



USA Meeting Minutes

August 29th Meeting

8:00-9:30 am | Zoom

Welcome by Abraham Rodriguez, President, Utah State University

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Timothy Davis (Advisor)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Miguel Mayorga (Snow)
Fritz-Carl Morlant (BYU)
Jack O'Leary (UofU)
Ashley Potokar (WSU)
Abraham Rodriguez (USU)
Jose Toral-Martinez (UT)
Joyce Wambuyi (SLCC)
Zac Whitlock (UVU)
Linda Zimmerman (Advisor)

1. Call to Order:
 - The meeting called to order by Abraham Rodriguez.
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes (filed in the USA Google folder).
 - Motion made, seconded.
 - Motion passes unanimously
3. Approval and introduction of Chief of Staff.
 - Abraham introduces and nominates Colin Martinez of USU as Chief of Staff.
 - Motion to confirm made, seconded.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
4. Budget and Fees.
 1. USA fee discussion.
 - Zac motions to set FTE at 0.10, Jose seconds.
 - Joyce motions to increase the proposed FTE to 0.12, seconded by Jack.

- Motion to amend fails.
 - Motion to set FTE at 0.10 passes.
 - Motion is made to keep BYU's dues at \$500.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
2. Budget approval – GoDaddy Website Renewal \$199.98.
 - Miguel motions to approve website renewal. Ashley seconds.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
 5. USA networking and projects discussion.
 - Carson updates on the project to expand SUU's gym building.
 6. Constitution/House Rules
 - Abraham reiterates that there will be some changes they will work on.
 - Abraham motions to table the discussion, Jack seconds.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
 7. USA Future Meetings.
 1. Tuesday, Sep. 19 (8AM – Zoom).
 2. Tuesday, Oct. 10 (8AM – Zoom).
 3. Tuesday, Nov. 7 (8AM – Zoom).
 4. Tuesday, Dec. 5 (8AM – Zoom).
 5. Tuesday, Jan. 9 (8AM – Zoom).
 6. Tuesday, Feb. 6 (8AM – Zoom).
 7. Thursday, Apr. 11 – New presidents training (in-person) 6PM.
 8. Friday, Apr. 12 – Student Regent Interviews – Board of Regents Building? (In-person) 8AM.
 8. Adjourn.
 - Carson motions to Adjourn, Joyce seconds.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
 - Meeting is adjourned.



USA Meeting Minutes

September 19th Meeting

8:00-8:45 am | Zoom

Welcome by Pres. Rodriguez, Utah State University

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Timothy Davis (Advisor)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Miguel Mayorga (Snow)
Katie Mazzie (USHE)
Abraham Rodriguez (USU)
Jose Toral-Martinez (UT)
Joyce Wambuyi (SLCC)
Zac Whitlock (UVU)
Linda Zimmerman (Advisor)

1. Call to Order:
 - The meeting called to order by Pres. Rodriguez.
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes (filed in the USA Google folder).
 - Motion made by Pres. Brown, seconded by Pres. Wambuyi.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
3. Budget and Fees.
 - Pres. Rodriguez announced that USA fee invoices have been sent out.
 - \$29.99 will be charged by GoDaddy to renew the website's domain.
 - Motion to approve funding made by Pres. Rodriguez, seconded by Pres. Whitlock.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
 - Funding for hotel rooms for the April USA meetings is discussed.
 - Motion to approve funding made by Pres. Rodriguez, seconded by Pres. Wambuyi.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
4. Constitution/House Rules

- Pres. Wambuyi and Pres. Brown volunteered to work with Pres. O’Leary to revise the constitution.
 - Pres. Rodriguez reads the updated House Rules.
5. Day of Service update
 - Pres. Brown updated the group on the day of service in Pres. Morlant’s absence.
 6. USA networking and projects discussion.
 - Pres. Rodriguez updates the group on his discussion with Sen. Milner about S.B. 146.
 - Pres. Brown tells the group that SUU has secured funding to more than double the size of the campus fitness center.
 - Pres. Wambuyi tells the group of the SLCC time capsule being opened and other celebrations for the 75th anniversary of SLCC.
 - Pres. Mayorga updates the group on Snow’s new president’s inauguration and other upcoming campus events.
 - Pres. Whitlock recapped the UVU weeks of welcome and updated the group on the groundbreaking of the new engineering building.
 - Pres. Toral-Martinez tells the group about the new buildings and construction on the UT campus and the legislature being in town. He is also working on trying to get a new student union building on campus.
 7. Commissioner Office Update – Katie Mazzie
 - Katie provided updates on news from the USHE and legislature, including the resignation of Commissioner Woolstenhulme.
 - Higher education day on the hill is scheduled for February 21, 2024 from 11:00am–2:00pm.
 8. USA Future Meetings.
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 9. Adjourn.
 - Motion to adjourn made by Pres. Brown, seconded by Pres. Whitlock.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
 - Meeting is adjourned.



USA Meeting Agenda
October 10, 2023 8:00 am
Zoom meeting

Welcome by Pres. Rodriguez, Utah State University

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Timothy Davis (Advisor)
Jack O'Leary (UofU)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Fritz-Carl Morlant (BYU)
Ashley Potokar (WSU)
Abraham Rodriguez (USU)
Holly Talbot (USHE Student Board Member)
Jose Toral-Martinez (UT)
Joyce Wambuyi (SLCC)

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting is called to order by Pres. Rodriguez.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes (filed in the USA Google folder)
 - Motion to approve made by Pres. O'Leary, seconded by Pres. Potokar.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
3. Budget and Fees
 - Budget is updated in the Google Drive (10.9.2023)
 - Contract has been signed for USA/Student Board member hotel (Hyatt Place) for the April 11/12 meetings (no deposit was needed)
 - BYU, Snow, and UofU have not paid the USA fee (copies of invoices are in the Google Drive)
 - SUU payment is on its way
4. Constitution update – Pres. O'Leary
 - Main changes will be done to make the constitution in line with USHE changes.
 - Change will be made to process of Student Board Member selection.
5. Board of Higher Education Updates – Student Board Member Talbot
 - New interim commissioner has been appointed; search is ongoing for permanent commissioner.
 - Next meeting in November will likely be moved again.
6. Day of Service update – Pres. Morlant
 - Day of Service is this Saturday, October 14.
 - Marketing is in full swing.
 - Pres. Morlant expresses his gratitude to USA for their cooperation on the project.
7. Campus Updates
 - Pres. Morlant notes a large increase in on-campus activities engagement at BYU from changes in marketing strategies.
 - Pres. Rodriguez notes USU's successful homecoming week last week, updates the group on USU's changes to emphasize career readiness.
 - Pres. Brown updates the group on SUU's Day of Service event on October 9; 312 service hours logged. He wants to tour campus student and fitness centers around the state—will individually contact presidents to schedule tours.

- Pres. Potokar informs the group of swastikas found on WSU's campus. WSU's DEI VP recently resigned. High attendance at football games and student events. Homecoming is this week.
- Pres. Wambuyi tells the group of SLCC's Day of Service event coming up this Friday and the recent Hispanic Heritage Month events on campus.
- Pres. O'Leary updates the group on U of U's successful homecoming events last week. The Red Book Steering Committee has been launched to update the student government constitution. How to address the needs of the growing graduate student population is a key concern.
- Pres. Martinez-Toral informs the group on the purchase of a UT sign for campus. UT is working on a new student union building. Homecoming is in two weeks.
- Pres. Rodriguez asks Pres. Brown and Martinez-Toral if their institutions have conducted feasibility studies for their new student center.
- Pres. Rodriguez invites the group to come to USU's upcoming Howl event.

8. USA Future Meetings

1. Tuesday, Nov 7 (8AM - Zoom)
2. Tuesday, Dec 5 (8AM - Zoom)
3. Tuesday, Jan 9 (8AM - Zoom)
4. Tuesday, Feb 6 (8AM - Zoom)
5. Thursday, April 11 - New presidents training (in-person) 6pm
6. Friday, April 12 - Student Board Member Interviews – Board of Regents Building (In-person)
8am

9. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Pres. Brown, seconded by Pres. Wambuyi.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- Meeting is adjourned.



USA Meeting Agenda
November 7, 2023 8:00 am
Zoom meeting

Welcome by Pres. Rodriguez, Utah State University

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Jack O'Leary (UofU)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Miguel Mayorga (Snow)
Katie Mazzie (USHE)
Fritz-Carl Morlant (BYU)
Ashley Potokar (WSU)
Abraham Rodriguez (USU)
Jose Toral-Martinez (UT)
Joyce Wambuyi (SLCC)
Zac Whitlock (UVU)
Linda Zimmerman (Advisor)

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting is called to order by Pres. Rodriguez.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes (filed in the USA Google folder)
 - Motion to approve made by Pres. O'Leary, seconded by Pres. Wambuyi.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
3. Budget and Fees
 - UofU has been slow to process the fee but should be done soon.
 - Snow sent the invoice a while ago but not sure what happened to it.
4. USA networking and projects discussion
 - Pres. O'Leary looks forward to finishing the constitution and Utah Higher Education Day.
 - Ms. Zimmerman suggests pushing FAFSA applications on campuses.
 - Ms. Mazzie reiterates USHE's push for increasing FAFSA completion rates.
 - Ms. Mazzie provides an update on the USHE budget recommendation.
 - Pres. Whitlock inquires about mental health funding in the budget request.
 - Pres. O'Leary inquires about USHE support for 90-credit bachelor's degrees.
5. General education discussion
 - Pres. Whitlock suggests adding a personal finance general education requirement.
 - Pres. O'Leary agrees that financial wellness education would be useful.
 - Pres. O'Leary invites other presidents to learn of current discussions on general education at their institutions.
6. USA Future Meetings
 1. Tuesday, Dec 5 (8AM - Zoom)
 2. Tuesday, Jan 9 (8AM - Zoom)
 3. Tuesday, Feb 6 (8AM - Zoom)
 4. Wednesday, Feb 21 – Higher Education Day
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6. Friday, April 12 – Student Board Member Interviews – Board of Regents Building (In-person)
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7. Campus Updates

- Pres. Potokar says WSU got a new interim EDI VP. The school just created a campus climate team.
- Pres. Wambuyi updates the group on SLCC's new student VP.
- Pres. Whitlock brings up UVU's discussion around general education and the establishment of a traditions committee. UVU has been focused on student retention.
- Pres. Brown thanks the group for letting him visit their campuses recently. Updates the group on the new student center.
- Pres. Toral-Martinez discusses UT's recent student service day.
- Pres. Rodriguez discusses the student panel for USU's new president. USUSA executive leadership has been working on financial literacy projects. Mentions the Covey Leadership Center conference last Friday.
- Pres. Mayorga updates on student fees discussions. Snow is starting some minor renovations of its student center.
- Ms. Mazzie updates on USHE's discussion of three-year bachelor's degrees, approval of bridge funding for high school higher education counselors, and the search for a new student board member.
- Pres. O'Leary updates on UofU's recent student protests and some hate incidents on campus.

8. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Pres. Whitlock, seconded by Pres. Rodriguez.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- Meeting is adjourned.



USA Meeting Agenda
December 5, 2023 8:00 am
Zoom meeting

Welcome by Pres. Rodriguez, Utah State University

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Rachel Lucynski (SafeUT)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Miguel Mayorga (Snow)
Katie Mazzie (USHE)
Fritz-Carl Morlant (BYU)
Jack O'Leary (UofU)
Ashley Potokar (WSU)
Abraham Rodriguez (USU)
Joyce Wambuyi (SLCC)
Zac Whitlock (UVU)
Dema Wright (SafeUT)
Linda Zimmerman (Advisor)

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting is called to order by Pres. Rodriguez.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes (filed in the USA Google folder)
 - Motion to approve made by Pres. Whitlock, seconded by Pres. Brown.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
3. Budget and Fees
 - All payments have been received.
 - UofU's payment is processing.
4. SafeUT App discussion
 - Ms. Wright provides an introduction to the app, its services, and its purposes.
 - The group discusses how to better make students aware of the service.
5. USA networking and projects discussion
 - Pres. Mayorga discusses an opportunity for USA at an upcoming UPSIL event.
 - Pres. Morlant inquires about whether the January meeting will be in-person.
 - Pres. Brown inquires about the status of the new USEH Student Board Member.
 - i. Ms. Mazzie:
 1. FYI, the tentative timeline for student board member finalist selection: Application open mid-to-late January through late February. You'll have all of March to review application materials. Interviews (just a handful this time) will be April 12th in our office. More details to come soon.
 2. <https://public.onboardmeetings.com/Meeting/%2F5L5G8LkpcI%2F4yuIAsJTMwS5I2HZT2%2FNpJqb2sKFM33AA/Dchcifrv5BzA7L%2FKhWtCm3MF3UF11%2FY7bSLWXjSnthgA>
 - Pres. O'Leary asks about USHE's free speech resolution.
 - Pres. Brown asks if there have been any DEI-focused bills introduced to the legislature.
 - Pres. Rodriguez introduces the idea of the legacy project, a service project inspired from a discussion with colleagues at Tufts University.

6. USA Future Meetings

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7. Campus Updates

- Pres. Wambuyi asks the group about their experiences serving on search committees.
- Pres. O’Leary updates the group about recent protests at UofU.
- Pres. Brown updates on recent grants SUU received for mental health services.
- Pres. Rodriguez updates on the shadow day for USUSA officers and the recent activities of the Government Relations Council.
- Pres. Mayorga discusses Snow’s efforts to uupdate student fees.
- Pres. Whitlock updates on changes to the Student Fee Board; the Board of Trustees just approved a new campus in Vineyard; UVU voted to add three general education credits for financial literacy.
- Pres. Wambuyi updates on SLCC’s campus safety walkabout.
- Pres. Potokar updates on changes to student safety reporting.

8. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Pres. Brown, seconded by Pres. Whitlock.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- Meeting is adjourned.



USA Meeting Agenda
January 9, 2024 8:00 am
Zoom meeting

Welcome by Pres. O’Leary, University of Utah.

In attendance:

Carson Brown (SUU)
Colin Martinez (Chief of Staff, USU)
Miguel Mayorga (Snow)
Katie Mazzie (USHE)
Fritz-Carl Morlant (BYU)
Jack O’Leary (UofU)
Ashley Potokar (WSU)
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Jose Toral-Martinez (UT)
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Zac Whitlock (UVU)
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 - Motion passes unanimously.
3. Introduction of USHE Student Representative
 - Ms. Prickett Passey introduces herself to the group.
 - All attendees introduce themselves to her.
4. Budget and Fees
 - Pres. Mayorga updates the group on the state of the budget.
 - All USA fees have been paid.
 - Executive council stipends are due to go out.
5. Campus updates
 - Pres. Mayorga discusses preparations for the spring semester and a new fees initiative at Snow.
 - Pres. Brown discusses the influx of new students at SUU and student concerns around the legislative session.

- Pres. Potokar discusses upcoming WSU elections and what WSU is doing to raise awareness of them.
- Pres. O’Leary also discusses elections and updates on new events to increase voter turnout to the national average.
- Pres. Rodriguez updates the group on USU’s Welcome Back Week and the upcoming student elections, which he will co-chair. He attended a legislative event with members of the legislature to prepare for the upcoming legislative session.
- Pres. Toral-Martinez updates the group on UT’s search for a new president after the incumbent stepped down. UT students will soon vote on a fee increase for the upcoming schoolyear.
- Pres. Whitlock discusses the reorganization of UVUSA and the Welcome Back Week.
- Pres. Morlant discusses upcoming student elections and an upcoming Big 12 trip to Washington, DC.

6. USA projects discussion

- Day on the Hill will be on January 21 from 11 am–2 pm.
- Pres. O’Leary begins a group discussion on potential legislative changes to DEI programs and how they could impact universities.
- The group discusses the future of the national DEI discussion and the impacts and success of similar changes in other states.
- Pres. O’Leary invites the group to talk to fellow student and campus leaders about the DEI issue.

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