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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on October 14th, 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
 - No report
 - B. Vice President
 - Reminder: still need Sodexo and COVID committees
 - C. Chief Justice
 - Cover Selection Process
 - 30 candidates got a written interview
 - Manny and Niko independently ranked each Green/Yellow/Red
 - Advanced to virtual interview
 - Questions gotten from UF's SGA, Google Recruiting Dept. & Indeed
 - Manny and Niko judged qualifications and nominated the four women you will meet tonight
 - Appoint Process
 - Judicial appointments have never been done before at SGA, so we need to figure out a process in senate
 - Some nominees will not be attending, which is why the packets are important
 - The selections process was thorough, so show humility
 - Overview: the nominees will be announced, Niko/Kim will read the intro, if the nominees is attending, we will open for questions and vote
 - Going forward, Niko suggests a senator create a legislation about senate appointments
 - D. Academic Affairs
 - Amend what was said last week, OISSIS suspended international program
 - Fall of 2021 yet to be decided
 - If you are a senior who requires an international program or field study, try a summer field study or reach out to department head
 - Recommend to juniors as well just in case
 - Virtual Global Experiences as a potential option as well

- SGA and Academic Affairs has been hearing a lot of complaints as it relates to the classroom experience (especially virtual students)
 - Working on it
 - Campus survey being sent out to all CLA and Holt for feedback
 - Both SGA and Policy level
 - Will work with Student Life committee jointly
 - Focus: academics in the classroom but also student life
 - Looking at covid policies in general

E. Internal Relations

- Committee placement:
 - Amylynn Richards (Holt Senator) – Public Relations
 - Charlie Lin (Sustainability Senator) – Finance
 - Elizabeth Smith (Accessibility Senator) – Diversity & Inclusion
- If anyone still needs a committee contact Sara
 - Email: sgonzalez2@rollins.edu

F. Public Relations

- Niko and Amara working on social media posts to introduce senators
- Still need people to contact Amara with information

G. Events

- Finalizing for Fall Festival this month
- Working with Amara to promote it
 - T-Shirts
- Next week more details to come

H. Finance

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I. Student Life

- A lot of concerns from students who feel “imprisoned” on campus from the situation
- Met with committee to work on suggestions
- Will meet with Dr. Matthew next week for suggestions and next steps

J. Diversity and Inclusion

- Brainstorm for Diversity Fair
- Set up a meeting with the committee by the end of next week

K. Attorney General

- No report

L. President Pro Tempore

- Senator Reminder:
 - Everyone needs to author *at least one* bill per semester
 - Each bill can have up to three authors
 - Collaborate
 - Register on schedule
 - Legislation ideas:
 - COVID committee
 - Election results

- Recycling programs
 - Dining
 - Process for voting for justices
- People can have their own ideas as well
- Listen to your constituents for ideas
- New senators that were added, will be added to outlook group
- Wants to meet with everyone
 - Optional
 - One on one or groups
 - Provide extra guidance on bills, how to write, suggestions, etc.
- Be sure to send in your photo and info. for social media posts!

M. Advisors

- Next week the senate meeting will be in Robert's room
 - <https://rollins.webx.com/meet/rwhetstone>
- Email will be sent out as a reminder

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

- A lot of students have brought up concerns about Thanksgiving and Spring Break
 - Thanksgiving
 - Complaining that they can't go home, even when they live close
 - Commuters can still go to classes and staff so why can't they?
 - Spring Break
 - Long four months without a break in the spring semester
 - No breaks, no rest
 - Would rather have the 5 days spread out than starting a week later as was decided
- Having in-person and virtual activities
 - Virtual activities have not had enough attendance
 - First event: Oct. 22nd, around 1-3pm, Olin lawn
 - Pamphlets for the virtual events

D. Accessibility

- Met with Accessibility department
 - Updated with some information
 - Looking to collaborate with other organizations
 - Best Buddies and Sign Language organization
 - Try to meet up this week
 - Get some of the things mentioned last week into effect

E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

- No report

F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)

- No report

G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy

- A student reached out with concern
 - A particular class in which they are at a disadvantage
 - Try to work something out with Abby Holleran and professor of that class to resolve issue

H. Student Media

- Met with director
 - Discussed potential future plans on the radio station to make it more accessible and popular among students
 - Station manager resigned
 - Potential for Rollins app

I. International Affairs

- Met with Jenifer Ruby
 - Potentially putting up flags in Lakeside
 - Discussed different events
 - 1st event: Fri. at 10am for internationals to meet their representative and hear concerns
 - <https://rollins-student.webex.com/meet/kmcaraw>
- Study Abroad cancelled
 - If you need the requirement, speak with your advisor to meet it

J. Student Athlete Advisory

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K. Sustainability

- Future events concerning sustainability in the works

L. Campus Safety and Security

- Meeting with Campus Safety
 - Escort situation
 - Will NOT provide an escort unless on the list for a disability or title IX
 - Legislation in the works
 - Releasing the new policy on how they will not provide escorts to campus
 - Make students aware
 - Residential buildings
 - Not allowing people who are not from the community into the building – “piggybacking”

M. Institutional Advancement

- March 30th – Giving Day
- Working with CCLP
 - Share the light
 - Helping Dec.2020 graduates

N. Holt Graduate Programs

- No report

O. External and Competitive Scholarships

- No report

VIII. Ad-hoc Committees

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IX. Open Forum

- Ad-hoc Committee
 - Looking for people to help with international representation and other projects
 - Contact Katelynn
 - Email: kmcaraw@rollins.edu
 - Phone number: 7573725299
- Legislation/Photography on campus
 - Email sent out last week by Rollins
 - Make a legislation to create a visitor center at Rollins
 - Beneficial for public
 - Guidance for visitors
- COVID-19 Committee
 - Started the drafting process with other senators
 - If you want to add any guidelines or suggestions, please email Hannah Munford
 - Hmunford@rollins.edu
- Voter Tallies
 - Hannah is authoring a bill
- Senatorial Requirements
 - Changing the volunteer requirements since people are all in different places to accommodate anyone
 - Potential bill idea
- Arabic Studies on Campus
 - Writing legislation to bring back Arabic
 - Possibility that it won't come back
 - Essential for M.I.N.A. minors
- Thanksgiving
 - Q: Who is allowed to go home? How is it being controlled? What happens to the locals?
 - If it's locally, then yes, they can come back (anywhere in Orange County)
 - Email Juan Escobar for more questions as to what is considered locally
 - If they have to travel, they do have to change to virtual
 - Controlled through honor system, hope people are honest
- Library
 - If anyone is interested in being part of the library council and retelling the information to SGA
 - Let Manny know

X. Old Business

- Remaining Senator Positions
 - i. Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)
 - ii. Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)
 - iii. Holt Senator

XI. New Business

- Judicial Nominations Vote
 - i. Caroline Husebo was voted in
 - ii. Kyana D. Julian was voted in
 - iii. McKinnon Bell was voted in
 - iv. Kyra Buske was voted in

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Manny Rodriguez, SGA President