

USA General Meeting Minutes Date August 15, 2024

- **Welcome**
 - Michelle Mirpuri started the meeting at 10:04 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of July Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker- Dr. Weimer, Assistant Vice for Student Engagement**
 - Information was given regarding Weeks of Welcome August 19th-31st
 - Events calendar is located on the website: www.uhcl.edu/wow
 - Welcome Back Bash Thursday, August 22, 2024 (4-7pm) Students meet student organizations.
 - Welcome Back Community BBQ Tuesday, August 27, 2024 (12-2pm) Department fair and activities
 - Ambassador Welcome Tables
 - Beryl Campus Clean Up Day Friday, August 30, 2024 (9am-12pm)
 - Campus Open House Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (12-4pm)
 - Volunteers Needed!

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**
 - Welcome Incoming Board Members
 - Updates from President Walker
 - Student enrollment- largest incoming undergraduate class in quite awhile
 - Business operations- moving to Bayou
 - EIH- moving to NOA 1
 - New Dean of Science and Engineering- Dr. Jennifer Irvin
 - New Director of Admissions- Richard Floyd
 - New USSEC Meeting @ UHCL, September 20th

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Erin Hayes & Fran Hawkins-Williams**
 - Phil The Box Fundraiser Update
 - September 23-27 (Tentative)
 - Acceptable donations (lightly Used)
 - Clothes, shoes
 - Handbags, wallets, purses, belts
 - Curtains, blankets, towels
 - Join the Fundraising Committee! Email haynes@uhcl.edu

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelly & Lauren Sawyer**
 - Currently researching fall events

- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Shannon Samuelson & Lisa Hudson**
 - No updates provided.

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Lupita Hernandez & Bernie Streeter**
 - No updates provided

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- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter & Dr. John McClendon**
 - No updates provided
- **Treasurer's Report, Chair Megan Bearden & April Harris**
 - Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

Shared Governance Reports

- **Facilities & Support Services Committee, Shelly Matejka & Debra Ross (Alternates Christine Paul & Bernie Streeter)**
 - Working on Sub Committee assignments
- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Kurt Lund & Dolce Perez (Alternates Bianca Schonberg & Karen Neira)**
 - PBC meeting was scheduled but canceled
 - Trying to get existing items passed/approved - new travel policy, looking at doing per diem instead of receipts.
 - Concern was raised regarding how this will affect those traveling with groups of students.
- **University Life Committee: Luisa Beck & Stephanie Holleran (Alternates Miguel Venegas & Dr. Johna McClendan)**
 - No updates provided

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board- Rebekah Gonzalez and Jonathan Davis**
 - The advisory board will begin meeting in September
 - Are there any comments, questions, or concerns to bring to the board?
- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board- Stephanie Holleran & Caye Trahan**
 - No Updates provided
 - Request to expand the sizing of clothing items
- **Dining Advisory Committee- Salma Argumedo-Salazar & Carmen Conley (Alternate Juliana Espinosa)**
 - Committee voted in favor of increasing prices for dining services per Chartwell's annual contract.
- **Hawk Spirit Award!**
 - Presented to Laura Thomas, Assistant Director, Health Services, Congratulations.
- **Open Forum/Announcements**
 - Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu
 - Today from 1-5:30, and tomorrow from 8:30-12. College Advising Drive in Atrium 1. For Continuing Students.

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Meeting concluded at 10:41 am

Next USA general meeting is September 19, 2024 at 10:00 am