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Social Media and Student Body Representation Act Authors: Charlie Lin and Christian Mahlstedt Date: December 9, 2020

Whereas: To accommodate virtual students, there must exist some mechanism for them to express preferences and suggestions on general functions.

Whereas: There exist benefits for external dialogue between not only Rollins' SGA and students beyond petitions from Senators and Executive Officers, but also between SGA and potential related academic groups in social media spaces.

Whereas: Rollins SGA needs a mechanism to better understand the constituency's preferences.

Be it hereby resolved by the Student Government Association of Rollins College – Utilizing the Rollins College SGA Instagram

- (1) Once a month polls will be posted to any and all Rollins College SGA social media accounts:
 - a. These polls will ask the student body questions about their preferences on multiple SGA-related issues.
 - i. For anyone who is not familiar with the function of Instagram polls, these polls will exhibit exactly how many votes each option gained, as well as how many people voted. This information will be extremely helpful for determining what action Rollins SGA should take.
 - ii. These polls will give Rollins' Student Body the opportunity to inspire legislation.
- (2) During one SGA Meeting every month, a short brainstorming period of what issues to post polls about will be implemented:
 - a. This short task should only take one minute or two at the most and will give

Rollins SGA the ability to understand their constituency far more and thus, represent them more accurately.

- (3) At the first SGA meeting of every month, before reports from Executive Officers and Senatorial reports, a discussion will be held to discuss whether to add, modify, or delete accounts in social media sites other than Instagram; Including, but not limited to:
 - i. Reddit
 - ii. Twitter
 - b. Discussion on further rules in managing such accounts, except SGA's Instagram account, is to be developed throughout regular meetings.
- (4) Use existing channels of communication to encourage the student population to join, participate, and answer polls and miscellaneous postings in other social media sites affiliated with the SGA.
- (5) Per existing rulings of amending bills, this act is explicitly encouraged to be modified organically, in light the current situation. Should members of the SGA decide this act unneeded, a simple majority vote suffices to dissolve accounts created through Clause 3 and release existing maintainers of obligations pertaining to such accounts.
- (6) The responsibilities of posting once a month or finding material to post once a month along with structing the discussion at SGA meetings about SGA's social media will be designated to the public relations chair position.