Minutes, Arts & Sciences Student Life Committee Meeting, Monday, November 17, 2014

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In attendance:
Members: Missy Barnes, Yusheng Yao, Heidi Limongi, Derrick Paladino, Scott Rubarth, Nathan Arrowsmith, Andrew Luchner, Jana Matthews, Davin Laskin, Faithe Galloway
Guests: Micki Meyer

I. Introductions
II. Minutes from 10/28/14 approved
III. Subcommittee reports
   a. SHIP Committee – 9 proposals by November 12th deadline. Next deadline: February 11th.
IV. New Business
   a. Mikki Meyer reported in the history of student care at Rollins and was excited to inform the committee that a Student Care Guide will be distributed to Faculty and Staff during the Spring 2015 semester. She indicated that it would be a resource for Student Care, Crisis and Concern, pointing interested faculty and staff to appropriate resources to assist students in need and distress.
   b. Concerns about the current climate on campus were discussed for the majority of the meeting. SGA representatives Davin Laskin and Faithe Galloway reported on student body concerns, including the hope for an expanded escort system, changes in the C-Store bag drop system, worries about community standards procedures changing and creating less transparency, and a wish for increased availability of gym hours. The majority of the meeting addressed concerns of the SLC regarding the recent events (e.g. Yic Yac, culturally insensitive costume party) that have surfaced lately. The discussion focused on the influence of these events on the larger community, and how those who have experienced prejudice, trauma, or marginalization might have been affected by these recent events. Concern for students who felt comfortable expressing demeaning and hateful remarks anonymously was addressed. The committee explored the nature of these comments and how speech that is derogatory may impact others on campus.
V. For next meeting, scheduled on 1/20/15 – continued discussion of how to address campus climate of inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.