

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Public Participation via Zoom

Virtual Discussion Workshop via Zoom

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami

Community Relations Committee

Vice Chairperson Belinda Sime

Board Member Maite Alvarez

Board Member Norma de la O

Board Member Erick Fernandez

Board Member Wendy Kallergis

Board Member David Rivero

Board Member Kasey Tendrich

Board Member Judith Welsh

Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely

Board Member Interfraternity Council President

Board Member Student Government President

The City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee will be holding a discussion workshop on Monday, March 15, 2021 VIRTUALLY, commencing 5:00 p.m., where in all interested persons may be heard via Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

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To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Council President, Board Member Government President and Board Member Alvarez
- Absent:** 4 - Vice Chairperson Sime, Board Member Welsh, Board Member de la O and Board Member Tendrich
- Excused:** 2 - Board Member Fernandez and Board Member Whitely

A. AGENDA ITEMS

A-1 University COVID-19 Updates, Maite Alvarez

- Student, Faculty and Staff are required to engage in daily symptom checks students.
- Masks are to be worn even outdoors.
- COVID Dashboard has been created and is being utilized to track virus statistics.

A-2 Update on the University's Events, Maite Alvarez

- Still not a lot of events taking place.
- Those taking place must follow health and safety guidelines. Outdoor meeting and events that meet guidelines by student body.
- Frost Music concerts will take place the upcoming week and will be streamed live.
- Commencement will be in-person at Hard Rock Stadium. First commencement since 2019.

A-3 Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

- Major construction projects have continued. Lakeside Village was completed last summer.
- Under construction: Frost Institute Vertical Wall; Completion is on schedule and is expected to be completed in 1-1.5 years. Centennial Village – next phase of construction. It is a 4-to-5-year project.
- Knight Recital Hall – the newest building for the School of Music. It is in planning and design phase.

A-4 Update by the University's Police Department, Chief David Rivero

- Few University Police tested positive, and now are fully vaccinated.
- Crime is down throughout the University.
- Issue with off campus parties have been dealt with in collaboration with municipal police.

A-5 Update by the University's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

- Off campus behavior of students is being monitored.
- Expecting to return to normal in the Fall.
- Currently, 85% full in the residence halls.

A-6 Update by the University's Interfraternity Council President

- Numerous Greek organizations operating at full capacity that are in fundraising operations.

A-7 Update by the University's Student Government President

- Elections just wrapped up. New “Courageous Conversations” related to diversity, equity and inclusion are forthcoming.
- Activities taking place related to Earth Day.
- Looking at welcoming the new administration.

A-8 General Updates, Solanch Lopez

- Looking forward to meeting in-person in September
- Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Clean Up event will take place on March 20th at Matheson Hammock Park and registration is already full.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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