Student/Community Relations Commission Minutes
Friday, May 1, 2020

1 Call to Order & Location
Keller called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM in a Zoom Webinar streamed on YouTube Live.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members in attendance
Prue Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Lara Fening, Dan Haizman, Megan Hess, Claire Keller, Amy Macechko, Jennifer Marston, Steve Schnabl, Megan Schoettler, Jonathan Shirley, Susan Tobergte, Joy Usner, Dr. Scott Walter, Andrew Wilson, Dr. Cheryl Young

2.2 Guests
City of Oxford Assistant City Manager Jessica Greene

3 Approval of Agenda

✓ Vote: Motion to approve by Schnabl, seconded by Haizman. Unanimous approval.

4 Approval of April 3, 2020 Minutes

✓ Vote: Motion to approve by Haizman, seconded by Dana. Unanimous approval.

5 Reports

5.1 OPD
Fening reported that the OPD is dealing with social distancing complaints and expecting them to increase. She is hopeful that people will respect the guidelines. Ellerbe inquired about the state statute about the size of gatherings and the complaints. Fening responded that the OPD is receiving a lot of anonymous complaints about groups of all sizes and about people on the sidewalks and at residences. Ellerbe asked about social media and responded that the Board of Health is the party that is more responsible for implementing the guidelines. Schnabl and Fening discussed on the frustrations of people who feel the guidelines restrict their rights, as well as the parents who are concerned about their graduating children having fun at the end of their college career. Dana asked about face masks and Fening responded that employees of businesses are supposed to wear the masks and that the public is encouraged to wear them, but they are not required. Fening recommended that everyone read the state order.

5.2 MUPD
Tobergte reported that MUPD is receiving complaints but that most people are compliant, and most people are wearing face masks. MUPD is returning to regular staffing tomorrow, May 2. Drug use has declined but there have been bicycles stolen. Otherwise, there have not been many issues.
6 Old Business

Macechko updated the commission on the Coalition for a Healthy Community 2020 Activity Challenge, for which 228 individuals participated with 168,000 minutes of activity.

7 New Business

7.1 City of Oxford Business Stimulus Program

Greene advised the commission about the two parts of the business stimulus plan. The City of Oxford is providing $200,000 to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for business gift cards. The cards will be sold to the public and can be redeemed from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. The Miami University Pi Sigma Epsilon chapter is assisting Greene with the development of an e-commerce website. The program gives preference to brick and mortar businesses owned by Oxford residents. The second part of the business stimulus plan is the emergency small business loan program, a $5,000 loan with 0% interest. Greene will be meeting with the CIC board next week to discuss the program more.

7.2 Revisiting SCRC Composition

Wilson asked if the current composition still reflects the students and community. The commission discussed the vacant seats for the Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council (IFC), and International Student Association representatives, which have not been filled for several years. Commission members talked about the importance of having Greek voices present. The commission debated changing ex-officio members to voting by-laws. Schnabl expressed concerns about balance of students and community members and the ramifications of changes. Greene advised that all CIC members except for staff could vote. Schnabl expressed concerns about Miami University representatives not having authority to make decisions. Greene recommended that Schnabl bring concerns to her so she can address them with the City and University leaders. The commission discussed the International Student Association representative. Young questioned if the composition requirement for that seat should be rewritten to allow more international students to apply to fill the seat. Usner suggested that the commission do more to onboard students who join the commission, such as meeting for coffee and helping prepare them for speaking at a large meeting. Shirley questioned the requirements for the Greek representatives and suggested that the commission diversify the types of representatives, including business and professional fraternities, as well as lower the requirements that the members be presidents and allow executive members. Wilson advised that City Council would have to vote on re-composition and that Ellerbe could help draft legislation proposals. Ellerbe agreed. Keller will prepare a list of recommendations and send to the group.

7.3 Consider additional SCRC 2019-2020 meeting

The commission discussed adding a meeting for this academic year.

- **Vote:** Keller introduced a vote to add a meeting. Unanimous approval.

The commission discussed dates for the additional meeting.

- **Vote:** Keller introduced a vote to schedule the meeting for Friday, May 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Unanimous approval.
8 SCRC Chair

The commission discussed the next SCRC chair. Wilson advised the commission to vote.

✔️ **Vote:** Motion to approve Megan Hess as the chair, seconded by Dana. Unanimous approval.

9 Announcements

- Schnabl led the commission in commending Keller for a job well done leading SCRC this year.
- Walter talked about how the 2020 Welcome Back Walkabout will change due to current events and needs.
- Marston reminded the group about the TOPSS mini food drive to be held on Thursday, May 7.

10 Adjournment

✔️ **Vote:** Motion to adjourn by Keller, seconded by Dana. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.