

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2016

5:00 PM

427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room

### City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

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*Chairperson Patricia Fuller*  
*Vice Chair Sarah Artecona*  
*Board Member Erick Fernandez*  
*Board Member Elisabeth Gallagher*  
*Board Member Philip Kates*  
*Board Member Belinda Sime*  
*Board Member David Rivero*  
*Board Member Frank Rosell*  
*Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely*  
*Interfraternity Council President*  
*President of Student Government*

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:22 pm.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Board Member Sime, Chairperson Fuller, Board Appointee Council President, Board Member of Student Government, Board Member Rivero and Board Member Whitely

**Absent:** 3 - Board Member Rosell, Board Member Gallagher and Board Member Kates

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Fernandez and Vice-Chairperson Artecona

## NEW BUSINESS

[16-5374](#)

### Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson

A motion was made to re-appoint Patricia Fuller as Chairperson and Sarah Artecona as Vice-chairperson.

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

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Appointee Council President, Board Member of Student Government, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Sime and Chairperson Fuller

**Absent:** 3 - Board Member Rosell, Board Member Gallagher and Board Member Kates

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Fernandez and Vice-Chairperson Artecona

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vikesh Patel, Student Government President, and seconded by Christopher Guerriero, President of Interfraternity Council.

[16-5373](#)

### City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee meeting of October 5, 2015

**Attachments:** [OCTOBER 5, 2015 MINUTES](#)

**A motion was made by Board Member of Student Government, seconded by Board Appointee Council President, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Member Sime, Board Appointee Council President, Board Member of Student Government, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Whitely and Chairperson Fuller

**Absent:** 3 - Board Member Rosell, Board Member Gallagher and Board Member Kates

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Fernandez and Vice-Chairperson Artecona

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Update on University of Miami Planning and Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

The 2015-16 Development Agreement Annual Report was submitted to the City and highlights the Gables Fellows Program which two students participated in; five sessions of Meet the Docs that were held and nine Lecture Series that were held; The Hurricane Athletic Tickets Program which provided tickets for men and women basketball games, football games and baseball games; the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration which the UM assisted with offsite parking for event participants. The City will host the 6th Joint Development Agreement Annual Meeting which is in the process of being scheduled.

The 2016 Mobility Plan was submitted to the City in June. Traffic has dropped 26.6% since 2011 and 33% since 1990 in the areas along the residential neighborhoods north of the lake. Shuttles, bikes, parking management and car sharing have helped with keeping traffic levels steady with decreases in the residential areas of the Campus.

The University continues to seek a modification alignment of the Internal Road Phase II as mentioned in previous meetings. The basis for the requirement is rooted on a thirty year old premise that construction of an internal road would reduce traffic in the residential areas of the Campus. The University has implemented mobility strategies that reflect the reduction of traffic. These strategies have also eliminated the need for commuters to drive around searching for parking. The University has filed three amendments with the City which include a service drive along the back of the Physics building connecting one side of the Campus to the other, no bridge along the canal, and providing parking in other areas of the Campus that has been lost due to construction. The amendment reflects connectivity of the parking lots east of the Arboretum within the Campus. Proposed enhancements show on the University side of Campo Sano, San Amaro and Pisano from Memorial to University wider sidewalks, improved lighting and access to the Campus. These proposed amendments are scheduled for future City Commission meetings.

The UCD Annual Report submitted to the City includes the completed projects of Fate Pedestrian Bridge, Athletics/Wellness Pedestrian Bridge, Relocation of Admissions Center to the Whitten University Center and the Whitten University Center Pool Renovations. The projects under construction include The Lennar Foundation Medical Center and Central Energy Plant, Merrick Garage, Merrick Street and Levante Extension, School of Nursing Simulation Hospital, Hecht Athletic Center Facade Renovation and the Pedestrian Bridge at Mariposa. Projects in the

permitting phase are Miller BuildLab and The Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building.

**Update on University of Miami Events, Mindy Herris**

The Well 'Canes Marketplace / Farmer's Market is held Wednesdays at Foote University Green.

Gables Day at Football was held October 15, 2016.

The DCC Fall Family Fest will be held October 29, 2016.

Homecoming Festivities include Hurricanes Help the Hometown which 800 students participate in, Hurricane Bowl and the football game against Pittsburgh.

2,200 students registered to vote in Florida.

The Lennar Medical Center will be dedicated on November 18, 2016 and the community event is scheduled for January 29, 2017.

Festival Miami DA Events are scheduled for January 24, 2017 (Frost Flute Ensemble) and February 6, 2017 (Frost Wind Ensemble - Points of Lights).

The e-Newsletter listing Campus news and events are sent weekly during the semesters and monthly during the summer.

**Update by the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely**

The school year started on a positive note and the relationship with student leaders has been great.

Many students have participated in early voter's registration.

Homecoming will be November 4, 2016.

**Update by the President of Interfraternity Council, Christopher Guerriero**

There are 2,397 active members in 30 Chapters.

Greeks academically out-performed with a 3.425 GPA compared to the 3.224 GPA of the respective student body.

The First Unified IFC philanthropy raised \$4,000 for the BelAire Elementary School.

Greek Week raised approximately \$35,000 for UCP and donated 779 units of blood. A total of \$816,418.30 has been raised and donated to charity within the school year.

Greeks completed 49,509 hours of community service.

**Update by the Student Government President, Vikesh Patel**

2,000 new students were welcomed to the University.

SG continues to work with the University to provide free metrorail passes to students who take classes and/or research at the Medical Campus or downtown area. This has helped alleviate traffic and provides students with academic opportunities.

SG is working to implement a bike share program and may potentially team-up with the ZIPCars version of bike share. This will alleviate traffic in the neighboring communities and be a health benefit for the Cane's family.

The change in shuttle route has also alleviated traffic in the community. This re-routing has allowed the shuttles to run more frequently and more efficiently.

The Campus is lit in pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

SG encourages families to attend Homecoming Festivities.

Students, faculty and staff are offered free transportation to the Coral Gables Library for early voting.

Students await the completion of the US1 overpass and the new parking garage.

The undergraduate student body conducted over 157,680 hours of community service.

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

A motion was made by David Rivero and seconded by Belinda Sime to approve the 2015-16 Annual Report. It was approved unanimously by Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for March 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

