

Minutes

Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center B, Room 105
302 NE 6th AVE, Gainesville, FL

June 16, 2016
Thursday, 8:00 AM

Members Present: Nora Kilroy – UF Advisor (Chair)
Layne Prebor – Voting Non-Student Member
Thomas Rider – Voting Non-Student Member

Members Absent: James Tyger – Voting Non-Student Member (Vice-chair)
Anthony Rychkov – Voting Student Member
Harold Shaw – Voting Student Member
Ricardo Sabater – Voting Student Member

City Staff Present: Pete Backhaus – Code Enforcement Supervisor (Liaison)
Justin Torres – Gainesville Police Department
Ryan Hinote – Code Enforcement Officer
Connie Farrell- Staff Specialist/Secretary

Other Guests: Ed Book – Chief of Police, Santa Fe College
Naima Brown – Vice-President Student Affairs
Wayne Clark – UF Police Department

Goal:

The goal of the Student Community Relations Advisory Board (SCRAB) is to strive for a more cohesive non-student and student community; to act as a vehicle for students and non-students to voice their concerns and opinions; to review, discuss and forward recommendations as appropriate, on issues, concerns and initiatives relevant to students and non-students; to assess and address needs of non-students as they pertain to student issues; to be a knowledgeable liaison between the City Commission and the students and nonstudents of Gainesville; to encourage involvement by non-students and students in planning and implementation of improvements; and to ensure that student issues are addressed by providing a link between the students, non-students, and the City Commission.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- * Chair Nora Kilroy called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.
- * An attendance sheet was circulated.
- * All members and attendees introduced themselves.

B. STAFF REPORT

Liaison Backhaus introduced Code Enforcement Officer Hinote. His area mainly encompasses the University Park Neighborhood Association. Solid Waste Manager Steve Joplin advised there have been several issues with acquiring drivers.

C. GPD REPORT

Officer Torres advised that most students are out of town. Drop box check theft is an issue.

D. BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Discussion Topics:

The Move-out map that was posted on Facebook reached 811 people; 757 were organic; 54 were paid. The ad was only up for 2 days before Facebook took it down; too many words were on the ad. This was a learning experience and the next ad will be improved.

Santa Fe College –

Chief Book and Dr. Brown discussed the assets that Santa Fe College bring to the community, touching on the following:

- The median student age is 25;
- SFC offers AA, AS, Bachelor's, Certificates, Community Ed and Continuing Ed
- Eight on-line bachelor's degrees, approved by UF, are offered to assist the community
- Youth programs in high schools and middle schools
- Five athletic teams consisting of women's volleyball, men and women's baseball and basketball
- Host to athletic and academic camps
- Four full-time counselors are available to assist students both academically and personally
- Contract with RTS – students ride the bus for free
- Shuttle service is available for out of town students in order to increase access to Waldo, Starke, Newberry, Archer and High Springs
- 50% of the out-of-town students come from out of the district.
- Approximately 300 international students attend SFC annually
- GRU offers up to two students who qualify a \$1,000 Brighter Tomorrow Scholarship which can be renewable for four years
- Maximum class size is 34
- Cost is \$103 per credit hour
- Student Legal Services utilizes Three Rivers Legal Services
- Most students live in the SW 20th Ave corridor and 67th Blvd area – around Tower Road.
- Many SFC students room with UF Students
- Every community college is assigned specific districts; recruiting can only be conducted in that area. If students from outside the recruiting area choose to attend they are welcome.
- The Blount Center is an extremely active campus.
- During the first semester 4500 students are randomly selected and are required to take a

sexual assault and sexual harassment training.

UF Police Department –

- Officer Clark works under the crime prevention unit. Some of his duties include:
- Presenting to new students during Preview
- Helping with news media
- Working with Chair Kilroy and Officer Torres
- Student who have gone through the Student Conduct process are powerful positive influences to their peers – listening to the experience of others encourages others to remember the consequences
- A new Public Safety App “Gator Safe” provides numerous resources such as a real time safety feed, emergency contacts, a safety toolbox, the ability to report a tip, emergency guideline, crime map, emergency alerts and other useful information
- Confidential victim advocate services are available for anyone associated with UF who is a crime victim
- Officers rotate to different positions after several years
- Officers have diversity training
- Campus issues are handled by UF Police Department; off-campus issues are handled by GPD or the Sheriff’s Office.
- UPD partners with Greek Life to teach alcohol safety and awareness
- On campus fraternity parties require two police officers
- Registered parties require police officers

Next Month’s Discussion Topics:

- Sorority & Fraternal Affairs
- ASO or UF Planning Office
- The Rental Welcome is August 31, 2016 from Noon to 5 PM.
- 2016/2017 Budget information will be available for the next meeting.
- Chair Kilroy will bring a sample map of Wi-Fi off campus locations which will be published on Facebook upon Board approval.

Future suggested topics:

- Guests who impact community relations
- Apartment management representation
- Neighborhood density issues
- UAA
- The Foundation
- Land Acquisition
- IFAS and other agricultural programs
- Alcohol Beverage Tobacco

New Business:

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:

- The July meeting will be suspended.
- The August meeting will be Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Thomas Center “A”, Room 105, 302 NE 6th AVE, Gainesville, FL.

E. PUBLIC/MEMBER COMMENTS

Meeting adjourned 9:23 AM.