

University of Houston Clear Lake

University Staff Association

USA General Meeting Minutes Date August 17, 2023

- **Welcome!**

Veronica Ortiz started the meeting at 10:00 am. She gave a reminder that the meeting will be recorded and posted online.

Approval of July Minutes, motion to approve, and seconded. Passed as written.

- **Guest Speaker – Dr. Tina Powellson, VP Student Affairs**

Information was given regarding the new DEI laws. The position and office directly impacted are Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Bryce Yates and the center for Student Diversity Equity and Inclusion. As of September 1st, Dr. Yates will shift to Executive Director of HSI and MSI strategic initiatives. A new center was formed, the center for Student Advocacy and Community.

USA Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee, Chair Esther Herrera

-Esther welcomed the new committee chair, Lisa Hudson

-Reminder to sign up for ASCEND learning programs and HAWK Power Hour

Program Planning Committee, Chair Kate Rivardo

No updates provided. Welcome to Lauren Sawyer, New chair.

Welcome & Outreach Committee, Chair Stephanie Holleran

-Hawk Onboarding Team is looking for new team members

Treasurer's Report, Chair April Harris

Current Account balances were given regarding the USA Support fund, USA fund, and the USA scholarships fund.

- **Shared Governance Reports**

University Council, Veronica Ortiz

No updates, shared governance committees do not meet in the summer months

Facilities & Support Services Committee, Bianca Schonberg and Lee Ann Wheelbarger

End of Year Report Submitted

- **Hawk Spirit Award!**

Congratulations to Josh Lavacca, Maintenance Tech, FMC

- **Meeting with Dr. Walker**

Veronica updated everyone on the monthly meeting with Dr. Walker.

- **Open Forum/Announcements**

- USA 2023-24 Elections Results were provided
- Weeks of Welcome and Welcome Back Bash Volunteer spots still open
- Art Gallery is having an exhibition currently by Tim Kerr
- Office of Admissions and the student enrollment center is having a grand opening of the renovated Welcome Center on August 31st from 12-5pm.

- **Next USA general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21st at 10am.**

Meeting concluded at 10:32 am

