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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on October 7th, 2020 at 7:00pm, at Rollins College via WebEx. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct after vote by Senate.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Welcome**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - Approved
- V. Speakers**
 - None
- VI. Executive Reports**
 - A. President
 - First meeting where we moved the open forum to earlier
 - Spring semester:
 - Housing will remain the same – single living, more dorms available
 - Lakeside will be done by then
 - Spring break, Leon talked about how it is cancelled, moved to the beginning of the semester by starting a week later
 - Thanksgiving
 - Tough for those living on campus
 - For more information, you can email Manny, or any of the exec. board
 - B. Vice President
 - Potential Ad-hoc committees:
 - Sodexo & Covid
 - Senators required
 - Need legislation to form them
 - Google form for students to submit suggestions, complaints, etc. (campus wide)
 - Old business to fill remaining senator positions
 - C. Chief Justice
 - Thank Manny with Justice interviews over the weekend, unprecedented amount of applicants
 - Will narrow down to 6 candidates
 - Interviews on Tues. and nominations Tues. night to vote during senate on Weds.
 - Please remember to check your email!
 - Send info. To Amara and Niko
 - D. Academic Affairs
 - Thank committee members who joined
 - Curriculum Committee made a change to MGT and INB
 - BUS245 (International Organizational Behavior) now requires a C or better as a prerequisite for other higher-level courses
 - Falls in line with similar level courses for the majors

- Thanksgiving
 - If you leave Rollins or the local area, you are not permitted to come back and must finish the semester virtually
- Intersession
 - Moved back and will start Jan. 11th
 - Charged \$503 per credit hour or \$2012 for a standard 4-credit course
 - Will be virtual
 - Small number of course offerings due to low interest from professors
- Spring 2021
 - Will be very similar to fall in regard to policy and how courses will be taught
 - Schedule will be posted by Oct. 26th, before registration
 - Including how they will be offered (virtual, hybrid, F2F)
 - Students will again have the option to be fully virtual or F2F again and may transition regardless of what they're currently doing
 - Decision must be made Oct. 21 – Dec. 1
 - Single housing will continue
 - Around 100 new housing units will be available due to the completion of Lakeside and will be used for the students transitioning to F2F after being virtual fall semester
 - Virtual students will again receive a \$2,500 refund
 - Calendar shifts:
 - Decision made by the college to cancel spring break to reduce risk as it is expected the pandemic will be ongoing
 - 3 options were considered; new calendar decision made in collaboration with SGA, specifically the SGA Academic Affairs committee and the campus Curriculum Committee (none involved cancelling spring break)
 - Starting the semester, a week later
 - Ending the semester, a week earlier
 - Starting and ending on the same day but with five sporadic days off on Tues. and Weds. Only
 - Decision was made to go with first option
 - Spring 2021 will now start Tues. Jan. 19 for both CLA and Holt
 - This option was chosen because:
 - Gives more time in the winter break due to Fall 2020 semester ending late
 - Gives more time in especially for RLE and FSL students and staff who must return earlier
 - Allows over 14 days following New Year's holiday for students to be able to self-isolated before returning to campus

- Spring 2021 semester will also be ending earlier than planned (CLA only)
 - Classes will now end April 23rd, instead of April 27th
 - Exams will now end April 30th, instead of May 4th
 - Hold end day of April 27th remains unchanged
 - CLA commencement moved up a day from May 9th to May 8th
 - Same day as Holt now
 - To move off the Mother's Day holiday
 - Maymester schedule remains unchanged and will start May 10th
 - Will operate under COVID procedures and course modalities
 - Study Abroad & Field Studies
 - Domestic and international field studies have been cancelled through March
 - International courses cancelled through February

E. Internal Relations

- No report

F. Public Relations

- Excited that the committee has been filled!
- Sent out an email earlier, please respond
 - Campus wide email introducing senators
 - Instagram post

G. Events

- Met with Manny and Jade to brainstorm event ideas
- Working with the CICI for an event at the end of oct. so be on the lookout

H. Finance

- Fox Funds was going to meet today but meeting will be pushed back due to technical difficulties

I. Student Life

- Met with Dr. Matthew, new head of Student Life
 - Brainstormed ideas

J. Diversity and Inclusion

- Met with Abby Holleran from CICI
- Will work with committee soon to create sub-committees around campus
- Representation in social media, for Holt students, etc.
- Diversity council will be meeting this Friday with President Cornwell

K. Attorney General

- No report

L. President Pro Tempore

- No report

M. Advisors

- No report

VII. Organizational Senator Reports

A. Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)

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B. Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)

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C. Wellness

- Meeting this week spoke about:
 - Report council are being overwhelmed
 - People reporting on tiny details such as students not wearing their mask while at a restaurant, etc.
 - Starting our social streak for freshman mainly
 - Emphasizing friendship search
 - Scared of low attendance, so please market it!

D. Accessibility

- Spoke with the accessibility department and other faculty
- Good ideas about what to work on this year
 - Getting disability alliance up and running
 - Partnering with other organizations that have similar efforts
 - Professional audit in spring that wasn't completed regarding elevators and things like that
 - Will follow up
 - Own experience: we need to look at how people interact with those who are different
 - Maybe set up safe zone for people with disabilities
 - Work with the study abroad office to offer more opportunities to those who need accommodations
 - Other campuses do a disability pride week, potential idea for our campus

E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

- No report

F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)

- No report

G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy

- First spectrum meeting will be tonight, will follow up with their president

H. Student Media

- No report

I. International Affairs

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J. Student Athlete Advisory

- Christian Mahlstedt was elected

K. Sustainability

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L. Campus Safety and Security

- Meeting with Ken Miller and other members on Tuesday
- Feedback from students and how they can feel safer on campus

M. Institutional Advancement

- Conner Jones was elected
- N. Holt Graduate Programs
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- O. External and Competitive Scholarships
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VIII. Ad-hoc Committees

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IX. Open Forum

- Diversity and Inclusion Event
 - Coordination with last year's diversity council and CICI, members were given grants
 - Events will be held:
 - Tues Oct. 13th – virtual movie screening “When I Stutter”
 - 7pm
 - Followed by a Panel to raise awareness
 - In person option at Bush Auditorium
 - Wed. Oct. 14th – lunch and learn
 - 12-1pm with an open discussion surrounding speech disorders
 - Reach out to Kyle or Joe Hughes (jhughes@rollins.edu) for more info or to RSVP
- Required testing
 - Is it an option for when we come back spring semester?
 - A: probably similar to this year's check in
- Budget
 - Is it available to everyone? (campus budget)
 - Anyone who was on that committee might have a better idea, it is available for last year
 - The budget and tuition rates are decided one year before implemented
 - Want to work with SGA, Exec. board is currently working on this
 - Does the board of trustees allow for deviations?
 - That would be a question for the board of trustees and Ed Kania
 - If there is an *emergency* it can be done, but not common
- Student approach about Campus Safety
 - Worried that some students have been calling for escorts at night
 - Are none, due to staffing cuts
 - Only escorts in the day
 - If there are student volunteers willing, they would provide a golf cart
 - Cece will meet with Campus Safety about that
 - Potential student program
- Feel free to reach out
 - Through outlook email
 - Open forum is a good way to get out ideas
 - Work with fellow senators

- Hear from students
- Suggestion
 - Each faculty within each department on the Rollins website should have their own homepage
 - Did Rollins have separate pages for faculty in the past? What do they have now?
 - Historically – no idea
 - Information broken down by department, and then research area
 - Each faculty doesn't have their own page due to small size
 - Some faculty members will link their own website or LinkedIn on the faculty page so that one may learn more as well
 - Rollins is always updating their websites
- Senator Duties
 - Email was sent out
- Virtual students
 - Are having trouble hearing in their classes, what can we do?
 - Students are shy and won't articulate what they need
 - Professors are not paying as much attention
 - Discuss with Kyle
 - Holt student complaints
 - Professors ask students to recap what they said when virtual students make claim rather than the professor repeat the information
- Senators
 - If you need help, guidance, let us (exec. board) know
 - Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do

X. Old Business

- Remaining Senator Positions
 - i.** Office of Institutional Advancement
 - ii.** Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)
 - iii.** Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)
 - iv.** Student Athlete Advisory Representative
 - v.** Holt Class Senator

XI. New Business

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The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Manny Rodriguez, SGA President