

USA General Meeting Minutes Date January 15, 2026

- **Welcome**
 - Daniela Valenzuela started the meeting at 10:03 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online. Approval of December Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.
- **Guest Speaker:**
 - Terry Hanson, Vice President of Admin & Finance

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update**
 - Updates USA Mission and Scholarships:
 - USA Missions Statement: University Staff Association (USA) is dedicated to advancing the university's mission by maintaining a service-oriented, collaborative environment throughout the university community while advocating for the advancement of staff success and engagement. The leadership of its elected officials/committee members and the association empower its members by creating meaningful experiences through networking, scholarships, and professional development aimed at supporting career and personal growth
 - Scholarships and Professional Development Scholarship – Tentative Date: March 2026
- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Venus Turner & Marietta Dahanayake**
 - Marietta Dahanayake is the new Fundraiser Co-Chair
 - Raising Canes Fundraiser February 14, 2026: 11am – 7pm.
 - Flocking Flamingos Fundraiser starts February 2. We need to know where the flamingos are located and send email about the fundraiser.
- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelley & Ashley Connelley**
 - More details about March 18 social is coming soon
- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Shannon Samuelson**
 - Preparing for Professional Development in Spring 2026
- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Luis de Leon Polanco**
 - New Scholarship Committee Chair
 - Looking for new members to join the committee
- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Johnathan Davis**
 - New Employee Orientation was on Wednesday, January 21, 2026
 - The Hawk Onboarding Team is looking for new members!
 - If interested, email davisjt@uhcl.edu for more information
- **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**
 - No updates

Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to UHCL Custodial Services, Facilities Management and Constructions. Congratulations!

Open Forum/Announcements

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

Meeting concluded at 10:56 am

Next USA general meeting is February 19, 2026 at 10:00am