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SGA Meeting Minutes

Student Government Association

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Meeting Minutes From April 13, 2022

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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government Association was held on April 13th, 2022, at 7:08pm, at Rollins College via WebEx and 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

- March 2nd minutes: Approved
- March 23rd minutes: Approved
- March 30th minutes: Approved

V. Speakers

- Access Ally Training
 - Bethann Durlin - Director of Accessibility Services
 - Spending time on reflecting on perceptions of disabilities and our peers with disabilities
 - Goal is to be the best ally for peers with disabilities
 - Pre-assessment
 - Ground rules
 - Show respect
 - Be honest
 - Be open-minded
 - Use active listening
 - Confidentiality
 - Speak from I perspective
 - Be courageous
 - Disability awareness
 - 19 percent of undergrad students identify as having a disability
 - 23 percent of students at Rollins (as a whole) affiliated with accessibility services
 - Historical context
 - 1968- Fair Housing Act
 - 1973- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act
 - 1990- Americans with Disabilities Act
 - Types of disabilities
 - Hidden disabilities
 - Visible disabilities
 - Medical Model vs Social Model

- Medical Model
 - Perspective that the person with a disability is somehow imperfect
- Social Model
 - Disabling factor being the environment
 - If all barriers were removed, equal access would be achieved
 - Not everyone with disabilities need the same things
- Universal design
 - It's a journey, not a destination
 - Evaluate and assess barriers
- Stigma of disability
 - Language matters

VI. Executive Reports

A. President

- Still trying to meet with the top leadership about

B. Vice President

- Happy that we met quorum and excited to see everyone at our second to last meeting!
- End of the year ceremony next week with superlatives and introduction to the next year's superlatives
 - Location and time will be shared soon
- Yesterday we had the DEI strategic planning student town hall and we believe it helped the administration understand the needs of the students

C. Chief Justice

- No Report

D. Academic Affairs

- 128 credit hour graduation requirement recommendation from COTF, need feedback from students about what that would mean for their stress/burnout

E. Internal Relations

- Revision committee was canceled due to low attendance, so we don't have a document to present this semester. I will be including our discussions for the future committee's meetings in my transition documents.

F. Public Relations

- We participated in the Wellness Block Party, thank you to Akheem, Erika and Ingrid for coming and helping out
- Exec board applications for next year closed this evening
- Senate Picnic information is forthcoming for next week

G. Events

- No Report

H. Finance

- No Report

I. Student Life

- No Report

J. Diversity & Inclusion

- No Report

K. Attorney General

- No Report

L. President Pro Tempore

- Thank you all for being here! If you need anything, I am a resource even outside of SGA. Hang in there!

M. Advisors

- Next week, we will give our seniors stoles and cords! Email Alexandra if you want one and are graduating
- If you want to talk to the advisors about your experience in SGA this year, we are all ears

VII. Organizational Senator Reports

A. Center for Leadership & Community Engagement (CLCE)

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B. Center for Career & Life Planning (CCLP)

- This week is student employee appreciation week, the last event is a crafting lunch from 12:30 to 2pm tomorrow outside of Dave's Boathouse. Chat with other student employees and make some crafts, edit your resume!

C. Wellness

- Friday 2pm to 3pm on Olin Lawn is a Dantea Day, go play with her!

D. Accessibility

- We had our first meeting for the accessibility and inclusion task force. Next meeting we will divvy our tasks for the semester and the summer.
- Book your exam rooms for finals

E. Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

- FSL Philanthropy events are open to all campus, there are still some events coming up this semester so attend those. Find information on GetInvolved
- Alpha Psi Lamda has info sessions tomorrow at 12:30 and 6pm in KWR 310

F. Residential Life and Explorations (RLE)

- Position Vacant

G. LGBTQ+ Advocacy

- Position Vacant

H. Student Media

- No report

I. International Affairs

- The meetings for the global initiatives committee are open to everyone on campus, it's a great way to find out what the school is doing to globalize students' education
- Deadline for non-rollins study abroad programs in April 15th

J. Student Athlete Advisory

- I had a meeting on the bill I passed a while ago to open the Lakeside gym 24 hours, Leon Hayner is looking into feasibility of this.

- Other than that, hoping to meet with Penny Parker before the end of the semester

K. Sustainability

- Position Vacant

L. Campus Safety and Security

- Position Vacant

M. Institutional Advancement

- Not Present

N. Holt Graduate Programs

- Position Vacant

O. External and Competitive Scholarships

- Position Vacant

P. Parliamentarian

- Not Present

VIII. Ad-hoc Committees

- Constitutional Revision

i. Did not meet this week– low attendance, going to make a document with stuff we have discussed

- COVID

i. Still looking to disband, we could potentially do this today because we have quorum

- International Student Representation

i. No report

IX. Open Forum

- Alpha Psi Lambda, Fraternity Inc.

○ Newest FSL organization to join in the Fall

○ Coed Latino Fraternity

○ Founded in 1984 in Ohio State University

○ Mission

- To promote continual, personal, and collective, growth of our membership, success and unity through education, leadership, cultural awareness, and community service

○ 47 chapters, 3,900 members

○ What they do

- Cultural professional and development programming
- Social activities
- Advocate for Latinos and others
- Community service and philanthropy
- Boys and Girls Club of America
- Promote academics
- Strolling
- Greek events

○ National initiatives

- Innovation with resources
- Virtual conferences

- Health and wellness
 - Sexual assault committee
 - Target Market
 - Latinos
 - 1st generation
 - Non-traditional students
 - Spanish majors
 - “Never joiners”
 - Gender inclusive
 - Unique experience
 - Requirements
 - 2.6 GPA
 - Enrolled in 6 credit hours
 - 275 associate member dues
 - Transfer and graduate students welcome
 - Attend an info meeting
 - Not belong to any social Fraternity or Sorority– honorary and professional are permitted
 - Next Steps
 - Build an interest group
 - Fraternity expansion packet submission
 - Conduct MIP
- 128 graduation
 - Would moving to 128 rather than 140 credit hours to graduate be helpful?
 - Yes, giving students, especially disabled students, a lower threshold for graduation could reduce stress and improve their ability to participate in classes
 - Does this impact scholarships?
 - Kind of, but the resolution requires education being passed to students about how to avoid registering for the final class needed for a students’ major until the very last semester of their senior year so as to avoid losing financial aid.
 - When would 128 start?
 - All depends on when it comes to Executive Committee for a vote. WOn’t get to it this semester. It’ll end up on their docket next year; then it goes to full faculty for a vote. MIGHT need to THEN go to accrediting body, or might be implemented. Baseline: it could take a while.
- Burnout comes from extracurriculars w/ course work, rather than course-work alone. DOes not believe burnout would be affected by fewer credit hours.
- Yes, it would help, as a transfer student: it would save money and time.
- We should be spending about 7.5 hrs per week per class, so it’s not just how many “hours” a week students have yto physically be in class, its also content consumption and collaborative projects. Not having to take 5 or 6 courses JUST to graduate would be a good thing. Might lead to early graduation, which would be good, but also make graduating on time more likrely.

- EASE grant
 - The EASE grant has been reduced by about \$1000, The Sandspur is doing a piece on the issue, if you have comments, share them now or contact Arabella Lillelslaten alilleslatten@rollins.edu
 - It seems like this state doesn't care about its students, we pay for tuition what my mom makes in a year
 - It seems like people are forgetting that they need to invest in the future, and that begins with making sure that college and higher education is accessible
- Class senator reports
 - Freshman senators town hall?
 - Conflicts on the days we were planning on doing that, we didn't think we would get the turnout we wanted
 - Maybe do a survey instead?
- New bill idea on parking
 - Parking issues, especially with commuter students, requiring freshmen to park at SunTrust and reserve other spaces on campus for upperclassmen and commuter students. That could be a solution and if anyone is willing to sponsor a bill
 - The Rollins Garage always have spaces, this might not fix the issue
 - Faculty and staff and people who used to park where the new theater is being built, I'm not sure if freshmen alone moving would alleviate the issue
 - I'm a freshman in a freshman dorm who drives a lot, to park in the SunTrust garage and get on campus is scarier than getting a spot in the Rollins garage. Walking alone in the dark at night from the SunTrust garage as a freshman might not be preferable to students.
 - The Rollins garage is never all the way full, you might have to drive around a bit but you can find spots. I don't think the issue is so big that it requires this type of action

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

XI. New Business

- Motion to Discharge the COVID Committee: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Daniel Elliot, SGA President