

USA General Meeting Minutes Date April 16, 2026

- **Welcome**
 - Daniela Valenzuela started the meeting at 10:02 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online.
- **Guest Speaker:**
 - Dr. Esther Herrera, Director, Organizational Development/Engagement
 - ePerformance training
 - Training for all UHCL Staff: April – May 2026
 - Go Live: July 2026

USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update, Daniela Valenzuela & Lupita Hernandez**
 - Updates from President Walker:
 - SSI AVP Search – 4 finalist forums continue to be on campus. All staff are welcome to attend and fill out the feedback Survey.
- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Marietta Dahanayake & Rebecca Palmer**
 - Have summer fundraising ideas?
 - Contact USA@uhcl.edu or Marietta & Rebecca!
- **Program Planning Committee, Chair Mary Shelley & Ashley Connelley**
 - USA Awards: Celebrate the Flock
 - June 2, 2026 | 12-1:30pm | Garden Room
 - Join us as we celebrate the incredible work of UHCL staff. These light-hearted awards are designed to recognize and appreciate staff who make a positive impact across campus. Light snacks will be served; awards presentation will begin at 12:30 PM.
- **Professional Development Committee, Chair Shannon Samuelson**
 - No updates
- **Scholarship Committee, Chair Luis de Leon Polanco**
 - No updates
- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Johnathan Davis**
 - 2026 Faculty and Staff Service Awards
 - Tuesday | April 21, 2026 | 2:00pm-4:00pm
 - UHCL welcomed 10 new employees in April 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**
 - Impact Night: April 16 | 6pm – 8pm | Bayou, Forest Room
 - The BIG Event: April 18 | 8am – 1pm
 - UHCL's largest day of service
 - Admitted Students Day: April 25

- Welcome new Hawks! Get them enrolled!
 - Center for Student Engagement: HawkCon April 30 | 7pm – 10pm | Campus Rec
 - Commencement: May 9 | NRG Arena
- **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**
 - A Supper Club event is being planned for April 29, 2026, in the Forest Room. This event has proven very popular at UH. They hope to create the same here at UHCL.
 - We learned the Hawk Pantry will work with Chartwell's to get the Grab 'N Go food that is close to expiration. These items will be offered to eligible students through the Pantry.
 - There was a discussion on whether residents' Dining Dollars could be donated to students with food insecurities. We'll provide an update when more is known.
 - The Division of Student Affairs will hold a Townhall in the Fall of 2026 to get feedback from residents. Especially why they don't use all their Dining Dollars.
 - Chartwells is reviewing the Catering Menu for Students with potential feedback to be provided.
 - Dining Focus Groups will be held on April 23rd. Please watch your email for an invitation. They're hoping for a large turnout!

Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to David Losoya, Coordinator, Veteran & Military Resource Center. Congratulations!

Open Forum/Announcements

- UHCL Commencement – Celebrate our graduating Hawks and help make the day special for our students and their families: [Spring 2026 Commencement Volunteer Registration](#)
- Honors Practicum Business Panel Presentations (Pasadena ISD) – Share your professional insights by serving on a business panel from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on May 4, May 5, May 11, or May 12.
Sign up [HERE](#) and select the date(s) that fit your schedule.
- Admitted Student Day – Help us welcome newly admitted Hawks to campus! Check out the [Spring 2026 Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#) for event details and available time slots.
- **Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email USA@uhcl.edu**

Meeting concluded at 10:53 am

Next USA general meeting is May 21, 2026 at 10:00am