



**Document:** Meeting Minutes  
**Board or Commission:** Student/Community Relations Commission  
**Meeting Date:** Friday, February 26, 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 3:00 PM in a Zoom Webinar streamed on YouTube Live. McClary called on members to introduce themselves.

---

## 2 Attendance

### 2.1 Members in attendance

Dr. Matt Arbuckle, Rebecca Baudry Young, Sidra Capriolo, Prue Dana, Zoe Douglas, Glenn Ellerbe, Lt. Lara Fening, Lena Giang, Emily McClary, Ahriana Mumford, Kyle Naderhoff, Megan Schoettler, Jonathan Shirley, Joy Usner, Dr. Scott Walter, and Andrew Wilson.

### 2.2 Guests

Gus Lake and Connor Manley.

---

## 3 Approval of Agenda

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

---

## 4 Approval of February 12, 2021 Minutes

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

---

## **5 Reports**

### **5.1 Oxford Police (OPD)**

Fening reported on unemployment fraud, drug arrests, driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests, several alcohol and juvenile arrests, and one vehicle theft. Douglas asked if the curfew being lifted has affected anything. Fening responded that there had not been much activity as a result of the lift.

### **5.2 Miami University Police (MUPD)**

Schneider reported there have been a few problems with alcohol and some property damage, but nothing major.

---

## **6 Updates from the Chair**

### **6.1 Community Newsletter**

McClary reported that the newsletter went out today and that Associated Student Government (ASG) members assisted with content. Schoettler encouraged ASG to do spotlights on volunteers and offered assistance writing them.

### **6.2 Oxford Farmers Market Outreach**

McClary announced that ASG Senators would be distributing information, masks, and thermometers at a table at the Farmers Market.

### **6.3 Health and Wellness Day Programming**

McClary encouraged members to check the Health and Wellness Day website<sup>1</sup> for programming on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

### **6.4 COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

McClary reported that the Ad Hoc committee is developing save practices infographics and signage to post on social media.

---

<sup>1</sup> Wellness Days at Miami, <https://miamioh.edu/wellnessdays>

---

## 7 Old Business

*None.*

---

## 8 New Business

### 8.1 Mask Ambassadorship Program

Manley reported that the program would attempt to use positive reinforcement to encourage mask usage. Groups will be made up of Miami University students and will target Uptown Oxford. Manley stated that they have been working with Seth Croyenbaker from the City of Oxford, Greek Life leaders, and Student Activities. The program will begin on Friday, March 12 and will run Friday and Saturday nights until the end of the semester and the nights before the Health and Wellness Days. Groups will hand out masks and hand sanitizer and volunteers will receive t-shirts.

Douglas expressed enthusiasm for the program and asked about Green Beer Day. Manley responded that Croyenbaker and the OPD are still considering whether to put volunteers out on Green Beer Day due to the expected increases in foot traffic and alcohol consumption in relation to volunteer safety.

Capriolo asked about funding for the program and how student organizations that sign up to participate will receive funds. Manley replied that he did not have specific details but ASG Secretary of Finance Ben Waugh and Student Activities Assistant Director JS Bragg have assured the program that funding is available.

Douglas asked if funds would roll over into a new academic year for student organizations to use after COVID-19 is ends. Walter responded that the funds could roll over.

Wilson asked if high profile Miami University faculty and staff, including President Crawford, have been asked to participate. Manley responded that the program has been geared towards student volunteers. Wilson added that students seeing professors and President Crawford in areas like Uptown could send a powerful message to the students.

Schoettler thanked Manley for working on the program, then asked if volunteer groups could be polled after their shifts for tips and advice to other volunteers and success stories. Manley offered appreciation for Schoettler's suggestion.

Douglas briefly touched on past negative experiences handing out water bottles and pondered if students would respond more positively if they saw President Crawford and administrators taking tangible actions.

Douglas added that it could be a way to build positive relationships as well. Douglas asked about guidelines and protocols to protect the volunteers. Manley responded that they are working with OPD, requiring volunteers to go out in groups of at least two, and putting them out earlier in the evening. Walter offered to participate in the program and recruit high profile people from the University.

Douglas asked McClary to provide Manley's contact information to commission members and McClary offered to send it via email.

## **8.2 Local Business Support (Open Floor)**

McClary announced a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to spotlight six businesses in the Community Newsletter each week. McClary also reported that Gus Lake is working to write COVID-19 guidelines into the Community Newsletter.

Naderhoff asked which specific businesses need assistance, so that Greek chapters may be able to do targeted fundraisers. McClary responded that it might be best to target businesses that are not located on High Street. Douglas asked about businesses needing financial support for joining the Chamber of Commerce. Ellerbe responded that the City does not provide financial support to join the Chamber but that the City has prioritized economic development to encourage all commercial properties to provide services to the community. Ellerbe also encouraged Naderhoff to target businesses not located on High Street but still in the Uptown business district.

Schoettler reported that some organizations are doing a good job of highlighting businesses in town, including new and lesser-known ones. Schoettler recommended following the Instagram accounts of Spoon University Miami U<sup>2</sup> and Enjoy Oxford<sup>3</sup>. Douglas suggested creating a partnership for highlighting businesses on the ASG Instagram account<sup>4</sup>.

Ellerbe requested that commission members send ideas for incentivizing vacant spaces for commercial endeavors such as a pop-up shop or temporary leases. Douglas offered that small student groups might have a need for these spaces. Naderhoff asked about the vacant spaces at the former Follett's Bookstore and 45 East. Ellerbe asked for ideas for using those types of spaces so the City could reach out to the property owners. Naderhoff proposed a fried chicken joint, to which all members smiled. Schoettler suggested that spaces could be available for online-only businesses to use for a few days at a time. Douglas suggested that some students need study space and may be interested in using the spaces.

---

<sup>2</sup> Spoon University Miami U Instagram, <https://spoonuniversity.com/chapter/miamioh>

<sup>3</sup> Enjoy Oxford Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/enjoyoxford>

<sup>4</sup> Associated Student Government Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/miamiasg>

---

## 9 General Announcements

Douglas announced the Black Student Action Association (BSAA) Verzuz Battle between Miami University and the University of Cincinnati and encouraged members to visit BSAA's Instagram page<sup>5</sup> for more details. Mumford offered to send the registration link to McClary for distribution to the commission via email.

McClary asked commission members to email virtual and outdoor events for inclusion in the Community Newsletter.

---

## 10 Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.

---

<sup>5</sup> BSAA Miami Instagram, [https://www.instagram.com/bsaa\\_miami](https://www.instagram.com/bsaa_miami)