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Office of the Chief Justice
Student Government Association of Rollins College
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Winter Park, Florida, 32789
Data Loss Notification Letter

Dear Rollins Community,

The Student Government Association experienced a data loss during the Vice Presidential transition. The data loss affected the attached legislation. The Executive team was able to recover the original legislation submitted to the senate. Although the attached legislation was submitted to the senate, we are unable to guarantee whether changes were made to the legislation *during* the senate session.

After conversations with the executive team, we are choosing to make the legislation publicly accessible to uphold the Student Government Association's commitment to transparency. Please use the attached legislation as a guiding document for future Student Government Association initiatives.

Thanks,

Niko Ellison | Chief Justice, Student Government Association

S.Res.2021.05

Advocating for Arabic to rejoin the language department at Rollins College

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DATE: November, 11th, 2020

Primary Sponsors: Marwa Abdellatif & Mercedes Brathwaite

Co-sponsor: Norhan Mesbah (Diversity and Inclusion Committee)

Whereas: Rollins College will reconsider removing Arabic as a language option.

Whereas: A petition was created on Change.com to promote and voice support from Faculty and Students about bringing Arabic to be back on Campus.

Whereas: Todd French, head chair of MENA lends his support.

Whereas: Rachel Newcomb, former head chair of MENA lends her support.

Whereas: Fariha Sayed, president of Muslim Student Union lends her support.

Whereas: Karen Gutensohn, president of Hillel lends her support.

Be it Hereby Resolved by The Student Government Association of Rollins College,

(1) To promote the importance of the Arabic language in regards to diversity and inclusion and to the education of Rollins students.

(2) To advocate for a hiring process to take place for at least a visiting professor to take the role of teaching the Arabic language, for Courses such as ARA 101, ARA 102, ARA 201, and ARA 202.

(3) To advocate for a permanent reinstatement of Arabic and for it to remain a part of the language department.

According to legislation 1920.07, the Chief Justice must ask for a legislation update two weeks after a legislation passes.

“Hello,

An update on the legislation that Dr. Hesham Mesbah will be taking over the Arabic studies and Language courses next semester until further notice.

Thank you,

Marwa Abdellatif, she/her 🇳🇪

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