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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on October 21st, 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
 - Meeting with the President
 - COVID and next steps
 - Rollins is trying to make the most and best decisions for safety
 - Topic of graduation
 - No solidified decision
 - Wants SGA to write out a letter with ideas, sent to the board
 - If anyone wants to give an idea, email anyone on exec. board
 - SGA President attends Board of Trustees Meetings
 - Legislation needed to allow this
 - Other colleges allow this
 - Not just for this year, but next year as well
 - B. Vice President
 - Reminder about the Sodexo and Covid committees
 - Positions remaining still
 - C. Chief Justice
 - No report
 - D. Academic Affairs
 - C/NC classes this year
 - No, option not offered this year compared to spring
 - You still have the traditional option of C/NC for one class not related to major or minor
 - Specific Request
 - CC approved a new task force examining the Health & Wellness competency
 - Was suspended last spring
 - Aimed to how to bring it back, post or during COVID
 - Examined the competency as a whole

- One student will be named
 - Must be a CLA student
 - Must be planning to attend at least fall of next year for continuity
 - If you know someone, does not have to be in SGA, who would be interested, contact Kyle
 - Experience with wellness center
- CC Business
 - Approved 2021-2022 calendar
 - Very similar
 - Traditional calendar
 - Discussion about aligning calendars (CLA and Holt)
 - Due to complications that appeared this year
 - Potential fall break for Holt Students
 - Approved slight modification to spring calendar
 - Due to Orange County public schools
 - Some Holt students will now start Jan. 5th and end at normal time
 - Will be granted to spring break
 - Approved the policy change for religious absences
 - Registration
 - Advising and the registration process begins next week
 - Update: will not work as the past
 - Due to the COVID pandemic and limited staffing at the Registrar's office
 - Continue what we did in the spring by last name (first initial)
 - Groupings by last name
 - Times: (still subject to change)
 - Group 1: S-Z 8:50a (MW) 7:50a (TR)
 - Group 2: A-D 10:50a 9:20a
 - Group 3: E-L 12:50p 10:50a
 - Group 4: M-R 2:30p 12:50p
 - Week 1:
 - M: Seniors with petitions to graduate
 - T: All other senior (100+ credits)
 - W: Honors, AMP, DDP, Bonners
 - R: Juniors (60-99 credits)
 - Week 2:
 - M: Athletes, 1st year 1st semester AMP students

- T: Sophomores (30-59 credits)
- W: Freshmen (< 30 credits)
- Modality is now available in the course schedule

E. Internal Relations

- No report

F. Public Relations

- No report

G. Events

- First event of the semester
 - Thurs. Oct 29th 3-5pm @ Mills Lawn
 - With Embark
 - T-shirts!
 - Hope to see you there

H. Finance

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I. Student Life

- Meeting with Dr. Matthews
 - On Tuesday
 - Discussed projects for the semester
 - International students to feel at home
 - Considering options in Lakeside
 - Tuition Freeze
 - Faculty & Staff dating policy
 - Next semester priority
 - Recycling on Campus
 - The reasoning why Rollins canceled the program
 - Done by facilities
 - Getting too expensive
 - Wasn't worth it, more harm than good
 - No efficiency
 - Keep it as it, reimplement it, educate students to have an effective program
 - Education! Options will be discussed
 - Harassment to students by students from the COVID policies
 - Respectful way to keep people accountable
 - Bill presented today

J. Diversity and Inclusion

- Working on diversity fair

K. Attorney General

- No report

L. President Pro Tempore

- Spoke with Meyer
 - School committee that deals with post-election affairs
 - Is in the works
 - Will be formed after Nov.3

- Ensuring that there's a safe space regardless of who they voted for or who their party is
 - Maintain respectful dialog
 - If you are interested, let Daniel know to be a part of it
 - Not an SGA committee, staff committee
 - Want SGA representation
- Remind SGA
 - VOTE! Please vote and remind others as well
- Resolution in the works, urging students to vote
- Meeting with 9 senators
 - Get rid of any confusion
 - Answer questions
- Amendment to the constitution to allow the SGA President to be present during Board meetings
 - Not a voting member
 - Was suggested that multiple senators be present

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

- Rescheduling event that was for tomorrow due to conflicts
 - Tuesday next week

D. Accessibility

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E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

- Contact with FSL
- Meeting with Panhel

F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)

- Tars Promise!
 - Please refresh the policies
 - There has been harassment, encourage not to engage in that
- Off-campus Student lounge
 - 2nd floor of Lakeside
 - Will be open in the next 2-3 weeks
 - No access for lakeside residents, only off-campus
- Spring housing application
 - Oct. 15th opened
 - If you want to change roommates, you can
 - ALL need to submit a housing application
 - Off campus to come back, you need to submit an app

- If you do not, your current situation will roll over for next semester

- RLE Thank you
 - Patience for the construction
- Suggestions
 - Contact Kiersten
 - ksudlow@rollins.edu
- Dining
 - Wants feedbacks as to what kinds of food you want to see

G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy

- Meeting with Abby Holleran this week
- Today is international pronoun day!
 - Super helpful!
- Reminder to contact Zoe if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.
- Vote!

H. Student Media

- No report

I. International Affairs

- Last Friday - International get together
 - Really well, a lot of brainstorming
 - Sense of community was created
 - Could be potential done again

J. Student Athlete Advisory

- Rejuvenate the program

K. Sustainability

- Results of survey concerning recycling program
 - Presentation
- Suggestion
 - Considering centralized recycling
 - Consolidate the recycling bins to 2-3 locations
 - Hope to eliminate recycling contamination
- Recycling committee
 - Any suggestions for participating in the committee or anything else
 - sustainability@rollins.edu

L. Campus Safety and Security

- No report

M. Institutional Advancement

- No report

N. Holt Graduate Programs

- No report

O. External and Competitive Scholarships

- Will have a meeting this week

VIII. Ad-hoc Committees

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IX. Open Forum

- Placement of Open Forum
 - Thought it would be moved earlier in the meeting
 - Should be after roll call to make it more accessible to students
 - Was moved from the end to the middle
 - Would be open to change that
- International Student Committee
 - Friendly reminder that Katelynn is still looking for people
 - A couple of things already in the works
 - Especially international students
- Question – Academic Affairs Report
 - Was Holt discussed during this process?
 - A: CLA and Holt
- Legislations
 - Can be teamed up with up to three people
 - Visitor Center – Lia and Ken Miller
- Intersession
 - Q: why are they charging us? It used to be included in tuition
 - A: was not consulted, just told
 - To be able to pay teachers
 - Scholarships will be provided for those with financial need
 - Q: why even though tuition rose?
 - A: tuition raised was decided before COVID, the intersession cost occurred due to COVID
- Academic Budget
 - Make the budget for this year public
 - Are addressing that right now
 - Board of Trustees met this week and they were deciding tuition and budget decisions
 - Provide town halls every semester that go over the main points in the budget
 - Exec board members had meetings concerning Tuition and will be keep the senate informed as those conversations progress
- College Software’s Licensing
 - In some departments, particularly STEM, need special software licensing
 - In addition to the ones the college is already subscribed to, propose an advisory body to providing access to subscription software
 - A: handled by the IT department
 - Department is responsible for what they want to buy and spend money on and what they want to subscribe to

- Will bring concern to CC
- Access of Academic Subscriptions
 - Compared to other colleges, it is limited to certain subscriptions
 - A: Olin library has access to journals through databases, they also accept recommendations and remove unused subscriptions

X. Old Business

- Remaining Senator Position
 - i. Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE)
 - ii. Center for Career and Life Planning (CCLP)
 - iii. Holt Senator
 - iv. Junior Class Senator
- Tuition Freeze
 - i. Update: no update yet
 - ii. Feedback:
 1. Staff that has been involved and wants to reach out again
 2. Faculty are *really* in support of the tuition freeze
 - a. Get them involved
 - iii. Another university is not only freezing, but lowering the tuition
 1. Tuition has increased at unacceptable levels, and it's time to do something about it
 2. Encourage Rollins

XI. New Business

- Legislation 2021.XX: *Electoral Tallies*
 - i. Sponsor(s): Hannah Munford, Mya Hurwitz, Dexter Hargett
 - ii. Issue Addressed: SGA to include voter tallies in all SGA elections
 - iii. Result: Passed
- Legislation 2021.XX: *COVID-19 Anti-Harassment Act*
 - i. Sponsor(s): Katelynn McAraw, Jessica Gonzalez
 - ii. Issue Addressed: Prevent COVID related harassment
 - iii. Result: Tabled
- Legislation 2021.XX: *Constitution Revision Committee*
 - i. Sponsor(s): Hannah Munford, Daniel Elliott, Gigi Torres-Santiago
 - ii. Issue Addressed: Establish an adhoc committee concerning constitutional revision
 - iii. Result: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Manny Rodriguez, SGA President