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Empowering Students with Disabilities

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Whereas: The Student Government Association of Rollins College should adhere to the mission statement of Rollins College, which states that the college aims to create a “healthy, responsive, and inclusive environment” for all students, including students with disabilities, and ought to reflect this mission in its activities.

Whereas: Disabled students are a diverse and underrepresented group on campus, their contributions to our campus community and its diversity are valuable and necessary, and responsible leaders must continue to share their story at Rollins College.

Whereas: Students need increased awareness of what ableism is, address it, and let other non-disabled students learn what students with disabilities face, whether physical, mental, or other.

Whereas: The Task Force created in *Disability, Inclusion, and Accessibility Act* passed on November 18, 2020 will create awareness around accessibility and disability.

Be it Hereby Resolved by The Student Government Association of Rollins College,

(1) Commit to diversity and inclusion on the Rollins College Campus by creating a mandatory speaker session around accessibility annually during the “Speakers,” portion of an SGA senate meeting.

(2) These speakers may be recruited by the Accessibility Senator or others from the Task Force created in *Disability, Inclusion, and Accessibility Act*. The speaker may be, but are not limited to: professors, student/professional activists, or others approved outside the Rollins Community.

(3) The speaker will discuss what ableism is, how to address it, and spread awareness on what students with disabilities (whether mental, physical, or other) face, including, but not limited to:

issues in college classrooms, social settings, or any other item that the speaker would like to address.

(4) Additionally, it will be mandatory for SGA to be included and participate in the upcoming *Disability Empowerment Week* for Spring 2022, along with years to come, and can be used toward SGA volunteer requirements such as:

- a. Advertising through social media
- b. Members of SGA Executive Board and Senate attend some of the events
- c. Encouraging students to attend outside of SGA