



February 17, 2010

Mr. Patrick G. Salerno
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 1st Floor
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Re: Request for Consideration to exceed the limit of 1,600 persons for an event scheduled during the academic year between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Bank United Center in order to perform "Peter and the Wolf" for Miami-Dade County Public Schools elementary students in the Cultural Passport Program on Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Dear Mr. Salerno:

The University of Miami is requesting the City Commission's consideration to approve a request to exceed the limit of 1,600 (one thousand six hundred) persons for an event scheduled during the academic year between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Bank United Center. The approval we seek is for a one-time event involving the Cultural Passport Program for Miami-Dade County Public Schools for elementary school children to attend a performance of "Peter and the Wolf" on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

"Peter and the Wolf", a beloved piece for children in the classical repertoire, will be performed by The Frost Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Shelly Berg, Dean of the Frost School of Music. This narrated performance introduces students to orchestral music and has enchanted young people since Sergei Prokofiev composed it in 1936. The program is presented in collaboration with the Cultural Passport Program of Miami Dade Public Schools. This community program is specially designed for these students and is funded jointly by Miami-Dade Public Schools and the University of Miami Frost School of Music. This event will be attended by approximately six thousand elementary school children and their chaperones from across the county, including students from Coral Gables elementary schools, providing them with a unique cultural experience in the performing arts.

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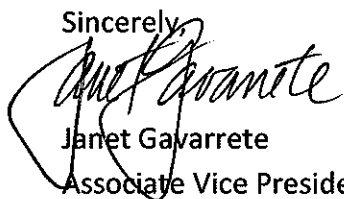
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Students and chaperones will be transported to and from the Bank United Center by buses. The University will set aside proper parking, unloading and loading areas, and will work closely with Coral Gables Police Department for management of traffic operations.

We respectfully request that this item be placed on the earliest possible agenda for City Commission consideration in order to finalize the performance and attendance plans. Your favorable recommendation to the Commission for this unique community program is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 305-284-6728.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Gavarrete", is written over the printed name.

Janet Gavarrete

Associate Vice President

Campus Planning & Development

Attachment

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND FACILITIES

The southwest sector of Central Campus continues to be assigned for recreation and athletic purposes. The Neil Schiff Tennis Center and the Tome Kearns Sports Hall of Fame are now in operation. The Ryder Convocation Center configuration has been determined. The Ryder Center is envisioned to have 7,200 permanent seats, with capability to have an additional 2,000 seats on the main floor.

The Center is intended to be a multi-purpose facility accommodating University-related athletic uses, University-related non-athletic uses and community uses. The paragraphs below provide examples of these three categories of uses. Further, some uses within the categories are considered "events," as defined below, for which a total annual occurrence is projected.

University-related athletic uses include, but are not limited to, intercollegiate basketball, volleyball and other sports, practices, coaching clinics, sports camps, and tournaments.

University-related non-athletic uses include, but are not limited to, Honors Day Convocation, Commencement, student orientations, lectures and symposia, student activities and banquets.

Community uses such as concerts, family shows, trade shows and children's shows, as described on the following Exhibit A, (page 1-13b) may be held at the Ryder Center, without the need for separate agreement or approval by the City. Other community uses may be held in the Ryder Center provided that the types of such uses are mutually agreed to by the University and the City Manager. Such uses may include, but are not limited to, professional/exhibition sports, noncollegiate basketball and high school graduations. However, ice shows, dirt shows and uses that consist primarily of live animal performances shall not be permitted at the Ryder Center, unless specifically approved by the City Manager.

It is projected that approximately eighty (80) events per year will occur in the Ryder Center. For purposes of this section, an "event" is (i) men's and women's intercollegiate basketball games (regardless of paid attendance); (ii) any University-related use for which 2,500 or more tickets are sold; and (iii) community uses. The term "event" does not include any University-related activities with no charge for attendance (whether athletic or other), or with paid attendance of fewer than 2,500 tickets (except as specified in (i) above), and therefore, the projection of

80 events above does not apply to such activities. Also, a basketball tournament shall be considered one "event" for purpose of this section; practices and rehearsals shall not be considered "events". More than 80 events may be held at the Ryder Center in any year upon mutual agreement between the City Manager and the University.

In addition to the events and other uses described above, the University will allow use of the Ryder Convocation Center for five (5) City of Coral Gables City Events. The Center will be available to the City, free of charge, except for costs incurred to open and operate the facility for such events. The scheduling and other details pertaining to said City and the University.

The Ryder Center is sited so as to be within easy walking distance of those living and working on campus, and those arriving for special events via the Metrorail station. Large attendance events, such as basketball games, are expected to draw at least 2,000 students and other pedestrians. Activities at the Center scheduled on days on which classes are in session during the regular academic year between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm will be limited to 1,600 spectators. The University will control the demand on traffic and parking systems by not holding events at Mark Light Stadium during the same time major activities are scheduled at the Ryder Center.