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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on February 23, 2022, at 7:12pm, at Rollins College via WebEx and Bush Auditorium. 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

- N/A

VI. Executive Reports

A. President

- Meeting last Friday with Ed
 - Following up this Friday at 3
 - How we can have direct representation before finalizing the budget
- Judicial board Nominees
- Representing students at the winter park state address

B. Vice President

- Continue to get legislation in!

C. Chief Justice

- Judicial board nominees tonight
- Speeches by the presidential candidates next Wednesday
- Presidential debates next Friday from 6 to 7

D. Academic Affairs

- Proposal to make election day a holiday options:
 - Approve as an executive board endorsement
 - Approve through the senate and exec board
 - Reach out to Zoe if you have any questions
- CC approved Advocacy and Social Justice minor with some edits, it will now go to EC for approval
- RFLA humanities substitution:
 - English department would like to add more classes to sub requirement
- Academic warning changes- update language of college handbook to practices

E. Internal Relations

- Starting up constitutional revision committee next week
- If you are interested, please email me eholder@rollins.edu

F. Public Relations

- Public relations committee meeting- reached out to political science department for judicial board nominees
- Election campaign information comes out the 24th

G. Events

- Lip Sync signup closed 2/25, lots of organizations filled out the application!
- Will know the hosts and judges shortly
- SGA tabling events 3/10, 4/7, and 4/19 from 12:30-2 pm

H. Finance

- Dire need of committee members!

I. Student Life

- Disability empowerment week, coming soon!
 - Events, story circle
 - Flag raise of Disability pride flag
 - Partnering with Dining in the Dark
 - Showing Crip Camp in SunTrust Auditorium
- Rollins Pre-Law Society has a guest speaker this Friday at 2pm in Bush 176. We would love you all to come!

J. Diversity & Inclusion

- If you would like to do work around diversity and Inclusion, y'all should join my committee! Especially if you're a part of a student org that aligns with your identity, It could help a lot to be a representative of that organization. Email me at emungin@rollins.edu if you're interested. PLEASE, please, please join!
- Applications for the Washington DC Immersive trip over Spring Break is still online and we won't accept applications past February 28th. So please get them in as soon as possible because the day applications close, we start reviewing them.
 - There are scholarships available for this trip. We want to make sure that those who want to go, are able to go without the stress of money!
 - To apply, login to 'get involved', go to the 'forms' section, and you'll see Washington DC Immersive Trip'
- Make sure to keep some free time open between March 28th and April 1st because that's Diversity Week! I know it's a month away but we are planning a lot of events over the course of that week and we would love to see some familiar faces at these events!

K. Attorney General

- No Report

L. President Pro Tempore

- Email check-in regarding senator burnout
- Executive board is here to help with bills!

M. Advisors

- Pick up senate t-shirts!

VII. Organizational Senator Reports

A. Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)

- Democracy Project is hosting a special Politics on Tap on Tuesday, March 1 from 5-6 in Dave's to discuss the situation in Ukraine

- Student achievement awards deadlines Friday
March 3rd- nominations are open
- B. Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)
 - No report
- C. Wellness
 - No report
- D. Accessibility
 - Accessibility + inclusion task force deadline is tonight!
- E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)
 - FSL housing application for those wanting to live in Sutton is coming up
 - NCM Event
 - Feb 25th- community event from 4 to 6
 - Interested in new FSL nominations, contact Bholder@rollins.edu
- F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)
 - Position Vacant
- G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy
 - Position Vacant
- H. Student Media
 - Pop-up event on bush lawn
- I. International Affairs
 - No report
- J. Student Athlete Advisory
 - Swim team- did really well at conferences
 - Waiting on meeting
- K. Sustainability
 - Position Vacant
- L. Campus Safety and Security
 - Position Vacant
- M. Institutional Advancement
 - No report
- N. Holt Graduate Programs
 - Position Vacant
- O. External and Competitive Scholarships
 - Position Vacant
- P. Parliamentarian
 - Position Vacant

VIII. Ad-hoc Committees

- Constitutional Revision
 - i. Sent out an email to members of the committee- please check your emails and fill out the required information!
- COVID
 - i. No report
- International Student Representation
 - I. No report

IX. Open Forum

- Class senator reports
 - Requiring senate reports would let feedback be available for students
 - Allows conversation facilitation for students
 - More people giving reports
 - One person per class give a report
 - Communicating needs + feedback of constituents
 - Improve engagement
 - Look at the constitution for next steps
 - Piloting it rather than going to constitution
 - Resolved: Giving brief overview of each student at the start of Senate
- Bringing back disposable boxes in the cafeteria
 - Freshman class requested this since space is limited in the cafeteria
 - Cafeteria gets very busy
 - Difficult to bring Ozzy boxes downstairs as well as a financial issue
 - Dish return in Daves? Have a more sustainable option
 - Because of space in the cafeteria, we should bring them back temporarily
 - Cut cost of boxes, bring back disposable, or bring back more seating
 - Actually okay with cost- don't have to clean it and pay for another box. If it were free, students would throw away boxes
 - Question: what is the capacity for the cafeteria currently? Leon Hayner reached out to cafeteria faculty + administration for information
 - Allow dish return in Dave's, but there are holdbacks: Ozzi boxes aren't always readily available
 - Students take dishes and never bring them back. Should be okay with dishes at Dave's and the patio
 - Action plan: follow up with Leon Hayner, and check in with Elizabeth Smith about sustainability and covid awareness
 - Should make takeout silverware bamboo instead of plastic
 - cc Elizabeth Smith onto these emails
 - CC is back to 100% capacity
- Making election day a Rollins holiday
 - Having senate and exec on board is a great idea- confident in votes they are casting
 - Eliminates excuses for students to not vote
 - Doesn't include state + county elections, just includes Federal election
 - Interested in this, contact Zoe Pearson at zpearson@rollins.edu
 - For professors, it shouldn't give up for excused absences (especially for chronically ill students)
 - Shouldn't turn into a Fox Day where students leave for the day, get plenty of athletic teams and organizations involved with this
 - Partner with the Democracy project
 - Curriculum Committee: Talks of asynchronous days
 - Educational opportunities
 - Include Holt students for Rollins holidays since their only time off is during classes
- Mr. Leon Hayner: Feedback for providing micro-fridges for students without apartments (wouldn't go to Sutton or Lakeside)
 - Early exploratory stages for companies that would provide fridges (freezer, microwave, and fridge), not freshman students only
 - Most students have them already and order them to the warehouse, so it would be

helpful for students

- Sustainability benefit: All included in one- just one plug to use
- Students wouldn't have to throw fridge away at the end of the year
- Company would recycle them in the greenest way possible
- Would cost \$50-100 per resident, not including summer camps and costs
- Summer campers would cost more
- No answer about summer conferences or how much influence students would have. Still in an exploratory phase

Responses:

- Important for those with allergies who need the fridges
- More cost-effective for everything that you are
- Against- would make sense for those who do not have kitchens in their dorms
- For allergies: against because students do not clean their fridges
- Fridges make more sense when you can accommodate the space that you need
- Asking for feedback with students & tell them about additional costs, should be per request of the students
- Issue of accessibility: students with refrigerated medications need their medications
- Active cleaning & maintaining resources currently would help this issue, but this is not being met
- Raise in tuition: should not be necessary due to tuition raises during Covid-19
- Apartment-style is automatically charging meal plans, which is costly
- Could be an accessibility accommodation instead since it is costly for students. Money should be allocated to
- Possible liability for students with allergies
- Middle ground: featured in catalog for freshmen to buy (bedding, etc.)
- We can't move furniture already, so it is efficient, sustainable, affordable, + accessible for those who need or want it. But it should be an *option*
- Accessibility services have not been on time before, so it should be per request by requesting students
- Fridges will be sanitized when you get there, but you will be the only person using the fridges
- At the end of the day, it will cost extra money & this should reflect students *now and for future generations*. We have to be mindful for the future
- Payment would be \$50-100 per year
- Leon Hayner: Feedback on cameras for residence halls
 - Tabled for next week
- School-sponsored NFTs
 - NFTs are somewhat underused
 - Not sustainable to the environment
 - NFTs are sometimes made from stolen art
 - Bad for campus PR
 - Rollins should invest in sustainable practices + horrible for environment
 - Market practices at Rollins should be sustainable- Covid impacted our endowment
 - Sustainable type of cryptocurrency?
 - Cryptocurrency is like a pyramid scheme- buying a link to the house, but you do not own the actual house
 - Would not look good for Rollins PR-wise

- More for vanity
- Could it be an idea to contribute \$ to student research in these topics instead?
 - We do not need it financially
 - Would be bad for Rollins from a PR standpoint
- More job fairs
 - Lacking bringing employers over, necessary for students to have interactions with employers on campus
 - Witnessing actions would be beneficial to students
 - Great way to connect to senators about this
 - CLP fairs: virtual job fairs, but they should go back to in-person
 - Virtual events aren't as effective, so they haven't been promoting them
 - We can attend job fairs at UCF as well, we can all work together
- Classroom masks
 - Provost's email about removing masks: concern for removing mask mandate in classrooms
 - Interesting to look at classrooms before event and residence hall capacities, it is an inconsistent Covid policy
 - Still are limited to 4 people in each lakeside, wear masks in dining hall when you are standing up (but not seated)
 - Continuing work: at least start as classrooms (for professors as well since they do not have choice in their profession)
 - Students & professors being immunocompromised, must attend in-person since there is not a virtual option

Feedback from Senate:

- Look at removing masks in other places instead of just classrooms
- Some professors seem over the mask policy, but some are cautious of Covid risks
- Need consistency in Covid-19 distancing before those decisions are being made
- Theatre department: exposing to the cast + audience could shut down the performance
- What would the move forward be? We do not have a vaccine mandate, so this makes it difficult
- we don't know how to predict this in order to protect the most vulnerable/immunocompromised students
- Promised to go to the school for the whole year, and that this environment would be as safe as possible
- Changing this mandate in the middle of the semester is not the right option to take
- We (and the CDC) need clearer messaging
- In the summer: what does it look like to navigate the pandemic moving forward? Here's the relaxed schedule, here is what it looks like when it is strict
- Spring break positivity rates will go up
- SGA participating in Lip Sync
 - Make faculty, students, and staff more knowledgeable in SGA
 - Just a skit instead of a proper performance
 - Send out a poll, who is available to dedicate their time

X. Old Business

- Remaining Senator Positions
 - i. Vacant Class Senator Positions
 - a. Freshman Class Senator

- b. Sophomore Class Senator (3)
- c. Senior Class Senators (1)
- d. Holt Class Senators (2)
- ii. Organizational Senators
 - a. Residential Life & Explorations
 - b. LGBTQ+ Advocacy
 - c. Holt Graduate Programs
 - d. External and Competitive Scholarships
 - E. Campus Safety and Security
 - f. . Parliamentarian: Aiden Chinn
 - Result: Appointed

XI. New Business

- Legislation 2022.XX: Information Technology Senator Act
 - Sponsor(s): Aiden Chinn
 - Co-Sponsor(s): Jack Kelley, Arabella Lillestatten, Evan Link
 - Issue Addressed: Including an IT Senator into the SGA Constitution
 - Result: Approved
- Appointment of Judicial Board Nominee:
 - Candidate: Alise Fortune
 - Result: Appointed
- Appointment of Judicial Board Nominee:
 - Candidate: Natalie George
 - Result: Appointed
- Appointment of Judicial Board Nominee:
 - Candidate: Fariha Syed
 - Result: Appointed

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Daniel Elliot, SGA President