

USA General Meeting Minutes Date February 20, 2025

- **Welcome**

- Michelle Mirpuri started the meeting at 10:01 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of January Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker – Nicholas Kelling, Ph.D.: Professor of Psychology, Planning and Budget Committee Chair**

- Financial health metrics for the university were introduced
 - While certainly helpful for university budget planning for a long-term future, there is limited immediate utility
- Monitoring the current enrollment decline
- Status of the university's fund balance
- Enacted FY25 budget cuts

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**

- How USA can support staff engagement and morale
- USSEC meeting
 - Friday, Feb 21 | 10am – 1pm | Virtual

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Erin Haynes**

- Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
 - February 3 – 28 | Total raised as of 2/19: \$690
 - Booking online: <https://tinyurl.com/Flocking2025>
 - Email/Teams haynes@uhcl.edu to join Flocking Crew
- Summer Lunch & Learn: Call for Activities
 - May – July
 - Participants will pay a small fee towards scholarship fund (and supplies if needed)
 - Contact haynes@uhcl.edu if interested in hosting a session
 - Example activities: Dance, Coding, Painting, Chess, Rubik's Cube, Cryptograms, Photography, Playing an Instrument, Exercise Techniques, Knitting/Crochet, Origami....

- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelley**

- Planning end of semester event – name TBD
 - Monday, May 5th | 10am-12pm | Faculty Lounge

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

- Working on workshop for Spring 2025

- **University Events Committee, Chair Dolce Perez**

- Family Weekend – Saturday, March 29th
 - 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Hunter's Family BBQ Brunch
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Hunter's Carnival & Attractions

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Lupita Hernandez**
 - Congratulations to our three recipients!
 - Daniela Valenzuela
 - Panya Milliner
 - Lauren T. Sawyer
- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**
 - Welcome 6 new team members!
- **Treasurer's Report, Chair Megan Bearden**
 - Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

Shared Governance Reports

- **Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bernie Streeter & Debra Ross (Alternates: Miriam Qumsieh)**
 - FSSC Meeting held Feb 17
 - Project Status revealed only Copy Cove Ricoh is in construction at 80% complete
 - Next major project will be Bayou CCAP. Construction scheduled to start March 2025
 - FSSC Sub-Committee:
 - Space Allocation and Utilization (SAUS):
 - No meeting in February
 - Parking and Transportation (PTS):
 - Pending meeting with H. Glass
 - Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):
 - No meeting in February, next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025
- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Kurt Lund & Dolce Perez (Alternates: Bianca Schonberg & Karen Neira)**
 - Meeting on 2/27
- **University Life Committee: Luisa Beck & Stephanie Holleran (Alternates: Miguel Venegas & Audrey Pena)**
 - Violence on Campus UHCL Map 01.F.08 - Chief Miller addressed feedback from December meeting. MAP was approved by University Council after our meeting
 - Recommendation to University Council meeting to retire MAP 02.A.18 Probationary Period for Regular Staff employees because it is the same as a system SAM policy, word for word.
 - Next meeting today, 2/20 at 2:30pm.
 - Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) – Re-scheduled to April 4th
 - Meeting on new requests

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board: Rebekah Gonzalez & Johnathan Davis**
 - Spring 2025 meeting to be scheduled

University of Houston Clear Lake

University Staff Association

- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board: Stephanie Holleran**
 - Looking for a 2nd advisory board member!
 - Spring 2025 meeting to be scheduled
- **Dining Advisory Committee: Alicia Salazar & Carmen Conley**
 - No updates
 - Next meeting: 2/20 at 11am

Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to Erick Ortiz, Director of Academic Advising, Human Sciences and Humanities, Congratulations.

Open Forum/Announcements

- **Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu**

Meeting concluded at 10:55 am

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