

USA General Meeting Minutes Date September 21, 2023

- **Welcome**

- Dillon Nash started the meeting at 10:00 am. He gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of August Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker – Dr. Allison Gillespe, Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer**

- Information was given regarding changes to the strategic plan regarding SB 17. The covered topics were university values, university strategic themes, Three T's, and University Level Strategic Objectives.

USA Committee Reports

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Fran Hawkins-Williams**

- Harvest Fair Dates were given-October 23rd through October 25th. Still accepting vendor applications and volunteers are welcomed.
- In November, USA will be selling Bay Area Food Lovers Cards
- Please expect more information soon regarding a silent auction and flocking event

- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Lisa Hudson**

- The idea of “What does it mean to be a Hawk” is being considered to use in future programming and planning.

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Lauren Sawyer**

- Fall Social Date was given-October 20th, from 11am to 1pm in Atrium I

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**

- No updates were given

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Dr. Johna McClendon**

- Over the past two months, 33 new employees were welcomed. Their names and titles were shown on screen.
- The next New Employee Orientation will be held on October 18th.
- New members to this committee are welcomed

- **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, Dillon Nash**

- The Shared Governance Policy Review Committee has been formed, and the staff member representation are LeeAnn Wheelbarger, Michelle Mirpuri, and Veronica Ortiz. They will be working alongside VP Denny.

- **Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bianca Schonberg and Lee Ann Wheelbarger**
 - Chairs were elected for FSSC, the Parking Sub-Committee, and the Space Allocation and Utilization Committee.

- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Megan Bearden and Kim Oldigs**
 - New Chair elected.
 - First meeting Thursday September 21st, subsequent meeting will take place on the third Thursday of each month (12-1:30pm)

- **University Life Committee: Fran Hawkins, Sheeba Thomas, Stephanie Holleran, Luisa Beck**
 - Information was given regarding retiring three HR policies and the ULC By-Laws review
 - The committee is considering adding an additional committee member

- **Hawk Spirit Award!**
 - Presented to Susan Clark, Computing Coordinator II- OIT. Congratulations.

- **Meeting with Dr. Walker**
 - Dillon updated everyone on the monthly meeting with Dr. Walker.

- **Open Forum/Announcements**
 - USA is on Instagram now, follow us
 - Dining Advisory Council are meeting next week with a counseling firm. Any feedback is welcomed to share with them.
 - Spirit Week 2023 is October 9th through 14th.
 - Please email Lisa Hutson if you would like to partner with her on the Professional Development committee.
 - I heart UHCL day decoration contest is Weds, Oct 11th. Please participate.
 - October 13th is UHCL Cares Day if you would like to volunteer
 - Student Leadership and Career Development Conference is on November 4th. Contact Dillon Nash if you would like to make a presentation

Meeting concluded at 10:31 am

Next USA general meeting is October 19, 2023 at 10:00am