



Document: Meeting Minutes
Board or Commission: Student/Community Relations Commission
Meeting Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar and streamed to YouTube
Prepared by: Andrew Wilson

1 Call to Order & Location

McClary called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM in a Zoom Webinar streamed on YouTube Live.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members in attendance

Dr. Matt Arbuckle, Rebecca Baudry Young, Sidra Capriolo, Prue Dana, Zoe Douglas, Lt. Lara Fening, Emma Jewell, Emily McClary, Cathy McVey, Kyle Naderhoff, Steve Schnabl, Jonathan Shirley, Joy Usner, Dr. Scott Walter, Josephine Webb, and Andrew Wilson.

3 Approval of Agenda

✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve the agenda by Dana, seconded by Schnabl. Unanimous approval.

4 Approval of January 29, 2021 Minutes

✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve minutes by Capriolo, seconded by Douglas. Unanimous approval.

5 Reports

5.1 Oxford Police (OPD)

Fening reported that things have been going well and that bars have been enforcing their maximum capacity limits, and noted that the weather has probably affected behavior positively. Fening advised the OPD would be posting on social media about upcoming winter weather and requesting students and residents move vehicles off snow routes.

5.2 Miami University Police (MUPD)

No MUPD representative was available.

6 Updates from the Chair

6.1 COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee

McClary asked commission members who would like to speak to the Ad Hoc Committee to sign up for a slot to attend a meeting¹. Meetings will continue throughout the semester. McClary advised that topics the committee is covering include safety and messaging to students.

6.2 Programming for Health and Wellness Days

McClary recommended that commission members who are interested in program offerings to check out the website².

7 Old Business

None.

8 New Business

8.1 Community Health and Wellness Initiatives

McClary opened the floor for discussion. Douglas asked Baudry Young about what falls under Student Health and Wellness. Baudry Young explained the organizational structure and different educational, outreach, and prevention topics covered by office staff, as well as collaborations with other organizations in the area.

Douglas asked about COVID-19 prevention during fraternity and sorority recruitment. Walter reported that recruitment was mostly virtual and that the university has advised organizations to be compliant with the guidelines but no large gatherings have been reported yet. Naderhoff advised that there have been

¹ COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee Signup, https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FXnkzOiPeXWtcKex6GN_7p0_2geNX2zvAqDQgZqRpR4/edit?usp=sharing

² Wellness Days at Miami, <https://miamioh.edu/wellnessdays>

some trash issues but no reports of large gatherings. Walter and Naderhoff recommended that ASG and student organizations continue efforts to announce student and Miami guidelines for prevention.

Schnabl asked Naderhoff to encourage students to wear masks uptown. Fening reminded the commission to re-read the ordinance requiring masks, as the language allows people living together to walk together without distancing. Naderhoff reported that volunteers will walk down High Street late nights and nights before wellness days to hand out masks to people who are not wearing them. McClary announced a partnership with the City of Oxford and Greek Life for a mask ambassadorship program that will begin in early to mid-March.

McClary advised that Miami COVID-19 messaging has greatly improved and that the testing program is very successful.

McVey asked if there are any non-COVID-19 concerns. Schnabl offered that food insecurity and homelessness are problems in Oxford, with some resources available, but that food and money is needed. Schnabl also talked about nutritional deficiencies and encouraged commission members to reach out directly to Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS) Executive Director Ann Fuehrer. Walter encouraged commission members to volunteer at TOPSS.

Wilson asked Baudry Young about student counseling availability and demand. Baudry Young spoke about the different types of counseling available, including telehealth and the H.O.P.E. Line³ (Help Over the Phone Everywhere), 855-249-5649, for immediate help. Baudry Young also advised about the Coping with COVID-19 workshop, to help with anxiety due to the pandemic. Walter updated that counseling has moved but there is ample signage at the physical location. Baudry Young advised that it has moved to Harris Hall.

9 General Announcements

McClary welcomed Rebecca Baudry Young, who will be representing Miami Student Health and Wellness, to the commission.

Schnabl announced that Oxford Seniors will reopen on March 1 and that Oxford Seniors has sign up for tax preparation assistance.

Douglas announced that St. Mary Church is reopening on Sunday, February 14 with limitations.

³ H.O.P.E. Line, <https://miamioh.edu/hopeline>

Dana announced the Puff Memorial Lecture “Christian Approaches to Homelessness” would take place virtually on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM⁴. The presenter will speak about homelessness and social justice.

Douglas announced that Diversity Affairs Council is restructuring and requested that people reach out with ideas for getting students into the community to have real impacts. Schnabl responded with a request for volunteers for Meals on Wheels deliveries, which is a midday commitment of about two-hours and volunteers may go out in groups of two. Schnabl also requested snow-shoveling crews.

10 Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.

⁴ Christian Approaches to Homelessness, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK8OLFC3AKQ>