

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Roll call showed Belinda Sime, David Rivero, Frank Rosell and Dr. Patricia Whitely as absent. Note Dr. Whitely had previously informed the Committee she would be out of town on school business.

The March 2, 2015 Minutes were approved. Moved by Sarah Artecona, seconder Erick Fernandez. All agreed.

It was suggested to postpone the voting of Chair and Vice-chair to the March 2016 meeting. Moved by Sarah Artecona, seconder Matthew Getzoff. All agreed.

Update from Campus Planning by Alicia Corral:

The 2014-15 Development Agreement Annual Report was submitted to the City of Coral Gables in June 2015 and highlights the Gables Fellows Program which two students participated in, the Performance and Concert Series which held seven (7) concerts and performances, the Meet the Docs which held four (4) sessions, the Lecture Series which held ten (10) lectures, the Hurricane Athletic Tickets Program for Men's and Women's Basketball / Football / Baseball, and the July 4th Fireworks Celebration which the University assisted with offsite parking for event participants. The University will host the 5th Joint Development Agreement Annual Meeting; however, the date and time has not been determined.

The 2015 Mobility Plan was submitted to the City of Coral Gables on June 1, 2015. The University Mobility Strategy includes shuttles, car sharing, bikes, and parking management. This Plan has continued to keep traffic levels steady with continuous decreases in the residential areas of Campus.

In the Committee meeting of October 2014 and the March 2015 meeting the University mentioned seeking a modification to the alignment of the Internal Road Phase II Project. The University is required to build an internal road. The basis for that requirement is rooted in a thirty (30) year old premise that constructing an internal road would reduce University traffic in the residential areas of the Campus. The internal road alignment requirement goes through the Arboretum and effectively destroys the Arboretum. The University has implemented mobility strategies and traffic is down by twenty-four (24) percent (in comparison to the last four (4) years) during the morning and evening peak periods in the San Amaro Drive / Campo Sano Avenue / Pisano Avenue corridors. The current conditions reflect a demonstrated reduction in traffic and requires a recalibration of the original requirement from thirty years (30) ago. The University Mobility Strategies, particularly the Parking Management Plan, have eliminated the need for University commuters to drive around searching for parking. The University has filed an amendment to modify the alignment of the internal road. The amendment does not have a

road through the Arboretum and does not have a bridge across the canal. The amendment also reflects an internal connectivity of the parking lots east of the Arboretum within the Campus. Additionally, the University is proposing enhancements on the University side of Campo Sano Avenue / San Amaro Drive / Pisano Avenue from Memorial Drive to University Drive that reflects wider sidewalks, improved lighting, and improved access into the Campus. This includes pedestrian improvements in the area of Mahoney-Pearson. To support the amendment a Justification Report has been submitted to the City of Coral Gables. The University looks forward to the City's support in adjusting the scope with a projected date of completion in 2017. The University hosted a neighborhood meeting on October 7, 2015 at the Founder Hall to discuss these matters. The City of Coral Gables Planning Board will consider this proposed amendment at the October 14, 2015 meeting.

The UCD Annual Report was submitted to the City of Coral Gables in June 2015. The Report reflects the completion of the relocation and widening of Dickinson Drive and of a new installed signal. The Report also reflects projects under construction such as the Lennar Foundation Medical Center and Central Energy Plant, the UM Health System which will have an Ambulatory Medical Center / Outpatient Services / Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer / Bascom Palmer Eye Institute / Urgent Care / Outpatient Surgery Men's and Women's Health / Physical Therapy Diagnostic Imaging & Radiation Oncology and Student Health. Parking for this Facility will be at the Ponce Garage. Pedestrian and vehicular connections to the garage, valet, patient drop-off and pick-up areas are planned. The expected completion of this project is late Fall 2016. The Merrick Garage is also expected to be completed by Fall 2016. The Lake Osceola Fate Bridge will connect across the lake from Merrick Drive south of the Lake directly to the University Center Courtyard and the Shalala Student Center. This will provide a convenient walking connection from the parking garages to the heart of the Campus. This project is expected to be completed late 2015. Hecht Pedestrian Bridge will further enhance connectivity on Campus with a new pedestrian bridge that extends the new walkway from the Hecht Athletics area. This bridge further enhances connectivity within the Campus. The Merrick Drive and Levante Avenue Extensions will be modified to have two (2) entry lanes and two (2) exit lanes and the intersection will have signals. Levante Avenue will be connected to Walsh Avenue. This will provide greater connectivity and easier circulation in the area. The Architecture Woodshop will be a new academic building that will be used for the construction of models. The Nursing Simulation Teaching Hospital will be an addition and renovation of a portion of the existing buildings and will provide the opportunity for students to interact with simulated patients. The Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building will be a new academic building for the School of Architecture. The Student Housing will provide additional Campus housing. An additional one-thousand-one-hundred (1,100) beds will convert commuters into residents. The Plan supports University mobility initiatives that improve recruitment and retention of top scholars by providing a more robust educational experience and will reduce traffic. The San Amaro Pedestrian Safety Study is a request made by the University to the City of Coral Gables which explores a study of the San Amaro Drive corridor from Ponce de Leon Boulevard to Miller Road and provides the best method for enhanced pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic. This is a City street that has University uses on both sides. The University wants to work in cooperation with the City and its neighbors for a corridor that moves pedestrians and vehicles with safety as a priority. This request was brought to the City's Traffic Advisory Board in August 2015.

Additionally, the construction of the pedestrian overpass at Mariposa and the Metrorail Station has begun.

Festival Miami 2016, Florida's premier live music Festival, opens October 16, 2015 at the Gusman Concert Hall.

The Beaux Arts Festival will be held January 16 - 17, 2016 at the Lowe Art Museum.

Update from Government and Community Relations by Sarah Artecona:

The Coral Gables Gallery Night trolley stop at Lowe Art Museum started October 2015. The Well 'Canes Marketplace returns to the University on Wednesdays at the Foote University Green.

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center launches its annual "Think Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign. There was a Cobb Fountain Lighting Ceremony on October 5, 2015 at the Lake Osceola Lakeside Patio Stage. The "Think Pink" football game was scheduled for October 17, 2015.

The New College Town 'Cane Card is available to Coral Gables residents and provides discounts to various venues on the Campus to include Herbert Wellness Center, Bookstore, Rathskeller, Cosford Cinema, Library and Lowe Art Museum memberships. The CollegeTown e-Update is sent out weekly during the school's semesters and monthly during the Summer.

Festival Miami is free for Coral Gables residents and is scheduled from October 16 - November 7, 2015. The Religious Freedom 2015, Promises & Perils, Local & Global presented by Asma T. Uddin will be October 21, 2015 at the CAS Gallery. The Portrait Transformed exhibit will have the Opening Reception October 22, 2015 which includes a lecture by Dr. Eric Zafran. The Coral Gables Day Football is scheduled for the October 24, 2015 game against Clemson University. Homecoming is scheduled for November 6 - 7, 2015. The Ring Theatre has Stephen Sondheim's Saturday Night in November 2015. In February 2016, the Theatre will have William Shakespeare's As You Like it. In April 2016, the Theatre will have Guys and Dolls. Basketball season begins November 4, 2015

The new University President, Julio Frenk, will have his Inauguration January 29, 2016 and the Inaugural Symposium will be January 30, 2016.

Update from Division of Student Affairs by Gilbert Arias:

Mr. Arias provided the update on behalf of Dr. Patricia Whitely. A Guide for UM Students Living in Coral Gables & South Miami was given to all students. The pamphlet informs the students regarding codes, law enforcement regulations, parking, noise, garbage and recycling, grounds maintenance, pets, visitors and important phone numbers. Student Affairs works to encourage the student body to abide by City rules. They are working with Code Enforcement to help with the City's Noise Ordinance.

Update from Interfraternity Council President, Matthew Getzoff:

There are now thirty (30) Chapters and 2,359 active Members. The entire Greek Life community finished the year with a five (5) percent increase over the previous academic year of 2,245 Members. Over twenty-three (23) percent of the student body is a member of a fraternity or a sorority. Even though recruitment numbers have leveled off, record recruitment numbers in past semesters joined by overall improved retention contribute to the overall growth of the community. The New Member Symposium had 839 students attend and was offered for two (2) nights.

A Greek Leaders Retreat was hosted in August in conjunction with the Student Leader Institute. All Chapter and Umbrella Organization Presidents attended. The retreat covered best practices, advisory changes, reviews of policies and procedures and served to develop cross-organization and cross-council relationships.

A new fraternity house was constructed at 5800 San Amaro Drive by Pi Kappa Alpha and is now nearly complete. It will be leased to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity for the next three (3) years. Alpha Sigma Phi is vacating their suite and will sublet the suite to either Kappa Sigma or Delta Lambda Phi with the University's approval.

The Greek Community Standards program is in its second (2nd) year and was once again used to assess Chapters and their performance and to help collect assessment data for all of Greek Life. It identified areas of improvement for Chapters and was used to award areas of extraordinary performance for Chapters. Areas being measured included involvement, leadership, service, philanthropy, wellness and academic performance. All Chapters' grades were communicated and areas for improvement highlighted. This year there were only three (3) Chapters that were graded a D or F for the second year (2nd) in a row – they are Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi. As a result of these scores, leadership from each Chapter was required to meet with their Greek Dean and the Director of Greek Life to review their performance and develop a plan to score at least a C or better next year. All Chapters were close to a higher score and were able to identify ways to improve.

Fraternities and sororities reported the 2,359 total Members raised and donated \$537,663.47 (expected \$380,000) to charities. The average fraternity or sorority Member raised and donated \$227.92 to charity during the year. This represents a thirty-three (33) percent increase over last year in the number of dollars donated to charity per Member. Greek Week raised \$39,363.79 for United Cerebral Palsy that's a \$6,076 increase from last year.

Fraternities and sororities reported their 2,359 total Members completed 53,276 hours of community service during the year (expected 43,000). The average fraternity or sorority Member completed twenty-two-point-five (22.5) hours of community service during the year. This represents a twenty-three (23) percent increase over last year in the number of service hours performed per Member.

The Greek community continues to academically outperform the student body in both Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 semesters. In Spring 2014 the all undergraduate GPA was 3.092 while the

all Greek GPA was 3.390. In Fall 2014 the all undergraduate GPA was 3.105 while the all Greek GPA was 3.410. In addition Spring 2015 the all undergraduate GPA was 3.206 while the all Greek GPA was 3.401.

Greek Life worked hand-in-hand with Athletics and Miami-Dade Police Department to develop and implement a plan to better address and manage student tailgates throughout the Fall football season. The efforts resulted in a dramatic decrease in incidents related to Greek students and football games throughout the very busy and long season.

Update from Student Government President, Brianna Hathaway:

The University has been approved for pre-design funding to work with the City of Coral Gables to analyze and make a plan for ways to improve safety in the area of San Amaro Drive and Levante Avenue. The Student Government along with Interfraternity Council and members of the University met with the Coral Gables Transportation Advisory Board to discuss the safety along San Amaro Drive. In the meeting the Board passed two (2) motions: the first (1st) was to continue to support the University when discussing with the City of Coral Gables the necessity for implementing a solution that can help improve safety in this area and the the second (2nd) was the suggestion that in the interim period an immediate solution of a pedestrian walking sign be placed in areas along this particular street.

The Student Government is working with the University to provide free metro rail passes to students who take classes and/or do research at the Medical Campus or downtown area. This improves the academic environment of the University and alleviates traffic in the community.

The Student Government is working to implement a bike share program on Campus and the tentative date is either Spring or Fall 2016. This will benefit the health of the Campus as well as alleviate traffic in the neighboring communities.

Sorority Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting events in support of Breast Cancer Awareness held October 5, 2015 for the Pink Fountain Lighting and on October 14, 2015 for Survivor Night. Both events were held at the Lakeside Patio.

Homecoming events open to the community include Parade and Hurricane Howl on October 5, 2015 and Hurricanes Help the Hometown on October 31, 2015.

Discussion Items:

The election of Chair and Vice-chair was re-addressed and Patricia Fuller was nominated by Elisabeth Gallagher for Chairperson. All agreed. Sarah Artecona was nominated by Brianna Hathaway for Vice-chair. All agreed.

The 2014-15 Annual Report was approved. Moved by Philip Kates, seconder Sarah Artecona. All agreed.

Ms. Artecona requested for the City to have staff available at the next meeting to provide report on sidewalks, road improvements and Code Enforcement.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.