

USA General Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2017

- Welcome/Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/28/2017:
 - Meeting called to order at 9:03 by Colden Snow
 - Motion to approve minutes: Trisha Ruiz
 - Second motion to approve: Karen Fiscus
- Committee Reports
 - University Council
 - Update by Colden Snow
 - Took place Thursday, October 12th
 - President Blake and various Deans were present, including chairs of ULC, PBC, and FSCS
 - Smoking put on hold to line up with what other schools do; tentative Fall 2019 date to make campus smoke-free
 - Smoking cessation programs to help people quit smoking will be offered
 - Facilities and Support Services Committee
 - Update by Monica McKey
 - Bayou Building Chiller will be replaced on Friday, October 20th and should be completed in 2-3 weeks; there may be a crane on the road by student lot D
 - Final paperwork has been completed on Arbor Roof: should begin within next few weeks and be completed by January 2018
 - Delta Chillers will be replaced by Summer 2018: currently no contract in place
 - STEM and Rec buildings lost a week due to Harvey, but the contractors were able to make up the loss and are still slated for completion Summer 2018
 - Police building is currently under construction and should be completed by late November or early December
 - Final contract is on the Chancellor's desk for the Health Building in Pearland campus, pending signature
 - Student Housing has been postponed from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019: design complete but had some pricing issues, so changes were made to come under budget and should be finalized within the next few weeks
 - Pearland Campus sustained some flood damage from Harvey, but final repairs are being made on weekends
 - 40-50 parking spots will be added in Lot D for Faculty and Staff (with completion of STEM and Rec buildings)
 - Need to ensure USA spots are being used to avoid losing them
 - University Drive's road repairs will be fixed once construction has been completed
 - Visitor pay station will be added to Pearland Campus

- AI Black from Environmental Safety is investigating a mold spot located near B3326
 - Planning and Budget Committee
 - Update by Leigh Ann Shelfer
 - Jean Carr conducted committee meeting
 - \$6.7 million tuition shortfall for FY 2017 (loss of international graduate students biggest contributor); tuition & fees provide 49% of our revenue
 - Hiring freeze, lapsed salaries, and unbudgeted reserves from fund 2064 were used to close the shortfall
 - State allowed UHCL to keep lapsed salary dollars because of Harvey
 - Texas State Legislature reduced UHCL's general revenue funding by 10%
 - FY18 BASE revenue shortfall: \$12.85 million
 - BASE commitments made to cover \$5.7 million (45% of shortfall)
 - One-time commitments made to balance budget - \$7.1 million (55%) of shortfall: includes lapsed salaries, department reserves, and university reserves
 - Hurricane Harvey may have contributed to additional loss of revenue
 - Fall SCH hours are tentatively up, but will need to see final numbers at the end of October
 - FY19 Additional BASE reduction of \$3.5 million; \$3.6 million needed to balance budget
 - FY19 budget preparation will begin Feb 2018
 - FY20 - \$1.9 million needed to balance budget
 - Legislature also cut Special Item Funding by 30% for biennium (covers CADD, EIH, Downward Expansion, Institutional Enhancement, and High Tech Labs)
 - May go away completely next legislative session
 - Tuition increases are being considered; additional money has been allocated to the colleges to hire additional adjuncts to add more sections and hopefully increase enrollment; new offered degrees and new buildings may help increase enrollment, but prudent spending, leaving non-crucial positions unfilled, and finding new revenue resources will help cover shortfalls
 - University Life Committee
 - Update by Sharnae Sanderson-Archer and Dr. Katie Reno
 - No updates: next meeting Tuesday, October 24th
- Treasurer's Report
 - No change in amounts of 4 cost centers
 - September activity to date: \$1370.00

- Announcements
 - Taco Table Update
 - Cancelled until further notice to comply with health standings, but meeting next week with Environmental Safety will help iron out any issues
 - Likely open by October 27, but Environmental Safety has to approve it
 - Heart Walk
 - 8AM on Saturday, October 28th, at Kemah Boardwalk
 - How to sign up: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/UHCLFacultyStaff>
 - More information: <http://BayAreaHeartWalk.org>
 - Commencement Volunteers
 - Fall 2017 commencement: Sunday, December 17th at NRG Arena (shuttle bus will be provided from UHCL to NRG)
 - 12pm: CSE and COE graduations
 - 5pm: BUS and HSH graduations
 - Go to www.uhcl.edu/commencement and click "Volunteer" link to sign up
- Spotlight Speaker: Brian Mills, Director of Campus Recreation and Wellness
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 - Membership info: March 2018 (price likely to increase but will be kept reasonable and comparative to other gym memberships nearby)
 - HR and monthly deductions may be possible on memberships
 - Information sessions available throughout Fall 2017; more will be added Spring 2018
 - Questions, comments, and concerns can be sent to campusrecreation@uhcl.edu if unable to attend an information session
- Quote of the Day and Closing
 - "Be strong minded and always think that the impossible is possible." – Selena Quintanilla
 - Closing by Colden Snow at 10:00