

USA General Meeting Minutes Date May 15, 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 April Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker – Michelle Mirpuri: USA President**

- About University Staff Association (USA)
 - Consists of 30 Executive Board members
- Purpose and mission
- Benefits of Involvement
 - Giving staff members a voice within our university community.
 - Providing members with learning opportunities and advocating for their current and future needs.
 - Providing staff members the opportunity to socialize and engage with campus.
 - Providing scholarship opportunities for staff to pursue further education.
- Nomination & Election Process
 - Executive Board Nominations: June 2 – 13
 - Executive Board Elections: June 23 – July 3
 - Executive Board Announcements: by August 1

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**

- Notes from President Walker
 - Budget updates
 - VP of Administration and Finance: start date July 13
 - Interim plan for Human Resources: coming soon
 - UH-Victoria campus will officially become part of the Texas A&M system
- University System Staff Executive Council meeting

- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Erin Haynes**

- Total raised by Spring Market Fair: \$1,207
- Grand total raised in Spring 2025: \$1,987

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

- Planning for future events!

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

- Professional Development Webinar: Pearland, 11am-noon - <https://pace.uhcl.edu/>

- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Lupita Hernandez**

- The application is open
 - From Monday, May 12 to Friday, May 30, 2025
- Looking for people to help review applications, email davisjt@uhcl.edu

- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Bernie Streeter**
 - New Employee Orientation on May 21st
 - Welcome 4 new employees
- **University Events Committee, Chair Dolce Perez**
 - No updates
- **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)**
 - No meeting scheduled until Sept 2025 per April 15 minutes.
 - Please note the following Bayou building Construction updates:
<https://www.uhcl.edu/about/administrative-offices/facilities/planning-construction/>
 - Parking impacts in Lot B soon. Staff parking available in Lot D.
 - Sidewalk access to Bayou building will be impacted.
 - Staff office renovations will begin on or before May 15.
 - UHCL Spirit Store construction activity began May 12.
 - FSSC Sub-Committee:
 - Space Allocation and Utilization (SAUS):
 - May meeting was cancelled
 - Parking and Transportation (PTS):
 - May meeting was cancelled
 - Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):
 - May meeting was cancelled
- **Planning & Budgeting Committee: Kurt Lund & Dolce Perez (Alternates: Bianca Schonberg & Karen Neira)**
 - No updates
- **University Life Committee: Luisa Beck & Stephanie Holleran (Alternates: Miguel Venegas & Audrey Pena)**
 - Reviewed Call for Help and Medical Amnesty Policy
 - Reviewed FML Policy

Campus Committee Updates

- **Campus Recreation Advisory Board: Rebekah Gonzalez & Johnathan Davis**
 - No updates
- **Campus Bookstore Advisory Board: Stephanie Holleran**
 - Looking for a 2nd advisory board member!
 - No updates

- **Dining Advisory Committee: Alicia Salazar & Carmen Conley**
 - Baked potatoes will be offered last Wed. of June, July, and August
 - Negotiations are underway with Chartwells regarding amending the contract
 - Adding homestyle meals to the Boost app
 - Phase 2: exploring “a make your own sandwich station” (1 year anticipation)

Hawk Spirit Award!

Open Forum/Announcements

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

Meeting concluded at 10:48 am

Next USA general meeting is July 17, 2025 at 10:00am