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Office of the Chief Justice
Student Government Association of Rollins College
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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



Commencement Committee Act

Legislation S.Res.2021.08

Sponsored by: Omar Sadek, Conner Jones, Alise Fortune, and Akheem Mitchell.

Co-sponsors: Kyle Bennett, Hannah Munford, and Manny Rodriguez.

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

12/02/2020

An Act

To establish a Select Committee for Commencement in the Student Government Association.

WHEREAS the spring, 2020 graduating class has yet to host their in-person commencement,

WHEREAS the current (fall and spring) graduating class of 2021 needs a plan of action to allow for a safe commencement, during COVID-19, that honors their achievement.

WHEREAS commencement is of special importance to first generation college students, students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and students of lower socio-economic status. Now, therefore,

Be it Hereby Resolved, the Student Government Association of Rollins College will:

- (1) Establish a select ad-hoc committee entitled the “Commencement Committee” that will consist of three to five members, all of whom will be seniors. Seniors are defined as students who intend to graduate in the spring of 2021;
- (2) Charge the President of the Rollins College Student Government Association with the responsibility to appoint the Chairman of the aforementioned select joint committee and the designated committee members;
- (3) Delegate the following responsibilities to the aforementioned select committee:
 - (i) Create a detailed proposal for holding commencement both virtually and in-person, for previous graduating classes and the current graduating class;
 - (ii) Coordinate and discuss the aforementioned proposal with the Executive Board for the Student Government Association;

- (iii) Foster continual dialogue with the Rollins faculty, the Rollins community, students anticipating to graduate in the Spring of 2021, and the students who have graduated in the Spring of 2020, regarding the changes made to graduation; and finally,
 - (iv) Collaborate with President Cornwell, the administration of the college, and other appropriate bodies to execute a proposed plan of action;
- (4) Dissolve the aforementioned select committee the completion of the responsibilities listed in section 3 of this bill through a sunset clause of the end of Spring 2021.

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

“Hello Niko,

I apologize for this being way overdue. I made the mistake of leaving this email in my drafts. Here are the updates for my pieces of legislation.

Constitution Revision Committee: Passed, Incomplete. The committee was formed and is currently working on drafting a new constitution.

COVID-19 Committee: Passed, Incomplete. The committee was formed and is currently working on completing the responsibilities outlined. The remaining task is keeping constant communication with the Rollins populace.

Graduation Committee: Passed, Incomplete. The committee members are meeting with Sam Stark to discuss plans for graduation. The plan has not been solidified yet.

Electoral Tallies: Passed. We will see if the amendment is applied during the '21-'22 election.

COVID-19 amendment: Passed. Dress code is not enforced for the '20-'21 school year, and the COVID-19 Committee legislation was amended.

Let me know if you need more,

Hannah Munford

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