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## Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2013

Rollins College Student Government Association

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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm, at Rollins College in the Galloway Room, the Chairman and Clerk being present. Roll was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct.

Executive Reports were given as follows:

- a. President
  - i. Alumni Achievement Awards
  - ii. Jeff Eisenbarth visit
- b. Chief Justice
  - i. Applications for president/vice president were due today
  - ii. The candidates will do a 30 sec speech at LipSync
  - iii. We are tabling April 1 and 5 to get people to vote. Please sign up for at least one time slot.
- c. Academic Affairs
  - i. Holt Dance Minor
  - ii. African American Studies
  - iii. General Education Logistics
- d. Finance
  - i. Invited author of Freakonomics and Maggie Doyne to speak at WPI
- e. Internal Relations
  - i. Meeting to make changes to evaluations
- f. Public Relations
  - i. T-Shirts are in!
  - ii. Alumni Weekend Presentation
- g. Student Life
  - i. Working on gym survey
  - ii. No money left in SHIP fund
- i. Events
  - i. LipSync! 2013 is officially a week away
    - a. Today after Senate Ben, Sammy, Brent, Kasey and I will be conducting the first round of previews for Lip Sync at Winter Park Plaza.
    - b. I will be sending an email out looking for specific sign ups
      - i. Please remember that if you are not participating in LipSync! I expect you to be helping.
  - ii. The Bookstore Meeting Update
    - a. Met with two of the members from the Bookstore committee and we discussed ideas for Fall
      - They are interested in doing a Fashion Show for either Spring of this year or for August 2013.
      - The bookstore has an area in the back right by the fireplace that is now open for booking for meetings. It is not available on EMS so if you are interested in booking that space contact the Bookstore directly.
      - They will be taking into consideration all of the suggestions for new merchandise. Although they cannot promise that



they will be able to get all of the merchandise they appreciate all the feedback.

- Considering starting a Facebook Page to show all of the new merchandise markdowns, specials, etc.

Organizational Senator Reports were given as follows:

- h. Residential Life
  - i. Starting gender neutral housing
- i. IFC
  - i. Elections pushed back till next week
  - ii. Alumni events this weekend
  - iii. Forum on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> about recent developments in FSL
- j. OCE/Jump
  - i. Spring Extravaganza- April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Pathways to College was this week
  - iii. Applications for JUMP exec board going out
- k. SAAC
  - i. April 4<sup>th</sup> is Student Athlete Day

During New Business, the appointment of a Junior Senator to the Senate was approved.

Next, Legislation 1213.15 was presented and the floor was opened for discussion. The President mentioned that the Fox Day budget had already been approved by the Senate earlier in the year. A Senator asked if they could submit other ideas for Fox Day activities. The President responded that he would pass ideas along to the Fox Day Planning Committee, but that it is a difficult event to plan for. The Parliamentarian motioned to make a friendly amendment to say “to be spent with thrift” after the allocated amount of funds. The Finance Chair responded that SGA is doing really well with the budget; there is \$11,700 left still for this year. She also said that the Public Relations Chair spent less than half of the money allocated for t-shirts, so SGA can definitely afford to pay this much for activities on Fox Day. The Parliamentarian commented that some constituents have raised concerns that there are not Fox Day t-shirts and asked if this was an issue of funds. He suggested that SGA could spend some of this money on tanks. A Senator echoed his concern. The friendly amendment was accepted and the floor was closed for discussion. The Legislation was adopted.

Next, Legislation 1213.16 was presented and the floor opened for discussion. The Finance Chair commented that this would be a Fox Funds request since SGA has a policy of not financially supporting events or organizations. The President responded that SGA technically can allocate money since legislation was already passed to sponsor this event. He continued by saying originally the event had been imagined as a town hall about the nondiscrimination policy, but now SGA has decided to “piggyback” off of Amnesty International, who is putting on the event. A Sponsor of the legislation said that they could be flexible with price. Another Senator asked if the event would be mandatory and suggested a friendly amendment to change to “encourage participation” at the event. Another Senator expressed concern about the financial support and said that SGA had talked about trying not to financially support organizations. She requested that the financial support part of the legislation be removed. A Sponsor of the legislation suggested that SGA could be a co-host to the event. A Senator responded that the Advisor had

responsibility for the event. Another Senator suggested that SGA could support through attendance but not necessarily host it. Another Senator said that SGA in the past has issued statements of support for such events. The President responded that legislation was passed earlier in the year in which SGA made a statement of support. He continued by saying that the legislation is currently a bill because it contains allocation of funds, but it could be changed to a resolution with friendly amendment. He expressed hesitation because SGA didn't put much logistical effort into it and Amnesty has done all of the work. This would be a way to support the event without funds. A Senator made a friendly amendment to take out the financial support aspect. The amendment was accepted. The Student Life Chair again suggested that a Fox Funds request could be made to obtain funds. The floor was closed for discussion and the legislation was adopted.

Next, Legislation 1213.17 was presented and the floor was opened for discussion. A Sponsor of the legislation mentioned that Judicial Board has had an issue with people not attending repeated scheduled meetings and needs a way to conduct the meetings without the person present. A Senator expressed concern about a Senator not showing up to a meeting because of a last minute emergency. A Sponsor of the legislation said that Judicial Board will definitely take emergencies into consideration. Another Sponsor said that a Judicial Board meeting doesn't necessarily mean a Senator will get kicked out of SGA, but there need to be meetings in order to discuss reasons why the Senator has continually missed Senate meetings. The floor was closed for discussion and the legislation was adopted, with one "no" vote.

During Open Forum, a Senator mentioned that several of his constituents had encountered issues with printing pages, and that maybe an exception to the limit could be made for seniors writing theses. The President responded that he is trying to figure out the best way to move forward on the matter. A Senator suggested the idea that unused pages could be rolled over to subsequent semesters. Another Senator suggested that students who do not use as many pages could transfer pages to their friends. A Senator mentioned that Alumni Weekend was this weekend and that there is a concentration on the Music Department, so there will be three concerts this weekend. She also mentioned that Vagina Monologues is this weekend, and Pinehurst Cottage is having a "throw away negative energy" event soon. The Chief Justice asked Senators to please spread the word about campaigning and voting in the coming weeks; she suggested sharing a status on Facebook or helping out at tables at the Campus Center. A Senator requested printed copies of the SGA Constitution for every Senator. The President responded that the Constitution could be found on the SGA website under "Important Documents." The Senator suggested that Senate should consider looking at the role of the President Pro Tempore, and that Senate could submit an inquiry to Executive Board Members about attendance at their meetings. He said that the different parts of SGA should be able to check each other. A Senator mentioned that OSS is in the process of looking at the transfer student process and plans to meet with meeting transfer students to discuss the matter. She also said that there is a RIP show on Saturday at 8 pm. The President Pro Tempore mentioned that Olin Library is having an edible book contest soon, and that entries must be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A Senator asked how many people were running for President and Vice President. The Chief Justice responded that she will know by Friday, and campaigning will start on Monday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.