

Student/Community Relations Commission Minutes

Friday, October 9, 2020 at 3:00 PM

1 Call to Order & Location

Hess was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency and Wilson asked if Usner could chair.

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve Usner as meeting chair by Schnabl, seconded by Webb. Unanimous approval.

Usner called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM in a Zoom Webinar streamed on YouTube Live.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members in attendance

Dr. Matt Arbuckle, Sidra Capriolo, Prue Dana, Lt. Lara Fening, Lena Giang, Amy Macechko, Jennifer Marston, Molly McNamara, Cathy McVey, Steve Schnabl, Megan Schoettler, Joy Usner, Dr. Scott Walter, Josephine Webb, Andrew Wilson

2.2 Guests

Ben Maldonado

3 Approval of Agenda

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve agenda by McVey, seconded by Capriolo. Unanimous approval.
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4 Approval of September 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve by Capriolo, seconded by Giang. Unanimous approval.
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5 Reports

5.1 OPD

Lt. Fening reported that the OPD had a very busy weekend, including two stabbings and a brawl at a fraternity house, which are all under investigation.

5.2 MUPD

No one from the MUPD was able to attend the meeting.

Walter explained the residence hall COVID-19 level system and quarantining policy. Commission members asked about the number of students who have tested positive, student move-in, and mask usage, and discussed the late fall 2020 through spring 2021 timeline. Walter provided details about telecounseling services available to students.

6 Old Business

6.1 Supporting Locally Owned Businesses

McVey asked about the gift card stimulus program. Wilson responded that sales of the cards have not been as good as anticipated and advised the commission to visit the City website or stop into the Municipal Building to purchase. Schoettler advised that the Graduate Student Association is partnering with businesses for graduate student specials. Wilson asked the commission members to support their favorite businesses to prevent them from closing. Usner asked if there could be a way to encourage students to buy gifts for family members before they depart Oxford for the holidays. Webb asked if gift cards could be sold at the Uptown Farmers Market, and Wilson offered to reach out to the Assistant City Manager to discuss. Schnabl urged the commission to try everything possible to support the businesses and supported the idea of selling the cards at the Farmers Market. Marston suggested advertising the gift cards on the Farmers Market website. McNamara proposed advertising to on-campus students.

6.2 Statement on Women Helping Women It's On Us training

Schoettler shared the letter on the screen. Schnabl suggested changing "gender-based violence" to something less jargonistic. (Zoe) Douglas suggested "sexual and interpersonal violence" as an alternative, to which Schnabl agreed sounded better. Walter asked if bars near Oxford could also be included in the letter, such as establishments in College Corner, Reily, Ross, and Lake Lyndsay. Schoettler suggested two letters, with one directed towards Oxford establishments and one directed towards non-Oxford establishments. Schoettler asked that anyone who wants their names to be added should email her. Schnabl, Arbuckle, and Capriolo asked that their names be added to the list.

✓ **Note:** Schnabl motioned to approve the letter with the understanding that Schoettler will write separate letter for establishments outside of Oxford, seconded by Webb. Unanimous approval.

7 New Business

7.1 Access to Resources

Schnabl advised that Oxford Seniors is offering rides to the Board of Elections for early voting, by reservation, and that flu shots will also be available later in October. Schoettler asked about the cold shelter and Schnabl explained that the City Council is interested in the project but that CARES Act funding cannot be used for the project, so alternative funding is being sought by the Family Resource Center and City. Dana advised the commission to visit the League of Women Voters website for voting resources. Schnabl shared that the City and Talawanda School District are working to provide WiFi in several places in town. Marston announced that Kiwanis is working with TOPSS to raise funds online for gift cards instead of food baskets for clients.

7.2 Health and Wellness

Maldonado asked for input from the community to improve the COVID-19 response. One goal is to consolidate or clarify the information coming out from multiple channels about COVID-19. A second goal is to reach out to community partners. A third goal is to meet everyone's goals. A bi-weekly rotation on Monday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:00 PM to allow for two-way information sharing. The COVID-19 information ad-hoc committee will share clear, contradictory-free communication with students. Capriolo invited SCRC members to join. McVey suggested adding a standing agenda item for meetings.

Maldonado said that the time commitment is short and that anyone who wants to be added. Schnabl accepted the invitation.

8 Announcements

Macechko announced the 2020 Virtual Hike-A-Thon¹, which is happening during the month of October, and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Take Back Day, an event to collect unused medication, on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. DEA Take Back Day is a partnership with the Oxford Police Department and McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital.

Schnabl announced that Oxford Seniors is looking for volunteers to do fall lawn work over a multi-week period.

Dana reminded the commission to pick up the Voter Information Guide and vote.

9 Adjournment

✓ **Vote:** Motion to adjourn by Capriolo, seconded by Dana. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

¹ 2020 Virtual Hike-A-Thon website: miamioh.edu/hikeathon