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## Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2014

Rollins College Student Government Association

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Student Government Association Senate Meeting  
February 26, 2014, 7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Carol Lauer – President of the Faculty
  - a. Faculty governance
    - i. Responsible for curriculum
    - ii. SLC
      1. Open forum style
      2. Bottom-up approach—student initiative
    - iii. Finance and Services
    - iv. AAC
    - v. PSC
    - vi. FEC
  - b. Budget Discussion
    - i. General misperception about budget crisis—actually small deficient considering overall budget (less than 4%)
    - ii. No raises for faculty and staff and 3% cut across the board
    - iii. Enrollment projections for A&S are accurate, but Crummer and Holt have not met enrollment expectations (not shrinking, but also not growing)
    - iv. Endowment (\$350 million)
      1. 4 1/2% taken out annually
    - v. Budget cuts and revenue enhancement list is for future security
    - vi. Faculty cuts are a concern
    - vii. Cannot stop faculty from speaking their mind, although ignorant faculty can be frustrating—part of the democratic process
    - viii. Tuition increase
      1. Simultaneously increase scholarships when tuition is increased
      2. 3.9% each year
    - ix. Trend for enrollment is decreasing
    - x. US education is more accessible, leads to more competition, smaller enrollment—cuts are virtually unavoidable, have to downsize and readjust
    - xi. Communication channel for students to express which programs are important to us
      1. Define values, faculty and students
  - c. Email Carol Lauer with concerns, questions: [clauer@rollins.edu](mailto:clauer@rollins.edu).
- V. Rollins Statue on Tars Plaza
  - a. Need a huge wave of support from students
  - b. Points due North
  - c. Base will tell the history of Rollins
  - d. 2 year process
  - e. Represents youth, adventure of the future, unique to Rollins
  - f. Elicits an emotional reaction
  - g. Cost covered by a donor (yay!)
  - h. Informal vote of approval for the statue: Passed



- VI. Executive Reports
  - a. President
    - 1. Getting meeting set up with President Duncan and VP of Finance March 26 and March 12
    - 2. Pat was excited about feedback but wasn't sure what next step to take
      - 1. Survey Monkey concerning Dave's renovation
      - 2. Presentation March 13 on renovations
    - 3. Senator of the Year
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Senator contract
      - 1. 2 legislations, 1 constituent outreach required
    - ii. One piece of legislation for New Minutes
    - iii. New OMA Senator: Vanessa
  - c. Chief Justice
    - i. Need to meet with judicial board after senate
  - d. Academic Affairs
    - 1. How to improve Student-Faculty Collaborative Research
      - 1. Let Gabby know any ideas to improve this program
    - 2. Gen eds – changing your neighborhood
      - 1. You can take 1 class outside of your neighborhood
  - e. Finance
    - i. FoxFunds balance= \$8,208.66
    - ii. SGA balance= \$8,578.00
    - iii. Fox Funds will make adjustments to bi-laws
  - f. Internal Affairs
  - g. Public Relations
    - 1. Survey about food services to be sent out
    - 2. Live Tweeting meeting—follow SGA's twitter @Rollins\_SGA
    - 3. Surveys from last time have been distributed to those that need to see it
    - 4. SGA Weekly update content suggestions
    - 5. New senators please send headshots and bios: [eguardado@rollins.edu](mailto:eguardado@rollins.edu)
  - h. Student Life
    - 1. Smoking Legislation
  - i. Events
    - i. LipSync April 2, 2014
      - 1. 12 organizations participating
    - ii. Alumni weekend event: need 10-15 volunteers
      - 2. March 15, 2-4pm
  - j. Advisors
- VII. Organizational Senator Reports
  - a. Panhellenic
    - i. Greek Week: March
    - ii. Changing Executive Council Terms
  - b. Reslife
  - c. SAAC
  - d. Transfer
  - e. International Students
    - i. Week after Spring Break 2<sup>nd</sup> cultural event: St Patty's Day



- ii. Orientation paperwork is overwhelming—discussing this with students
- iii. Venezuela Awareness, as well as other countries
  - 1. Event at the Campus Center, after Spring Break, 9pm
- f. OSS
  - i. Brunch on Mills
  - ii. Lawn Games, Merchandise
  - iii. Rollins croquet
- g. IFC
- h. REP
  - i. Midnight Breakfast 11-1
  - ii. Olympic Event was successful
- i. OMA
- j. OCE
  - i. Friday, hosting Mayor Teresa Jacobs for youth leadership conference, need volunteers
- k. Sustainability
  - i. Tabling for Take Back the Tap
  - ii. 128 signatures for new hydration station outside of the campus center

#### VIII. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Holt
  - i. Meeting tomorrow, noon, Holt office
- b. Food Services
  - i. On campus delivery option (Sodexo)
    - 1. Chipotle-like delivery
    - 2. Higher quality sandwich delivery (better than Jimmy Johns)
    - 3. Pilot program next semester: both pizza options plus sandwich and chipotle on-campus
  - ii. Special in the C-Store: Philly Cheesesteak
  - iii. If Dave's looks better, they will serve better food
  - iv. Food Plan flexibility: choose own meal plan amount
- c. Facilities Renovations
  - i. Survey for Daves sent out yesterday
  - ii. Presentation March 13 for direction of the space
- d. SOS
  - i. Incentives
    - 1. Starting a point system
      - Training
      - Constitution on GetInvolved
      - Meet 5 person min.
      - After getting points, you can apply for more money
    - 2. If you meet points, you can apply for event spacing that is right now off-limits
      - President's Dining Room
      - Soccer field
    - 3. Open feedback form online
    - 4. Pool for money that organizations can apply for (dependent on points)
  - ii. Disincentives
- e. Constitutional Revision Committee



- i. Legislation has been written
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
  - a. Legislation 1314.17: SGA graduation cords
    - i. Motion to vote: Passed
  - b. Legislation 1314.18: Constitutional Amendment for a State of the College Address
    - i. Floor open for debate
      - 1. Location of President's choosing
      - 2. Open for different mediums
    - ii. Motion to vote by roll call vote: Passed
- XI. Open Forum
  - a. Lipsync Discussion
    - i. Informal vote to approve larger budget to \$4,150 Lipsync: Passed
      - 1. For: 16
      - 2. Against: 4
  - b. Revised Senator Contract
    - i. 1 Constituent Outreach per semester, and 2 Legislations per semester
    - ii. Senate should be able to govern itself- judicial board of senators
      - 1. However, there are already 4 senators and only 1 executive member
    - iii. Informal vote (contingent on adding Holt senators) to approve changes: passed
  - c. President Duncan's visit
    - i. Email Robert (rsalmeron@rollins.edu) topics to discuss
  - d. Results from surveys on gym
    - i. Presentation on results next week
  - e. Follow-up on Pat (Daves)
    - i. Responses still being collected
    - ii. Pat will get back to Robert on Friday
  - f. Motion to bring Bill to floor
    - i. 1314.19 Presidential Election Constitutional Revision
    - ii. Floor open for discussion
      - 1. Motion to table so that senator can familiarize themselves with the constitution: division
      - 2. Re-vote with hands
        - For: 15
        - Opposed: 3
    - iii. Post to facebook group with original document for comparison
  - g. What is SGA's role in reducing the cost of Rollins?
    - i. We can present legislation to the Board of Trustees
    - ii. We have passed \$850 in the past 2 meetings, but is within allocated SGA budget
    - iii. Comes from OSIL, budget based on tuition
      - 1. Allocated according to history



- iv. Should SGA be modeling a lower spending model?
- v. We have not spent all of our budget, but what we do spend seeks to improve the quality of student voice, reach, influence
- h. SGA Email- what do you want to see?
  - i. Propose that Exec board proofs the drafts before they are sent out
  - ii. Opposition to this idea because it is not efficient or timely
    - 1. Email can be sent to exec after SGA
  - iii. In favor of proof-reading session
- i. Online Courses
  - i. What weight does SGA have in this discussion?
  - ii. Pilot through Holt School
  - iii. Opposition to this idea, would “devalue our education”
  - iv. Idea: Senior or junior students can apply for one semester with only online classes
- j. Enforcing Smoking Policy
  - i. Idea: confrontation cards
  - ii. Not an education issue
- k. Should know what is on Open Forum items at the beginning of the meeting
- l. Need more Holt Senators
- m. Guests
  - 1. Amir Sadeh
  - 2. Peter Ruiz
  - 3. Patrick Smith
  - 4. Austin David
  - 5. Smith Sanders
  - 6. Jordan Rickman
  - 7. Vanessa Guevara
  - 8. Luz Cahera
  - 9. Scott Novak
  - 10. Rachel Vlahov