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Minutes
Student Life Committee Meeting
11/17/09 12:30-1:45 Olin Library Bib Lab

Members Present:

Denise Cummings, Micki Meyer, Patricia Tomé, Cristina Figueroa, Bill Boles, Drew Doty, Hudson Atkins, Alex Brown, Ashley Kistler, Creston Davis

Guests: Brent Turner, Diane Willingham, Leon Hayner,

A. Call to Order: Bill Boles called the meeting to order 12:35pm

B. Move to approve minutes, minutes approved

C. Announcements:

Executive Committee update: The E.C. spoke about the continuing saga of the Dean of Student Affairs structural review. Rick Foglesong talked to President Lewis Duncan, about bringing in a consultant to examine the structure of the college. Lewis does not have a problem with such an action. However, Lewis believes in people, not in structures, and since the people in place are fine, he doesn't think we need to look at structure. Lewis will address the faculty at the Faculty meeting on Thursday about this issue

D. Old Business:

A. Boles sent the SLC a proposed application timeline for available residential housing. (See Appendix 1) Back in September, we talked about the situation that to get preferential housing, group organizations must go under annual review. Currently, three organizations are on probation for lacking in residential or judicial requirements. In December, they will go under review to determine if they get off probation, If they don't, they will lose their housing. Leon Hayner researched a previous system for this process. The application process has been approved by Karen. So, the SLC needs to make a decision about what happens in January if a group loses their housing. The SLC reviewed the application timeline and found it acceptable.

B. Religious holidays: Cristina Figueroa wrote a resolution about excusing ethnic religious holidays for SLC (See Appendix II). She asked the SLC for suggestions so she can take it to SGA for their support before going to the faculty. The committee read the resolution. Meyer suggested that the resolution clearly state that students must inform their professors in advance and make up work in a timely fashion. The absence shall be excused, but not the work that's required on that day. Tomé stated that she feels that the three grace absences she gives students should be used for this purpose, rather than for partying. Figueroa stated that religious holidays are different than partying days, so should be excused. Boles asked if this is policy or a

suggestion. If it's policy, we create it, and then Academic Affairs reviews it and decides if they want to move forward. Cummings suggested that if we look at other schools and what they do, and what their policies are, we will be better informed for making policy changes. Meyer stated that we should examine Rollins' peer and aspirant schools list and what they do. The SLC then discussed why is this excusal resolution even an issue. Faculty should just recognize these holidays and excuse them. Davis states that if faculty refuse to excuse such an absence, students should go to the Dean of Student Affairs' office to address issues of discrimination. The committee asked Figueroa to do some more research into the issue and then bring it back to the committee for further consideration.

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1. Meyer says we need to put the academic mission front and center on the campus. When we look around, we need to look like a college, not like something else.
2. Cummings states that President Hamilton Holt had an idea to bring scholars annually to have big discussions outside on Mills Lawn. There are pictures of these gatherings.
3. We need to use our physical space as place for public intellectual debate.
4. The outdoor classroom should be centered around history and learning.
5. Where should it be located?
6. Several people felt that it should be out in front, prominent...out in front of the chapel and theatre, Mills lawn, or in front of ROC. We need a small classroom facility that will be visible to the campus.
7. Others suggested a semi-permanent amphitheater between French house and Ward by the lake or behind the museum.
8. We also discussed making the patio of Casa Iberia into a technologically capable space for outdoor classes. We need to revise our existing outdoor spaces and create new outdoor spaces.
9. Overall, we need to frame this discussion in terms of how does our physical space reflect our academic mission? People suggested names for our new space. Tomé suggests, "Learning Green" and Cummings suggests, "The Green Room."

- E. Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Application Timeline For Available Residential Organization Housing

January 19 th	Announcement made to campus about available Residential Organization (RO) housing and the process for applying. (Application instructions made available in Res Life and attached to the email)
March 1	Applications are due to the Office of Residential Life by 5pm
March 2	Applications distributed to RO selection committee for review
Week of March 15	RO Selection Committee meets to determine top three (3) applications (per opening) for interview
Week of March 22	RO Selection Committee meets with top applicants, makes recommendation to the Director of Residential Life and Dean of Students regarding which groups should be awarded housing
March 29	Director of Residential Life and/or Dean of Students announce results

Suggested RO Committee should include:

- 2 Faculty Members (preferably from SLC)
- Associate Director of Residential Life (who supervises ROs)
- 1 Member from DOSA
- 1 Student (possibly SGA or SLC)
- Director of Res Life (Ex-Officio member)
- Dean of Students (Ex-Officio Member)

Application should be a 5 page packet:

- 1) Cover Page with General Info (Residential Life will create the cover page)
- 2) Request for info about the organization/group applying, including history, mission, values, current membership, current projects/initiatives, etc.
- 3) Request for info on how the group benefits from group housing. How will group housing augment the positive efforts of the group as well as positively contribute to Rollins? How will group housing achieve LEAP learning outcomes, particularly Personal and Social Responsibility?
- 4) Request supporting info for #3—this could include letter of recommendation from staff advisor or faculty sponsor, list of proposed use of house and programs/initiatives, master plan, etc. LEAP learning outcomes should be reiterated in this portion.
- 5) List of students committed to living in the house, including signed housing contracts. List should include info on two students to be put forward as house manager candidates.

Criterion to be considered by RO Committee:

- 1) Evaluation of group's history, mission and values. Do they align with Res Life V5?

- 2) Are there learning outcomes associated with the living group? Do they relate to LEAP learning outcomes, and perhaps specifically to Personal and Social Responsibility?
- 3) Does the group clearly articulate a need for group housing and how a residential component will significantly improve their organization and help them achieve stated goals?
- 4) To what extent is a faculty or staff member involved and invested in this process and potential RO group/community?
- 5) Who are the students that will live in the house? What is their (collective) GPA and judicial status? Can the group fill the house to capacity and provide acceptable HM candidates?

Is this group sustainable for a period longer than one year?

Student Government Association Senate 2009-2010

Title: Observing Ethnic/Religious Holidays on the Rollins Calendar

Resolution# 4

Sponsored By: Kristen Trucco, Third Year Senator

Authored By: Cristina M. Figueroa, SGA Cultural Relations Chair and the members of the Rollins Student Life Committee

Date: 11/---/09

WHEREAS, Currently there are no ethnic or religious holidays observed on the Rollins calendar.

WHEREAS, Particular ethnic and religious holidays where “work” done on these days are prohibited by a religion or culture force students to not attend their classes and are sometimes classified as unexcused absences on a professor by professor basis.

WHEREAS, There is no community consensus within the Rollins Faculty that these ethnic and religious holidays will be excused without difficulty.

WHEREAS, Establishing an understanding within the Rollins College Faculty community that these religious holidays in which no work can be done will be recognized to further establish the college’s principles of helping students to find their purpose and place. With the support of the Student Government Association of Rollins College and the Student Life Committee they will be observed and excused. This is crucial for protecting and providing a safe and equal learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS S.G.A. SENATE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

By being a representative of the student body, the Student Government Association at Rollins College will give their fullest support in celebrating diversity by honoring individual’s rights on this campus to practice any faith or hold any beliefs that they may have. They will support this in conjunction with the Student Life Committee of Rollins College and ensure that this resolution goes into effect as soon as possible and is honored by all of the faculty and staff at Rollins College in order to provide and preserve a safe, inviting, respectful environment for all students and for anyone who is a member of this Rollins community.