



STUDENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION AGENDA:

October 11, 2023

LCNB Community Room 30 West Park Place, Second Floor Oxford, Ohio 45056

12:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

1. September 25, 2023 meeting.

Old Business

1. None.

New Business

1. Updates from the Chair
2. ASG committees are working on writing legislation on hosting more events that involve the community and the students. Once we're done, we will present it to both the student senate and city council.
3. Secured budget for fraternity and sorority housing recycling, and it will go into works as soon as new leadership is decided.
4. Open Floor

Adjournment

MINUTES: Student Community Relations Commission

Date: September 25, 2023

Location: LCNB Community Room

Time of Meeting: 3:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Maryam Nawaz, Matt Arbuckle, Marilyn Elzey, Matt Arbuckle

Ex-officio Members Present: Glenn Ellerbe, Amy Macechko, Scott Walter, Lara Fening,

Staff present: Jessica Greene

Members/Staff Excused: Venus Harvey, Steve Chaffin, Megan Schoettler, Susan Tobergte ,
Rebecca Baudry-Young.

Meeting called to order: 3:01 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Maryam Nawaz

2nd: Marilyn Elzey

Vote: passed

Reports: No reports provided at this meeting. Lara is still looking at police reports from the weekend. There seems to be a lot of them

Updates from the Chair: Really excited to get to know you all and accomplish what we can out of this commission. Everyone gave their introductions. This meeting time does not work for most of the members of the commission. The meeting time is now moved to Wednesdays from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. . The commission will meet biweekly. This year we want to work on voter registration. We have seen a larger turnout over the past couple years. However we still need to retain those numbers and potentially increase them. A discussion was held about the new voter registration laws and how those could hinder out of state students' desire to vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Nomination and selection of new SCRC members

a. Nomination One: Patrick Houlihan

i. Nomination: Maryam Nawaz

- ii. **2nd: Marilyn Elzey**
- iii. **Vote: Unanimously passes**
- b. **Nomination Two: Olive Abram**
 - i. **Nomination: Maryam Nawaz**
 - ii. **2nd: Patrick Houlihan**
 - iii. **Vote: Passes unanimously**

More discussion was held on the best way to get students registered to vote. Patrick said he was working with IFC and Panhellenic on holding voting drives so its their own personal work. Glenn said he had talked to the president of IFC about giving community service hours to those who register to vote and then go vote.

Maryam said she wanted to work more on community service and engagement and just having more events in the Oxford community that students that live off-campus and commuters could go to. She wanted more of these events to be held during the day rather than night time so it is easy for these students to make the trek back home.

There was also a discussion related to recycling and trash that comes out of fraternity houses and annexes. Maryam brought up her “Greeks go Green” initiative that worked on getting their aluminum waste donated to recycling centers and donating that money to philanthropy. We need an IFC and Panhellenic representative on the council to get their input on this situation. We are also having a Redhawk Day of Service this Saturday that will help with getting students out and about. Marilyn expressed her want for students to see more of Oxford than just Miles Square. She proposed arranging bus trips on Saturday that go beyond this area etc. Hueston Woods, the trailer park etc.

A motion was made for the chair of the SCRC to express how they wanted more regular shut downs of uptown and have events e.g. the concerts over the summer but extend these to students as well. These will help the students and the community connect and feel better about students. It will also get people from nearby areas to come to Oxford and help our business. Events around beekeeping, since Oxford is famous for that, is one of the ideas for these events. Amy said that yoga in the community park got great turnout after it was extended to the first couple months of the fall semester

Motion: Marilyn Elzey

2nd : Matt Arbuckle

Vote: Passes unanimously

There was discussion from the group about how we need to show the city council and ASG that the students want to be as involved in the events held for permanent Oxford residents as them. Patrick suggested a legislation written by our respective Associated Student Government committees regarding this.

Open Floor Discussion:



Maryam asked for topics for the group to explore this year. The group discussed how parking and parking spaces/streets being too crowded in the Kramer area was a problem. It was brought up that it is unclear how much of the traffic around Kramer is college students and residents. Much of the street leading up to it does happen to be college student houses. This causes a high probability for incidents, blocks driveways. Glenn brought up how new land was being bought around Oxford and would turn into somewhat expensive housing. Marilyn asked where the “affordable” housing would be. Glenn said that it would be on Chestnut and off of I-27

The group will discuss these topics and narrow their focus areas at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 11th 2023

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Maryamat 4:01 pm.

2nd: Patrick Houlihan

Vote: Passed.