

## USA General Meeting Minutes Date May 21, 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:**
  - USA Executive Board Description

### USA Committee Reports

- **President and Vice President Update, Daniela Valenzuela & Lupita Hernandez**
  - Updates from President Walker:
    - Enrollment = budget projections
    - Business Operations Structure Change
    - Atriums I & II Leak Repair
    - Summer Socials dates: TBD
- **Fundraising Committee, Chair Marietta Dahanayake & Rebecca Palmer**
  - Have summer fundraising ideas?
    - Contact [USA@uhcl.edu](mailto: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**
  - Maria Guadalupe Torres Scholarship
    - Opens from May 25 until June 8 at 5pm
- **Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Johnathan Davis**
  - UHCL welcomed 7 new employees in May 2026
  - The Hawk Onboarding Team is looking for new members!
    - If interested, email [davisjt@uhcl.edu](mailto: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**
  - The last Dining Advisory Committee met on 04/23/26, the following are updates from that meeting.
    - Finals Frenzy with stress-relieving activities was held on 05/04/26.
    - A Student Catering Menu is now available to all Student clubs, associations, etc. The menu provides student-friendly pricing.
    - \$2.00 Spring Candy Sale at the Patio Cafe
    - It was announced for the FamilyU Initiative that highchairs will be available beginning in the Fall of 2026!
    - Also, for the FamilyU Initiative beginning in the Fall of 2026, a kids' menu will be available. Items include chicken tenders/fries and grilled cheese/fries!

### Hawk Spirit Award!

- Presented to Casandra Heslep, Director, Financial Aid. Congratulations!

### Open Forum/Announcements

- **Interested in presenting at a USA meeting? Email [USA@uhcl.edu](mailto:USA@uhcl.edu)**

*Meeting concluded at 10:50 am*

**Next USA general meeting is June 18, 2026 at 10:00am**