

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting 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

In accordance with City of Coral Gables Code Section 2-30, Chapter 286.011 Florida Statutes, Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-69, as extended by Executive Orders 20-112, 20-123, 20139 and 150, 20-179, 20-193, the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee will be holding its Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 VIRTUALLY, commencing 5:00 p.m., wherein all interested persons may be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/98962848993>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 989 6284 8993.

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse Board Members Tendrich, Welsh, and Milano made by Board Member Whitely, seconded by Board Member Alvarez. The motion passed.

Additional Attendees: Solanch Lopez, Ricardo Herran, Jeff Flanagan, Paul Spada

Present: 7 - Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Government President, Board Member de la O and Board Member Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Vice Chairperson Sime

Excused: 3 - Board Member Welsh, Board Member Council President and Board Member Tendrich

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Present: 10 - Vice Chairperson Sime, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Welsh, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Council President, Board Member Government President, Board Member de la O and Board Member Tendrich

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Attachments: [SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MINUTES.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Whitely, seconded by Board Member Rivero, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Government President, Board Member de la O and Board Member Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Vice Chairperson Sime

Excused: 3 - Board Member Welsh, Board Member Council President and Board Member Tendrich

B. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

Present: 10 - Vice Chairperson Sime, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Welsh, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Council President, Board Member Government President, Board Member de la O and Board Member Tendrich

Attachments: [DRAFT 2019 -20 ANNUAL REPORT.docx](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Whitely, seconded by Board Member Kallergis, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Government President, Board Member de la O and Board Member Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Vice Chairperson Sime

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C. CHAIRPERSON SELECTION

A motion was made by Board Member Whitely, seconded by Board Member Rivero, that this matter and item C-1 be deferred. The motion passed.

C-1 Selection of Vice Chairperson

D. AGENDA ITEMS

D-1 University COVID-19 Update, Maite Alvarez

- Webpage on university's main site has all COVID related information.
- Testing all students every two weeks.
- Also providing random testing of employees.
- Facilities department has provided signage and A-frames at all buildings and entrances.
- Utilizing several large spaces on campus to adhere to social distancing standards.
- Currently, there are: 3800 students living on campus, 5300 students that are 'off', 3700 students that are completely remote.

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

- All events that concern partners/external parties have been cancelled until at least January and there are no indoor events until at least November.
- Following social distancing.
- Planning safe outdoor celebrations.
- More traditional homecoming will be held in the Spring.

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

Update provided by Ricardo Herran.

- Lakeside Village was completed and open to resident students in the fall and includes amenities by the lake.
- Will be demolishing the 'old house center' to create a more direct connection into the garage by Lakeside Village.
- Student services center was also completed- across from the business center.
- Intermural fields were completely redone.
- Parking lot adjacent to the fields was removed.
- Completed a green house behind the physics building.
- Completed indoor batting facility for baseball.
- Second phase of student housing has been delayed a bit but are moving forward with preparation.
- Frost School of Music- night recital hall will be constructed- site work is beginning.

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

- Crime rate is down due to COVID.
- 33 crimes this year- lowest crime year since 1989.
- Concentrating on COVID precautions- mask wearing enforcement.
- Fully staffed- only have had two COVID cases out of 55 employees. Those two employees have since recovered and are back at work.

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

- Have begun doing outdoor activities.
- Wellness center is only open to students.
- Mandatory testing for resident students every 10 days.
- Administering flu shots.
- Going through five testing protocols through November 11th.
- Working on mental health awareness especially for students who have been quarantined.
- Students have been complying for the most part.

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

Update given by Paula Spada on behalf of Board Member Milano.

- Sigma Alpha Mu will be celebrating its 75th year since initial chartering
- ISC did not have an official recruitment period in order to be safe in lieu of COVID but will start doing some recruitment in the Fall.

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

- Finding creative solutions to communicate with students about COVID-19.
- Moral on campus is high.
- Working on racial justice initiatives as well as LGBTQ initiatives.
- Arranging safe voter initiatives in order to get students to vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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