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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm, at Rollins College in the Bieberbach-Reed Room, the Chairman and Clerk being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Speakers
 - a. Dr. McAllaster, acting President
 - i. President's Report December 2014
 1. Enrollment trends
 - a. This year was the largest undergrad enrollment in Rollins history
 - b. Undergrad BSE and communications programs (in CPS) have shown major growth
 - c. INB and CMC have shown major reductions
 - d. Biology has shown 5-year growth and economics has shown 5-year reduction
 2. US News ranking
 - a. Made up of seven components
 - i. Alumni participation
 - ii. Graduation rate
 - iii. Financial resources
 - iv. SAT 25th
 - v. Top 25% HS class
 - vi. % classes under 20
 - vii. Peer assessment
 - viii. Undergraduate reputation
 - ix. Retention
 - b. Rollins has declined in retention rates in recent years
 - i. Within 70-80% range
 - ii. Elon has retention rate of about 90%
 - c. Rollins has also seen decline in financial resources
 - d. The suggestion is to rank Rollins on national levels
 - e. Initiatives to improve quality:
 - i. Revise general education requirements
 1. "Neighborhoods" designed to create longevity in community connections
 - ii. "Find Your Anchor"
 - iii. QEP
 1. SACS requirement
 2. Career and life planning initiative
 - iv. Enrollment management



1. Check in with students who have taken a semester/period of leave
 - v. Faculty and student engagement
3. Budget/right sizing
 - a. Rollins is \$105 million business
 - b. Rollins has been overspending over the past five years
 - c. Dr. McAllaster has been tightening budgets to account for overspent budgets in past years
 - i. Looking for how it's being spent on students
 - d. "Soft money" initiatives
 - i. Manage expectations of donors over long time period
 - e. Sunrise/sunset procedures for programs
 - f. Living within our means
 - g. Readjusting expectations
4. One undergrad business program
 - a. INB in A&S and BSE in CPS
 - b. Not eliminating either one; combining the two majors in a new undergraduate business department
 - c. Separate business majors affects our reaccreditation
 - d. There will still be the same courses, requirements, and faculty
 - i. The only significant difference is the major will be housed elsewhere
 - e. Professors are not interested in being merged into same department
 - f. Decision will be made by the end of this week
5. Faculty engagement
 - a. Meeting with faculty one-on-one, attending retreats, faculty meetings, and executive councils
 - b. Faculty/trustees issues
 - i. Faculty has worried of trustees' plans for colleges
 - ii. Bridging the communication
 - c. We are making progress and have a great faculty
6. SACSCOC reaccreditation
 - a. Report has been submitted
 - i. 116 standards to report on
 - b. Report came back Wednesday, November 26
 - i. Need 18 clarifications on report
 - c. Response document and QEP are due in February 2015
 - d. Site visit scheduled for March 17-19, 2015
7. Fundraising
 - a. Raise \$15 million for annual goal
 - i. Currently at \$11 million in fundraising
 - b. Two projects to close out year

- i. Black box theater to replace Fred Stone theater
 - 1. Would have state-of-the-art theater, dance studio, costume facility, and classrooms
 - 2. Will possibly be moved near Holt Hall
- ii. Child development center
 - 1. Have possible lead donor on project
 - 2. Will possibly be moved near College Arms

8. Q&A

- a. Dave's Down Under renovations
 - i. Already in budget for the year
- b. Weight room/gym updates
 - i. More designated space for athletic teams
- c. Faculty parking sports after-hours
 - i. Not feeling safe to walk across campus/to parking garage
 - 1. Students would like to have more parking near gym after-hours
 - 2. Dr. McAllaster wants to look into restricted parking spots
- d. SGA legislation going to Dr. McAllaster
 - i. Take specific legislation to different VP/Provost's offices
 - ii. Legislation takes time to bring about change
- e. Faculty resources
 - i. Rollins faculty and administration has been treated well in recent years, in comparison to similar schools
 - ii. Reallocating funds to other areas

V. Executive Reports

a. President

- i. Met with Dylan Allen and Dean of Knowles Chapel
 - 1. By September, classrooms had already been claimed for class spaces
 - 2. Will request for space next year
- ii. Executive Committee meeting tomorrow, December 4
 - 1. Revised GPA requirement for study abroad programs
 - 2. INB/BSE decision making
 - a. President McAllaster will have decision this week
- iii. Legislation for faculty on Board of Trustees in new business
- iv. Position description for QEP leader
 - 1. Faculty or staff overseeing QEP plan
- v. Yik Yak presentation sent to faculty member
 - 1. Racist comments made on Yik Yak about Ferguson case



- b. Vice President
 - i. Discussed senator expectations with Joey
 - 1. Senators have until December 12 to complete constituent outreaches
 - a. Email Joey once you have completed
 - c. Chief Justice
 - i. Complete constituent outreach and send to Joey
 - d. Academic Affairs
 - e. Finance
 - i. Last Fox Funds meeting yesterday, December 2
 - ii. Over targeted amount for Fox Funds budget this year
 - f. Internal Affairs
 - g. Public Relations
 - h. Student Life
 - i. Events
 - i. Confirm tabling in campus center on Friday
 - 1. Will have hot chocolate and SGA cups to hand out
 - 2. There will also be a survey and box for the table
 - 3. Jordan will follow up with senators on Facebook
 - j. President Pro Temp
 - k. Advisors
- VI. Organizational Senator Reports
- a. OSS
 - i. Neighborhood ceremony this week
 - 1. Will have “Neighborhood Day” with activities open to campus
 - ii. Student Success is having peer leader informational session next semester
 - iii. Encouraging students to have better planning sessions
 - b. CLCE
 - i. Alternative Spring Break and Spring Immersions have been sent out for next semester
 - ii. Holiday Fun Fest in next Wednesday, December 10
 - c. Student Media
 - i. Meetings open to all students
 - 1. Attend if you/your organization is interested
 - d. SAAC
 - i. Women’s Final Four live stream on field tomorrow, December 4, at 8 pm
 - ii. Christmas Parade is this Saturday
 - e. Student Wellness
 - i. Second campus climate survey going out
 - 1. Will include more Title IX and sexual assault issues
 - 2. Created by third party
 - f. Career and Life Planning
 - g. IFC
 - h. Panhellenic
 - i. Both IFC and Panhellenic slates were passed



1. There will be new senators for positions next semester
 - ii. Women's recruitment is during intercession and men's recruitment is the following week
 - i. Residential Life
 - j. International Students
 - i. Third employment workshop before Thanksgiving
 1. Students invited faculty to attend
 - ii. Travel documentation session next week
 - k. Inclusion and Diversity
 - l. Sustainability
 - m. QEP
 - n. Disability Services
- II. Ad-Hoc Committees
- a. Dining Services
 - i. December 10 is Dining Day
 1. Will discuss cap increase
 2. Senators welcomed to attend
 - b. Holt
 - i. Board of Advisors meeting yesterday, December
 1. Would like to attend next semester
 - c. Facilities Renovation
 - i. Met with Pat Schoknecht
 1. Original estimate was too high
 - a. Pat is still looking for other estimates
 - d. Campus Safety
 - i. Rave Guardian app
 1. Ken is purchasing subscription for app
 2. Elise will be talking with Rave Guardian app company
 - e. Presidential Search Committee
 - i. Meeting tomorrow, December 3
 1. Discussing candidates to interview in mid-December
 - a. Would like questions to ask potential candidates from student perspective
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- a. Legislation 1415.08
 - i. "An Evening Break"
 1. "Break" tabling event for Holt students during Holt hours finals week
 2. **Vote to pass: unanimous**
 - b. Legislation 1415.09
 - i. Increased Public Relations



1. Update SGA website and send out campus-wide emails when legislation is passed
 2. Discussion:
 - a. Each student organization will be getting their organization-specific emails for Rollins
 - b. Campus-wide email would be sent out once a week with SGA updates
 - c. Could also update on Facebook, in addition to emails and website
 - d. Possibility of Sandspur updates in future
 - e. Emails tailored for student interest
 3. **Vote to pass: unanimous**
- c. Legislation 1415.10
- i. Holt participation in Student Ambassador Program
 1. Development of Rollins Ambassador program for Holt students
 2. Holt School senators would take lead in helping organize and create program before the end of Spring 2015
 3. Discussion:
 - a. Holt students would give tours to prospective Holt students
 - b. Training would be provided for Holt Ambassadors
 - c. Legislation would be passed for support first; will discuss funding later on
 - d. Board of Advisors is interested in student interest/support
 4. **Vote to pass: unanimous**
- d. Legislation 1415.11
- i. Rave Guardian app
 1. Support of Rave Guardian Blue Light app
 2. Senators will download the app and approach at least five new users
 3. Discussion:
 - a. Anyone who has a smartphone can download app
 - b. App requires annual subscription; first year will be a pilot year
 4. **Vote to pass: unanimous**
- IX. Open Forum
- a. Yik Yak
 - i. Racist yaks posted on Yik Yak and compiled by student
 - ii. We have a strong influence over our community and over our peers
 - iii. IFC/Panhellenic received negative attention for their social media campaign about cultural awareness
 - iv. Possibility of eliminating connection to or monitoring site
 - v. Personal responsibility to spread awareness and have a conversation with our peers about the negativity of the app



- vi. Campus dialogues only reach the students who are interested in ending this type of event
 - 1. Social media campaign attracts a wider range of attention
- vii. Several charges of bullying/discrimination were addressed in Holt earlier this semester
- viii. If you have the app, you have the option to “downvote” the comments
- ix. Conversation could be facilitated in more courses
 - x. More significant to take it to a larger level than having a personal discussion
 - xi. We can place more focus on events such as Black History Month, MLK Day, or anti-racism national campaigns
 - xii. SGA needs to begin a campaign that places importance on all of us as people
- xiii. Yik Yak could be useful if it was being used correctly
- xiv. “Would You Say This to My Face?” campaign or “Mean Tweets”-esque campaign for Yik Yaks
 - 1. Elise would like to take initiative on creating if senators would like to support it
- b. Jaywalking
 - i. Traffic light takes too long to change and students end up jaywalking
 - ii. Campus Safety has ignored traffic light changes
 - iii. Issue to take to the city of Winter Park
 - iv. Address issue of crosswalk safety

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Jill Rondeau, Internal Relations Chair