

USA General Meeting Minutes Date October 16, 2025

- **Welcome**

- Daniela Valenzuela started the meeting at 10:02 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of September Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker:**

- Dr. Natalie Pecknold, Executive Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**

- University Holiday Save-the-Dates:
 - Oct 31, 10 am: Halloween Social
 - Nov 13, noon: Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - Dec 17, TBD: Holiday Reception
- Shared Governance: 2 USA representatives for PAC: Shannon Samuelson and Stephanie Holleran

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Lorena Clamont & Venus Turner**

- Working on the Fall Harvest Fair
 - Waiting for vendors to response
- Getting the Bay Area Food Lovers Discount Cards (BAFLC)

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelley & Ashley Connelley**

- Nov 5 | 10am – 12:30pm | Forest Room
 - Relaxation Station - Take a break and recharge with a relaxing chair massage. (Games, coloring, and snacks!)
- Dec 9 | 12pm – 2pm | Forest Room
 - Winter Lunch & Games – Enjoy BYOL lunch, play some games, and show off your best (or worst!) Ugly Sweater for a chance to win a prize!
- Jan 7 | Time TBD | TBD
 - Welcome Back Social – Kick off the new year with friends, hot chocolate, and good vibes.
- Mar 18 | Time TBD | RWC Backyard
 - Spring Break Field Day & Picnic Lunch – Join us outdoors for games, fun, and a picnic lunch - BYOL to celebrate spring break.
- Apr 16 | 2pm – 4pm | TBD
 - Paws For A Break – Relax and unwind with therapy dogs and stress-free activities.

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

- Prepare for Professional Development in December

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Sergio Martinez**

- Looking for new members to join the committee

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Johnathan Davis**

- November NEO is TBA as of 10/16/2025

University of Houston Clear Lake

University Staff Association

- The Hawk Onboarding Team is looking for new members!
 - If interested, email davisjt@uhcl.edu for more information
- Mandatory Training October 06, 2025 – November 21, 2025
- **University Events Committee, Chair Calvin Nguyen**
 - No updates
- **Treasurer's Report, Chair Panya Milliner**
 - Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board: Marguertie Alix & Larisa Landry**
 - No updates
- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board: Jenny Perna & Theresa Rodriguez**
 - No updates
- **Dining Advisory Committee: Dolce Perez & Kimberly Duren**
 - Meeting scheduled for October 24

Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to Marguerite Alix, Coordinator, Veteran & Military Resource Center. Congratulations!

Open Forum/Announcements

- November 11: Veteran Day | 12:30 – 2pm | Atrium II
- **Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu**

Meeting concluded at 10:46 am

Next USA general meeting is November 20, 2025 at 10:00am