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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:30 pm, at Rollins College in the Galloway Room, the Chairman and Clerk being present. Roll was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct.

Executive Reports were given as follows:

- a. President
 - i. Conversation with Chair of the Board of Trustees about vote of no confidence
 - ii. Checking the Executive Board
 - iii. Jeff Eisenbarth coming in next week
- b. Vice President
 - i. Meeting with Ken Miller later this week
 - ii. Fox Day debrief meeting
- c. Chief Justice
 - i. Last day for tabling is Friday (need more help)
 - ii. We will announce SGA President/Vice President Friday evening
- d. Finance
 - i. Winter Park Institute asked for a list of women speakers
- e. Internal Relations
 - i. Course evaluation changes
- f. Public Relations
 - i. Promotional Items- water bottles to give out
- g. Student Life
 - i. Meeting got rescheduled
 - ii. SHIP got more money
- i. Events
 - a. Thanks for helping with LipSync
- j. Advisors
 - a. Hiring an Assistant Director in OSIL
 - b. Free lunch for students to attend interview

Organizational Senator Reports were given as follows:

- h. Panhellenic
 - i. Elections tomorrow for Exec Board
- i. IFC
 - i. Elections for Exec Board
- j. OCE/Jump
 - i. Spring Extravaganza coming up
 - ii. Ronald McDonald House event tomorrow
 - iii. Apply for SSF money
 - iv. Oliver Stone event- Food Trucks
- k. SAAC
 - i. Tomorrow is Student Athlete Day
 - ii. Nominations for athlete awards
- l. REP
 - i. The Bird is the Word- may be moved
 - ii. Selling tickets \$35 for all day pass to City Walk and Pit Bull



- m. OMA
 - i. How to incorporate SGA with Week of Action- any suggestions?
- n. OSS
 - i. Meeting with transfer students to go over transfer process
 - ii. Peer Mentors selected

Ad Hoc Committee reports were given as follows:

- o. Foods Services
 - i. Freshens possibly coming to campus- received well

During New Business, the Senate discussed hits and misses on Fox Day. One Senator expressed disappointment at SGA not giving out t-shirts till noon, because many people did not receive one. The Vice President responded that last year OSS did t-shirts and the President added that next year, t-shirt ideas should be discussed earlier and SGA could possible sell t-shirts, but there is room for improvement based on this year. Another Senator said that Fox Day was great this year but that some constituents complained about the lack of food, and that the pizza was given out too early. Another Senator asked if Fox Day received any bad press, to which the Advisor responded that the Sentinel had really positive things to say and there were no write-ups or hospital transfers. The Senator asked the Advisors if this was a result of a cultural shift about the location of Fox Day or if students were just being more moderate. The President responded in saying that, as student leaders, SGA should observe those types of changes on our own to draw conclusions. The Advisor added that the goal of Fox Day is always safety first, but also community building. The Vice President said that he would take these issues to the follow-up meeting tomorrow as well. A Senator voiced a concern that many constituents were worried about having families on campus during the barbecue and asked if this was a problem from the risk-management perspective. The Advisor said that one of the goals this year was to bring Fox Day back to a community-building event and it is a good thing to see more families on campus. A Senator thanked and congratulated the Advisors for their efforts this year. Another Senator commented that she thought paddleboarding was a huge success during Fox Day.

During Open Forum, a Senator brought up the issue of printing pages. He mentioned that he met with head of IT regarding the matter. In the meeting, he learned that the printing allotment has been in effect for a while but is just now is being carefully monitored and that the number of pages was reduced this year. Students and professors were never informed of the changes and there is no warning that will inform students if they are low on pages. The Senator said that he brought up many solutions to the problem including subsidizing the cost of pages or allowing students to roll over. He noted that there were complaints come from many departments about the issue. He said that IT has enacted this policy in order to become more sustainable. He reviewed the IT budget and noted that it was not really clear and that he will be working with IT in the future on the matter. Another Senator responded in saying that printing pages are a big problem on campus and she thinks having pages roll over from past semesters is a good idea. Another Senator suggested that the first Senator keep pushing on the matter, and that she has heard lots of juniors talk about it too and would like to have the matter resolved this year. Another Senator asked when the last time was that IT evaluated the appropriate number of pages. He also asked if there was a procedure for evaluating page numbers and how IT comes up with the number. The first Senator responded by saying that IT revised the policy by simply



reducing number in order to reduce costs. The President said that this is definitely an issue SGA should address, but that we need to realize the IT budget is underfunded for the amount of services they provide. He said that hopefully it can be resolved but to keep in mind the cost constraints that IT already has. The first Senator suggested having a subsidized cost for students who go over the page limit. The President added that this was a good question to ask Jeff Eisenbarth when he is here next week, but to keep in mind that we don't want printing to take away from something else in the overall budget. Another Senator mentioned that at the very least IT could notify students when they are running low on pages. Another Senator suggested that there be double-sided pages by default. Another Senator suggested transferring pages from student to student. The Student Life Chair suggested there could be an application for more pages on the GetInvolved site.

Next, a Senator asked if Strong Hall was going to be for Freshmen next year. The Vice President said that ResLife is transitioning the Freshman from Lyman to Strong. The Advisor suggested that the Senator ask Leon Hayner about the matter.

The Chief Justice asked Senators to please promote voting for President and Vice President since a day was lost to Fox Day.

A Senator mentioned that she would be meeting with Ken Miller next week to discuss the disabilities legislation.

Another Senator asked the Advisors for an update about FSL happenings. The Advisor responded that KKG headquarters asked Rollins to take away their house because it was not facilitating sisterhood. Rollins therefore complied with that request. TKE had their sanctions lessened and is currently going through an appeals process.

Another Senator asked about the issue with the faculty vote of no confidence and brought up a concern about how a business major fits into the mission of the college. She mentioned that, as a transfer student, she originally wanted to do business but ended up really loving INB for the liberal arts focus of the major. The President responded that President Duncan reports to the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He said that the vote of no confidence was the strongest way for A&S faculty to voice their opinion about the communication/governance/mission concerns. He is not sure why INB initially rejected the Business major but noted that there is no curriculum for the new major yet. Currently, it is just department that will have to establish a major and minor. He said that he believes the the liberal arts are essential, but the other argument presented is that we need to implement business for retention purposes. Lastly, he noted that Holt has its own SGA but doesn't have equivalent faculty governance as the Day School. A Senator responded that this is a good opportunity for SGA to show that it represents voice of student body and that it needs to assert a strong opinion. He added that we should keep in mind that the President and Board of Trustees are charged with the long-term direction of the college, and that the statement that was signed by the faculty did not represent the majority of faculty. The President responded that the vote of no confidence was a large majority, being 67 in favor to 10 opposed within A&S. The Senator responded that SGA tends to be more informed and must represent whole student body not just an elite group. Another Senator said that she did not agree that faculty is not invested in the long-term direction of the college. Another Senator also said it is important to recognize that all parties have their own interests, and it is best to hear all sides of the story before making a decision. The Finance Chair mentioned that she likes the idea of business major, but the most important point of concern is the disconnect between faculty and administration. She said that most faculty don't feel like they are being led properly, despite what the policies are about. The Student Life Chair said that only 39% of faculty feel that way. The Vice President said that the vote of no confidence was 67 to 10, which is a large majority within A&S. The President



added that there are many differing opinions about the issue and said that SGA can provide its opinion about governance issues and that we are concerned about the mission of college. He said that SGA needs to act as an informing, not inflammatory voice for students. We can let the administration know we are concerned, but should have faith that they will work out differences. The Student Life Chair said that there will be meetings with everyone before May 10th to discuss the issues, so SGA should wait and see what happens before we jump the gun. A Senator asked if the meeting is going to be open. The President responded that the meeting will not be open as he currently understands but that SGA will try and meet with President Duncan before May 10th, so please bring any concerns you have to the President. A Senator responded that SGA should assert that we should be represented in the CPS school governance.

Lastly, the Finance Chair asked if anyone had ideas about women speakers to be brought in by the Winter Park Institute.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Carlee Hoffmann, Internal Relations Chair