University Council, Chair Matthew Perry
  Matt shared that an Alternate Work Group has been formed and they've begun to
  meet to develop UHCL processes. Matt also shared that a Program Proposal has been
  completed (this includes estimated costs, design elements, space allocations, etc.) and
  a Proforma is being drafted. Students will vote on the referendum this year to add a
  Student Center fee. We also learned that the estimated opening may be 2026.
- Facilities and Support Services Committee, Chairs Bianca Schonberg and Lee Ann Wheelbarger
  - No updates Meetings will resume in September.
- Planning and Budgeting Committee, Chairs LeeAnn Wheelbarger and Kurt Lund Kurt shared that budget initiatives have been approved through University Council. The next step is approval by the Board of Regents – with merit at #1 priority.
- University Life Committee, Chairs Sheeba Thomas and Kenneth Cunningham No Updates.

