

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
CITY/COLLEGE LEADERSHIP MEETING
June 9, 2006**

The City/College Leadership Meeting was opened by Allan Keen at 8:00 a.m. in the Galloway Room at the Mills Memorial building on Rollins College Campus.

Rollins College:

Lewis Duncan
George Herbst
Roger Casey
Hoyt Edge
Craig McAllaster
Sharon Carrier
Lorrie Kyle
Carolyn Planck
Richard Trismen

Board of Trustees

Allan Keen
Harold Ward
Bill Bieberbach

City Commission

David Strong
Barbara DeVane
John Eckbert
Doug Storer
Doug Metcalf

City of Winter Park

Don Martin
Jim Williams
Chip Weston
Chief Ball
Chief White
Clarissa Howard
Nancy McLean

Allen Keen began the meeting with providing statistics on Rollins College. The College is well known for its liberal arts educational background and is recognized as the oldest college in the state of Florida. It was founded in 1885 and has been ranked number one in the South.

PARTNER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Chairman George Herbst stated how important it is to have a college within the community of Winter Park. He addressed the facilitation of relationships between the institution and surrounding community having lead to strong, successful and meaningful ties with local businesses.

Joint projects between Rollins and the City of Winter Park involve:

- The partnership with SunTrust Plaza, this being the first major development to have tax revenue.
- The Rollins Softball Stadium at Lake Island Park and the Alford Boathouse located on Lake Virginia.
- A close working relationship between the Fire Department to install Sprinklers on campus, presently 70% of the sprinkler system have been installed and eventually 100% installation will be completed.
- During hurricane season, restoration of electrical power to college.
- Working with City officials to understand the proper procedures to follow when dealing with the outbreak of the Avian Flu.
- The annual Bach Festival has helped make Winter Park a cultural attraction.
- Arts at Rollins: Annie Russell Theatre, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Department of Music, the Department of Music & Dance, etc. involves the participation of

students in these programs through performances and productions with the support of the community.

- Rollins has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Winter Park; their students and faculty participate in the building process of homes.
- Chief White & Chief Ball mentor students through guidance and support of their expertise
- Unity In The Community – Rollins students help younger children/students in guiding them in their learning experiences of life skills necessary to prepare them for the future
- Winter With the Writers – through the English Department has brought the finest literary minds to Central Florida.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

President Lewis Duncan recognized Rollins as the number one college in the south, for being a great asset for Winter Park and for achieving academic excellence and educational innovation. He stated that Rollins meets the needs of students/graduates for the 21st century, creating responsible leadership in local and global communities.

He elaborated on the following:

- 1) International Scholarly Trips that take place every three years whereby the faculty and staff travel to different parts of the world to gain a better understanding of different cultures and experience different ways of life. This allows the faculty and staff to recognize the world much better and teach the things they learned to their students in class.
- 2) Cornell Fine Arts Museum is a teaching museum that exhibits an extensive artwork collection and rotating exhibitions. It has a broad range of inventory to enhance student thinking and does not specialize in any particular area.
- 3) Cornell Scholars – Rollins is competing with top colleges for students. Entering first year students go through an interview process and write essays; ten full scholarships are awarded annually.
- 4) At present, the City of Winter Park is expensive and has caused the younger members of staff/faculty to live a greater distance from campus. This includes Police and Fire Department employees. It is necessary to find housing accommodations (in the City) that is reasonable for both City employees and staff at Rollins College.
- 5) Intellectual Development Center – Rollins is working with foundations in the City to bring top national leaders to speak to students.

Further comments were made by President Duncan regarding the college focusing on merit and financial aid. There are a variety of scholarships based on academic merit.

He concluded by addressing that Rollins is looking towards the 21st century and has a profound responsibility to educate the young people who will build the world that our children and grandchildren will grow up in. It aspires to be the model for active learning

as the best college and will not comprise this philosophy, however, help is needed by the City to make this happen.

Discussion ensued. Comments were made as follows by individuals.

Commissioner Doug Storer: Found the meeting beneficial and applauded discussing these issues but that further communication is necessary. The City needs to be more proactive with students and graduates staying/returning to Winter Park to enhance the community and businesses.

President Duncan: There are many generations of graduates from Rollins, the strength of Winter Park is the constant replenishment of students within the community

Chip Weston & Craig McAllister - Are in agreement with the college regarding staff, police and the fire department employees who can no longer reside in Winter Park due to the cost of living and rising expenses within the City

Commissioner DeVane – Faculty is very important to Rollins and they are the primary reason the college is number one. However, housing is essential for these staff members and the City needs to work together with the college in establishing some kind of accommodation. If this happens there will be greater access to faculty during the evening hours and on the weekends.

Commissioner Eckbert – Resident interaction between the college and faculty is crucial for intellectual minds and it is necessary to engage all ages to experience the different academic aspects of the college. The only issue is between the city & the college is how we balance the cultural wealth with the non-profits that bring development.

Allan Keen – Marketing is vital to the college, advertising who they are and what they do. He brought forward the idea of non alumni partaking in the international scholar trips. This might gain more resident participation with the college, and these trips could be beneficial through learning, and sharing their experience within their community upon their return.

Clarissa Howard – Agreed with Commissioner Storer's comments but also believes it is important to work in conjunction with the Rollins Communication Department. With their assistance they could publicize and promote both the City of Winter Park and the college on a larger scale. Programs, events and activities can be marketed via local and national publications. This would bring more of an audience to Winter Park and the College, creating more global thinking.

Harold Ward spoke about athletics. Mr. Duncan responded by saying student athletes are maintaining a 3.10 GPA this semester. They have two national coaches of the year in Basketball and Golf for 2006. The coaching staffs are true mentors and they teach students to be responsible leaders. These students are able to balance between their education and athletics and eventually move on to highly successful careers.

Mayor Strong – Grandfather attended Rollins college along with other family members. Both the City of Winter Park and Rollins are symbiotic. Rollins is the number one college in the South and is known for its liberal arts education. Winter Park is considered the number one city in the world for the past twenty years. It's important the City help attract more people who are willing to participate with the college. Housing is also a major issue for city employees and faculty/staff. It will take time and resources before this happens but it needs accomplished.

Allan Keen – The college and the City of Winter Park need to continue the relationship they have, by communicating between faculty and City Leaders. These groups help make Winter Park a great place to study, work and reside.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.



City Clerk