

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011
Coral Gables Police Department Community Meeting Room
Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS:	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
Belinda Sime*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	A	Mayor Jim Cason
Alberto Menendez*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	A	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Ricardo Munarriz	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Rene Alvarez	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Olga Saizaboria Lago*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	E	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Sydney Josepher	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	City Manager, Patrick G. Salerno
Dr. Patricia A. Whitely	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Vice President, Student Affairs, UM
Rudy Fernandez	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	Vice President, Community Relations, UM
David Rivero	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Director of Public Safety, UM
Brenden Kollar*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Inter-fraternity Council President, UM
Brandon Mitchell*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Student Government President, UM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Virginia Goizueta, Building and Zoning Department

- A = Absent**
- E = Excused**
- P = Present**
- + = No Meeting**
- * = New Member**
- = Resigned Member**

GUESTS: Mindy Herris, UM Community Relations Office; Alicia Corral, UM Campus Planner; Gilbert Arias, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

Recording and Minutes Preparation: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chief Rivero at 5:03 p.m. Board members introduced themselves for the record.

II. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

In view of the absences of the new appointed members and the two pending vacant seats, elections were postponed until the next meeting. Dr. Whitely made a motion to defer Committee elections until the next meeting. Mr. Josepher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Whitely made a motion to excuse the absence of Olga Saizaboria Lago. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Whitely made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Munarriz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2011:

Mr. Munarriz made a motion to approve the March 7, 2011 minutes as presented. Dr. Whitely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. UPDATE ON U.M. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVES:

Ms. Corral presented the following report:

- **Development Agreement:** The annual report was submitted to the City in August and will be discussed at an upcoming Commission meeting. The annual meeting between the City and UM will occur in November. Ms. Corral presented an extensive list of scheduled lectures, concerts, performances and programs. The Mobility Plan was submitted to the City. A new BankUnited Center Manager was appointed. Plans for the Miller Road circle and phase 1 of the internal road are in permitting. Construction is will begin in summer 2012, and completed prior to the opening of the Student Activity Center.
- **Facilities and Construction:** The old Rathskeller was demolished; site preparation is underway for the new Student Activity Center, to include a new Rathskeller, ground floor campus retail and space for 260+ student organizations; construction completed in mid-2013. The Hecht Athletic Center project includes a new addition, construction for which begins January 2012, to be completed by August 2013. The Art Building was designated historic and will be renovated for academic uses. Plans are in permitting to add two floors to the existing Pavia Garage, which will add 302 spaces to current capacity, supporting initiatives of the Mobility Plan. Plans are in permitting for a new building/addition to Cox Science; construction to begin in early 2012 and be completed in early 2013. Plans were submitted to relocate Dickinson Drive. The new location will increase distance between S. Alhambra Drive, add stacking space and serve the proposed UHealth Center. UHealth, a 208,000 SF building, is in permitting with DRC, preparing to go to the Board of Architects. It will house sports medicine, men's and women's health, imaging and outpatient surgical services. Construction to begin early 2012.
- **Festival Miami:** September 30 to November 4, 2011
- **Beaux Arts Festival:** To be held in January
- **Coral Gables Bike Days:** UM is a sponsor of the event to be held October 23, 2011.

VI. UPDATE/VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: RUDY FERNANDEZ

In the absence of Mr. Fernandez, a report was not given.

VII. UPDATE/VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS: DR. PATRICIA A. WHITELY

Dr. Whitely reported a positive semester start, with 2,000 new freshmen and 600 transfers/commuter students. The bus system is working well, as are efforts to keep students on campus (Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights). During the September 24 to 26 Family Weekend, 2000 people visited. (Dr. Whitely distributed the Coral Gables/South Miami guide given to 1,500 students who live in the area.) The old University Center was renovated in summer 2011, and will include a mural depicting the history of student life through the "eyes" of UM's five presidents; to be unveiled in October. Current UM Coral Gables campus population includes 10,000 undergraduates and 3,500 graduate students.

VIII. UPDATE/PRESIDENT OF THE INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL: BRENDEN KOLLAR

Mr. Kollar provided the following update:

- The interfraternity community generates approximately \$140,000 in annual charitable funds for various local/national charitable organizations, including United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida (a 20-year partnership). Thus far this year, \$5,000+ was raised during three philanthropic efforts.
- Some achievements of the interfraternity community: 1) the all-fraternity and sorority GPA is above the all-campus GPA each semester for the past ten years; in Spring 2011, 133 members achieved a 4.0 GPA; 737 achieved a 3.5 GPA. The Greek community represents 80% of campus leadership positions.

IX. UPDATE/PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT: BRANDON MITCHELL

Mr. Mitchell reported:

- The campus Farmers Market returns Wednesday, October 5, and will be held each Wednesday. The Student Government wants to enhance the Market and is seeking feedback.
- UM achieved a partially smoke-free campus, establishing 19 designated smoking areas on campus.

**X. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING:
Monday, March 5, 2012**

**XI. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: VIRGINIA GOIZUETA
Dr. Whitely made a motion to approve the Annual Committee Report as presented. Mr. Munarriz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Goizueta
Secretary to the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee