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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on December 1, 2021, at 7:10pm, at Rollins College in the Galloway Room of Kathleen W. Rollins Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct after a vote by the Senate.

## **I. Call to Order**

## **II. Roll Call**

## **III. Welcome**

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- Approved

## **V. Speakers**

- State of the College Address
  - SGA President: Daniel Elliot
    - SGA is back in person!
    - COVID is still looming overhead
    - Struggling to get students to trend SGA meetings
    - SGA has accommodated members
    - People in SGA who worked against values will be punished
    - Greater accountability has been asked for
    - 89 percent of residential students have been vaccinated- threat of coronavirus are at its lowest level yet
    - We can't go back to the way we had it before
    - Collaborations with finance department
    - Students should have their voices heard
    - Advisory board of students will be made in the coming months
    - We will fight to make sure no low-income student will carry the burden of increasing tuition prices
    - Student rep on board of trustees
    - Res students to have healthy and safe dorm environment
    - Liz hall tour- will be meeting with campus safety
    - Students are our number one priority
    - Student org council has been started
    - Meeting with identity-based orgs
    - Commitment to accessibility on campus
    - International student representation
    - State is strong but only if we unify
    - Our future is very bright if we unite together
- Diversity & Inclusion Curriculum Town Hall
  - Introductions
  - Started this project through SGA to discuss holes in curriculum regarding diversity in curriculum
  - Majority of institutions have a requirement for diversity and inclusion

- Collaborating with faculty next semester and figuring out how to research
- This town hall is to kick off this research effort
- Opportunity to direct their work
- Sam Vega is present
  - Bias incident reporting process
  - 5 people across campus on the team
  - Other party may be pulled in
  - When a form is submitted, it comes to Sam and 2 other people
  - Hour- three hours to get back info back to them
  - Reach out to the person who submitted the form and has a meeting with them
  - Allow the person who has been harmed to navigate the situation
  - If the person wants to move forward with this, it would either go to CSR or the response team
  - Everything is based off the person who has been harmed
  - Time, location, place needed
  - If something identifying comes out, then they will support the person
  - This all happens within the hour from when it happened
  - If the person who does not want anything to happen, they respect that
  - Sex, gender, etc will be within this
- How much of the budget will be put forth towards this new curriculum?
  - Isn't designed yet, so unsure the price of it yet
  - No budget currently from associate dean of academics
  - Already met with provost for financing this
  - Under the president's strategic plan
- Are you also decolonizing the curriculum?
  - Yes, working towards it
  - Working to counteract colonialism in curriculum
  - RCC training- decolonizing your syllabus in August
  - Made it a priority for the common read to be decolonized and diverse
- Is there a focus on hiring diverse professors?
  - Is a priority, hiring freeze due to COVID
  - High priority for faculty to hire diverse professors
- Competency for social justice in the future? Could be interdisciplinary
  - One of the options that has been discussed
  - Integrating it in every major on campus- identifiable course
  - Why not everywhere?
- Concern for students with no interest
  - Every single student should get a Rollins education
  - Making sure viewpoints and experiences for every student is heard
  - Taking into account students who may have not taken that course
- Is the RCC training mandatory?
  - Yes
  - RFLA is not mandatory but most attend
  - Half of the faculty have had this training
- Mandatory training for faculty needed?
- Would be complicated, but could happen
- Not quite there yet
- Will be yearly
- Are there any plans for additional training for orgs through classes?
  - Interesting consideration- haven't discussed that yet

- Holt classes? Holt is left out a lot
  - Passing along this concern and would be a great idea
  - Considering Holt needs
- As far as the majors, would restructuring of the major have to occur?
  - Decolonization the discipline
  - This would run through the entire major, not adding a class
  - Don't want this to be a one and done situation
  - Trying to be more transformative
- Would this class be mandated that it would not be replaced with a transfer credit?
  - Still in the initial stages, haven't narrowed down exactly how this will look like
- How does the task force make the distinction between diverse engagement and diverse perspectives?
  - Having our own perspectives reflected in the student body.
  - Diversity envoy has been dormant this year
- Will the task force add any more members?
  - Yes!
  - Making sure students coming in to take over this work when members graduate or leave
  - You don't have to be a part of the task force to help
  - Students that want to work with can work with
  - If you are interested in working with them, you are welcome to join
- Do you have a Holt student on the task force?
  - It would only make sense to have a Holt student on the task force
  - Very open to the idea
- Do you have a timeline for research?
  - Have to go through accrediting agency- next time to submit things is 2025
  - Want this to be quality, not rushed
- Do you have overarching goals for what the curriculum entails?
  - Flipping the question over to the students
  - Want the students to be very involved
  - Getting this approved by the majority of students and faculty
  - Want this to be something that is created by everyone
- Questions
  - Do you find your curriculum in your major and minors are constructed to show the voices of others?
    - Very one sided, curriculum is meant for white students
    - Very tip of the iceberg, not popping anyone's bubble
    - Not talking about uncomfortable topics enough
    - When these topics are spoken- microaggressions, professors will move on and not use it as a teachable moment
    - Current curriculum is palatable for white students and faculty- only looking at historical figures and not context
    - Cover all the bases, but not touch them
    - White professors teaching classes that revolve around POC
    - You cannot grow a global citizen with one perspective
    - Interacting with people that you are learning about- lacking the immersive factor
    - There is not proper training regarding difficult conversation- our faculty fails in that aspect
    - Brave space vs safe space
    - If our campus strives for diversity and inclusion, we must do better

- No discussions about people other than major figures
- Pointing out POC to get opinions and force people to speak on those experiences
- Only learn about the history that retraumatizes
- The greater chunk is trauma porn
- Want to learn about success stories
- Being mindful of teachings
- Skip over important historical milestones
- Curriculum is tight and strict- no room to learn outside of what is being taught
- A problem with strictness in some majors
- History is not an objective topic- multitude of readings being taught
- We cannot teach history by including one perspective
- Tend to use students of color as marketing tools
- Our professors should be held accountable for microaggressions, etc.
- Students educating students more so than the professor
- Needs so much more- what has happened before has been performative
- Trying to find a way to incorporate more faculty into the conversation- inviting students to join a RFLA meeting panel skistler@rollins.edu and jmathews@rollins.edu as contacts
- Who has the power on campus?
- Can't go to Cornwell for every problem
- Dean of Faculty is the person to start with
- Appalled at the amount of hand-holding and shoving issues under the rug
- Noticed microaggressions not being addressed in class
- Issue in freshman introductory class
- Classes focusing on minorities doesn't really do that
- RCCs should be focused on
- Interdisciplinary classes have seemed to have the most issues as well as professors who are not tenured
- Some professors put in the effort
- Not meant to tear down the institution but to improve it
- Professors need to take it for granted that students can have adult conversations.
- Hand-holding and microaggressions can be productively corrected.
- Have not seen much LGBTQ+ representation in classes. Authors, leaders, activists, etc. Should be more frequent or more frequently acknowledged specifically.
- We have a diverse LGBTQ+ population on campus. Should be reflected in the curriculum.
- Not just words, will take action

## VI. Executive Reports

### A. President

- Last meeting of the year
- Concerns with housing quality
  - Meeting with Juan Escobar and Franco
  - Didn't get it back
  - Discussed things that students should do to increase quality
    - If there is a problem, please tell someone
    - Missing signs, broken bathrooms

- We keep having to pay for things having to be replaced
- The entire floor will be charged with damages if person is not caught
- Be mindful of water
- Toured Elizabeth Hall
- Disconnect between data and observations
- Tests may be just under, but prolonged exposure with previous issues can cause issues health-wise
- Reslife does not look at every room
- Looking at ways to get a full picture of the problem

#### B. Vice President

- Congratulations to making it to last SGA meeting of the semester
- Our first SGA meeting will be Jan 19
- Retreat after that
- Announcement from Dean Hayner
  - Finals late-night breakfast, meal is free to all students

#### C. Chief Justice

- This weekend, please send in volunteer hours

#### D. Academic Affairs

- On Tuesday, curriculum committee passed COVID attendance policy
- For RFLA
- Graduate certificate in social and racial justice- discussion tabled
- Undergraduate major in health for the holt school that was passed
- Applied behavioral program was changed to reflect masters programs
- Next meeting is not until January 11

#### E. Internal Relations

- Nothing to report

#### F. Public Relations

- Thank you to organizations who promoted tonight's town hall!
- Regarding the walk through- invited Sandspur
- They are open to testing air quality in dorms and will allow moving
- Holt event- Tomorrow from 5-7 is a cookies and cocoa event

#### G. Events

- Upcoming Events:
  - CICI 'Snowed in' event from 10-2 am on first two floors of KWR- hot cocoa and snacks is available for everyone
  - Please email Alexandra Woods if you would like to get involved!
  - Polar Express will be playing at 10:30! Check your email for more details.
- PAWSE event next Wednesday in Olin Library from 12:30-2, there will be dogs to destress! Come stop by.

#### H. Finance

- Foxfunds committee has expanded to a finance committee for SGA- will be collaborating with senators
- Pushing out events regarding financial wellness

#### I. Student Life

- Culinary Council
  - March 2022 KIVO Concept (Kosher, Internation, Vegan, Organic)

- should be running in Dave's Boathouse
- Takes time due to procedures needing to happen
- Rollins Sustainability Program
  - "Holiday Gift Fair" on December 3 for fundraising sustainability efforts
  - Composting for Dining Hall
  - Spring: Urban Farm Expanding into Greenhouse by installing hydroponic towers
- Residential Life
  - Liz Hall Tour by a few Executive Board Members
  - Waiting on Update/Next Steps
- Accessibility
  - "Accommodate" Application has been added to OKTA for easier access
  - Meeting with Accessibility Director has been planned before the New Year for initiatives to be completed in spring

#### J. Diversity & Inclusion

- Solidify the diversity fair
- Entire week dedicated different foods from different cultures
- Have organizations sign up for events
- Diversity fair week with organizations signing up and having a diversity day
- Snowed in is this Friday!

#### K. Attorney General

- Was there during the tour in Elizabeth Hall
- Please reach out if you have issues in freshman housing

#### L. President Pro Tempore

- Please stay attentive this meeting
- This is a great learning experience for why to turn in legislation early
- Volunteer hours
- If you are going to be on campus, Kate will be on campus all break

#### M. Advisors

- Great job this semester!
- Retreat this spring- if there is anything that needs to be discussed this spring please let Alexandra know

## VII. Organizational Senator Reports

#### A. Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)

- Food and toy drive in KWR
- Shortly there will be an email coming about saving the date for Alternative Spring Breaks

#### B. Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)

- Not present

#### C. Wellness

- Upcoming events!
- Expressive Arts Drop-In 12-1pm at the Olin Library
- Athletes in Transition Support Space 1-2pm Hall of Fame Room in Alford Sports Center
- Coping Skills Workshop on Instagram live 4pm
- Go to Campus Safety if you need covid test documentation for travel and you have no symptoms. Monday-Friday 8:30-5pm

- As we move through Finals week, everyone should know there is now a 24/7 mental health helpline where you can have access to a counselor on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (407)-646-1516

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#### D. Accessibility

- Elevator in Lakeside that is not working
  - School is waiting on a part to fix it
- If you have an ESA, please abide by these rules
- These ESA meetings will determine the future of ESAs on campus
- Copy of the ESA contract
- See after meeting if you want to join accessibility task force
- First thing would be to send a survey to discuss accessibility issues
- Waiting on email to describe Kate is senator

#### E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

- No report

#### F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)

- No new info on Elizabeth hall
- Closing is coming for residential halls
- Peer mentor applications are coming out

#### G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy

- No report

#### H. Student Media

- No report

#### I. International Affairs

- No report

#### J. Student Athlete Advisory

- No contact with point of contact
- New piece of legislation for Lakeside gym for 24-hour access
- Working on a couple of new things

#### K. Sustainability

- No report

#### L. Campus Safety and Security

- Warren lot has been converted to handicap parking
- Self-defense classes- if you are interested please send an email

#### M. Institutional Advancement

- No report

#### N. Holt Graduate Programs

- Position Vacant

#### O. External and Competitive Scholarships

- New director
- The office helps to get funding beyond Rollins
- Fellowship, graduate school stuff
- Working on a four pillar system
  - Study abroad
  - Undergrad funding
  - Graduate school
  - Post-graduate experiences

- Take this program and amplify it
- Reaching out to students who haven't worked with this office before
- Info sessions occurring next semester
- Intersession for personal statements on post-grad cover letter
- Longer-term processes
- Starting early is the best way to get this
- Make an appointment if you are interested
- Please email Jack if you are interested to working with the department

P. Parliamentarian

- Not present

**VIII. Ad-hoc Committees**

- Constitutional Revision
  - i. No report
- COVID
  - i. No report
- International Student Representation
  - i. No report

**IX. Open Forum**

- Group chat
  - Please join the group chat
  - Helps to continue open forum discussion and have a clear place to communicate
- Anonymous hotline
  - Reslife should make an email or a hotline to discuss issues
  - People feel uncomfortable to express concerns
  - Each hall has a survey to make it simpler?
- ESAs
  - What is the new policy for ESAs?
  - Yes, but not everyone on campus is not responsible to have animals
  - There a lot of people who have misbehaving animals that are ruining the reputation of ESAs
  - Program in other schools to have ESAs to be trained
  - Happy trails animal rescue offers training for inexpensive training
  - People bring dogs on campus
  - Dean Hayner put on a freeze for approvals this semester
  - People who walk usually keep their dogs on the trail
  - If you have a dog, he should be on a leash
  - There are reasons these rules are in place
  - Program that could foster animals through the school- is that still a thing?
    - The person in charge of the program left
  - Dogs going to the bathroom on the floor in Lakeside
  - Clean up after your animal
  - Campus safety will find who was behind this
- Olin library dues
  - Car was broken into, and everything was stolen including a laptop charger
  - Charger was 400-500 dollars to replace
  - You can't rent anything else if you lose something
  - Owing the school something? Call campus safety and make them aware of your issue as well as financial aid
  - Create an email chain to back you up

- Bring insurance claim and police report
- Class attendance policies
  - Tomorrow at faculty executive committee- holding a vote for reauthorizing the COVID attendance policy
    - Isolation doesn't happen as often
    - Consider students with issues outside of academia
    - Propose a policy for students who are not only sick with COVID
  - This is on top of other policies, this is only for COVID
  - This is just the same policy that has been there for the entire pandemic
  - Push to have it regard COVID vaccine related illnesses
  - Accreditation issue for people with COVID to not attend virtually
  - This should be by the college, not up to professor discretion
    - Professor should abide by this policy
  - Expanding this to side effects from the vaccine
  - COVID policy used to apply for symptoms
  - Illness policy would go through a separate process
  - Wellness center, student and family care
- Additional housing concerns
  - Juan Escobar if there are any more questions
  - Email Daniel these questions
  - The difference between scientifically and physically safe environment vs a comfortable space to live in
  - We pay enough to be here; we should get that same quality that we paid for
  - Things aren't adding up
  - Go to every room to inspect and test more places
  - If it's so close to being unsafe, something should be done
  - Town hall regarding this issue on Feb 9th
  - Hopefully will have admin to hear student issues directly
  - This isn't done yet, meeting with Scott Rayburn
  - Coming up with a creative way to get the full picture
  - Something more qualitative
  - Creating an audit for someone to opt into
  - Annual building checks in Elizabeth and Ward is on the legislation docket tonight
  - Motion to end discussion: passed

## **X. Old Business**

- Remaining Senator Positions
  - i. Vacant Class Senator Positions
    - a. Freshman Class Senator  
**Divya Uppal**
    - b. Sophomore Class Senator
    - c. Senior Class Senators (2)
    - d. Holt Class Senators (2)
  - ii. Organizational Senators
    - a. Holt Graduate Programs

## **XI. New Business**

- Legislation 2021.XX: Welcome Act
  - i. Sponsor(s): Christian Mahlstedt

- ii. Issue Addressed: SGA GPA Requirement
  - iii. Result: Tabled to first meeting of next semester
- Legislation 2021.XX: An Act to Require Annual Safety Checks for On Campus Housing
  - i. Sponsor(s): Lane Allen & Arabella Liellslatten
  - ii. Issue Addressed: Dormitory Checks
  - iii. Result: Passed
- Legislation 2021.XX: 24-hour Lakeside Gym Access
  - i. Sponsor(s): Kenzi Cook
  - ii. Issue Addressed: Lakeside Gym Hours
  - iii. Result: Passed
- Legislation 2021.XX: Student Media Equitable Pay Act
  - i. Sponsor(s): Trinideé Mercado, Perry Middleton, and Jack Kelly
  - ii. Co-Sponsor(s): Jayla Spencer
  - iii. Issue Addressed: Student Media Pay
  - iv. Result: Passed
- Legislation 2021.XX: A Resolution to Urge Sutton and Holt Hall Councils to Purchase Printers
  - i. Sponsor(s): Adam Lahlou, Erica Mungin, & Vee Santa Lucia
  - ii. Issue Addressed: Printers in Residential Halls
  - iii. Result: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Ellie Holder, SGA Internal & External Affairs