

# Minutes

## Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center B, Room 130  
306 E 6<sup>th</sup> AVE, Gainesville, FL

September 13, 2018  
Thursday, 3:30 PM

**Members Present:** Nora Kilroy – UF Advisor (Chair)  
James Tyger – Voting Non-Student Member (Vice-chair)  
Layne Prebor – Voting Non-Student Member  
Gloria Li – Voting Student Member

**Members Absent:** Thomas Rider – Voting Non-Student Member  
Clarinda Choice – Non-voting Advisor  
Sarah Blanc – Non-voting Advisor  
Alex Basta – Voting Student Member  
Matthew Burnette – Voting Student Member

**City Staff Present:** Pete Backhaus – Code Enforcement Supervisor (Liaison)  
Jeff Look – Interim Code Enforcement Manger  
Justin Torres – Officer, Gainesville Police Department  
Denise McMillan – Code Enforcement Officer  
Connie Farrell – Staff Specialist (Secretary)  
Tom Douglas – Solid Waste Inspector

### **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.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- \* Chair Kilroy called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM. After the April 24, 2018 Minutes were reviewed Chair Kilroy called for a motion to Mr. Prebor seconded; Minutes were approved as written.

- \* An attendance sheet was circulated.

\* All members and attendees introduced themselves.

- **STAFF REPORT**

Liaison Backhaus reported that the student turn was mostly uneventful. He also informed the Board that code enforcement and GPD will be monitoring yard parking and special event vendors during the home games.

Liaison Backhaus asked Code Officer McMillan to recap the Student Rental Welcome. Ms. McMillan said that 434 homes were targeted; 152 were home and received welcome packets. Questions that arose were answered; welcome packets were left at 282 homes where there was no answer.

A planning meeting will be held in the summer, 2019 to coordinate next year's Student Rental Welcome. Several recommendations are:

- Start about 10:00 AM
- "Cheat sheet" of general information for participants
- Include student government as volunteers
- Invite Commission members
- Consider multi-family residences.

- **GPD REPORT**

Officer Torres discussed several items of interest:

- Educating the public
- University Avenue being closed at the stadium on home game days
- Panhandling issues
- Unlocked car burglaries
- District 1 & District 2 meetings

A. **BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**Discussion Topics -**

Chair Kilroy asked the Board to consider what they liked last year? Guest speakers and field trips topped the list. Suggestions for future meetings include: town hall; more student participation; goal setting for educating students on environmental and sustainability; educating the public on solid waste issues.

What topics and places do we want to explore?

- Parking
- Towing Company
- Sustainability
- Levita Brown Recycling Center
- Hazardous waste, food and clothing collection during student move-outs
- UF Strategic Plan
- State Attorney's Office
- RTS System

- UF General Council – topics affecting UF
- Santa Fe representation
- Supervisor of Elections office
- Stadium visit

Chair Kilroy challenged Board members to bring strategic plan ideas for goals setting to the October meeting. The 2019 budget will also be addressed.

Ms. Li suggested that a student member should write an interview for the *Alligator*.

**New Business:**

These items will be discussed at the October meeting:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Board bylaws, procedures and protocol
- Attendance Policy
- Topics of concern
- Goals defined
- Plan of execution will be set

**Dates and Times of Next Meeting:**

The **October** meeting will be held Friday, October 12, 2018 at 3:30 PM at **Thomas Center B, Room 130, 306 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Gainesville, FL.**

The tentative date for the **November** meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2018 at 3:30 PM at Thomas Center B, Room 130, 306 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gainesville, FL.

**B. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:38 PM Chair Kilroy called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Prebor motioned; Vice-chair Tyger seconded. Meeting was adjourned.