

“As a Wildcat...I promise to fulfill my commitments and remain accountable to others.”

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Speaker- Dr. Nicole Martin

IV. Approval of Minutes

Approved.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Academic & Student Affairs- Chair Jillian Chamberlain

They are done with the childcare grant. They made good edits and are excited. Next committee meeting they have some ideas for resolutions and will hopefully be approving some applicants.

b. Appropriations & Revenue- Chair Michael Hawse

They dealt with some PPE grants and a couple regular grants. They will be expecting some special senate projects to come through. He will be creating a rubric to help them go through the process and help make sure that it is equitable for everyone.

c. Operations & Evaluations- Chair Drew Beecham

They discussed and approved the three appointments of the of the supreme court and the six for the elections board.

VI. Orders of The Day:

a. S.24.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Boyd seconded.

Motion passed.

b. S.25.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Boyd seconded.

Beecham said in regard to Fletcher Lyon, he is a well-qualified candidate for the position who has had years of SGA experience. He has served as the director of campus safety along with also serving as elections investigator and aiding in the elections process. He has also run in two separate SGA elections. He was a law clerk, served as an intern for the Kentucky state senate, worked as a summer associate for two different firms, as well as serving other positions in other organizations. The O&E committee voted him through last week. Having served on both sides of the elections process as well as other very respectful positions. The O&E committees urges that you vote in favor of him.

Boyd asked that the final vote of O&E be presented.

Taylor Williams said it was 6-4.

Kuhnlein said the O&E committee in the spring was accused of rubber-stamping nominations from this administration after the executive appointments. He takes this role very seriously. This administrating chose five candidates for the exact same position. This was a nod from the administration that these were and are all qualified candidates. They were asked to narrow this down to three candidates. They chose Fletcher. Fletcher is someone who would be a fine jurist according to this administration's notes, but I have yet to see this effort from Fletcher himself. Fletcher has shown me that he is not the most interested candidate with the resume he brought into this confirmation body. I am only able to base his future performance in this role on what has been presented to me. Therefore, I cannot in good faith support this candidate in this present status. I ask each of you to vote no. This will maintain our respect for this office, this body, and this process.

Taylor Williams said she referenced the minutes from O&E, the vote was 6-5. This a correction of her previous statement.

Moon echoed what Boyd and Kuhnlein said. She agrees and will be voting no. They saw several possible nominations and looking at all of the possibilities. Compared to the three chosen she personally thinks there was another candidate that was more qualified. She does not know Fletcher personally. Given the other possibilities, they saw a better candidate. We were elected to get it right, so she urges everyone to vote no.

Hawse said he appreciates O&E's appreciation for the constitution. If we are going to follow the constitution, it is not O&E's job to nominate a candidate in any way shape or form, that is the job of the executive branch. He would like to point out that the only reason we are having this conversation right now and not two weeks ago, is because of the job that O&E did in their meeting. Not knowing that they didn't have that constitutional right to have that many people. He thinks Fletcher is a very capable candidate, everyone who has said to vote no has said he is capable. He believes having someone who was an elections investigator and ran his own campaign would be very important. At the end of the day, that is arguably the most important thing the supreme court does on this campus. He urges everyone to vote yes.

Hall allotted time to Makayla Taylor

Taylor said she has served as the election's commissioner for two years and now is the director of graduate and professional students. She is helping to place graduate and professional students on SGA committees and throughout the university. She was the person who found the candidates. The candidate

that O&E is referring to that they thought had a better resume can no longer accept the position. They accepted another position and feels they would be stretched too thin. She has also worked with Fletcher last year, he was helpful, responsive, always knew where to look in legislation or would ask the supreme court justice. He was also helpful with extra tasks. He has a lot of legal experience in multiple areas. She went through his resume and it was pretty standard. She thinks Fletcher would be a great candidate. Right now, we are looking at if the candidates are competent, not thinking about other candidates.

Kuhnlein said he wanted to make a few clarifications. It has now been said twice that O&E is nominating someone. He is not nominating anyone. He is looking at alternatives that this administration gave to him and took away two nominations. He has yet to be convinced that Fletcher is a better candidate than the other two that were removed. He does not believe this candidate is the best. He thinks as a body we need to ask administration to reappoint someone. He sat in O&E and was told by our chair and attorney general to approve five seats for supreme court. He had no idea how many vacancies there were. This administration is now deciding to point blame when they gave five nominations for three seats. If we had discussed this two weeks ago, he had in his notes that he had concerns about Fletcher. He also shared all five resumes with four different attorneys. Not a single one of them recommended Fletcher.

Boyd reiterated everything Kuhnlein said. To suggest O&E didn't do their due diligence is laughable and outlandish. He doesn't care about any of the other candidates, his resume is terrible. He has prepared legal documents three times. This is one of the problems with O&E and these people we are given. We are only shown these peoples resumes and forced to get all of this information. When we get a full committee, we have a bunch of people coming to defend this person for things that are not in this resume.

Elias wanted to make sure he knew this is being livestreamed on YouTube and to be respectful.

Boyd asked what we are supposed to be talking about? He didn't show up to O&E, he has never met Fletcher. What is he supposed to talk about besides what is on his resume?

Elias said we can talk about his resume, but not be disrespectful.

Boyd apologized for any disrespect. O&E was not consulted on whether or not there should be nine positions on the supreme court and when these people are shown to us that's what we have to vote on, and he does not think it was a good resume.

Elias said she knows O&E has other processes that we need to go over soon.

Hawse said he didn't mean to call out O&E or say anybody is doing a bad job. He does feel O&E should have made sure before this came up. At the end of the day it is O&E's job to make sure these things are constitutional. He is not saying exec did the right thing. All he is saying is that at the end of the day it is O&E's job to know the constitution. He asked Taylor what the original vote on Fletcher was three weeks ago.

Beecham said it was 8-4.

Hawse asked what changed in the votes? He does not know what has changed in his abilities to be a supreme court justice in three weeks. He understands there are people O&E would rather have, but nothing has changed. Three weeks ago, there was a super majority, what has changed in the past three weeks?

Taylor Williams allotted five minutes to attorney general Kamryn Stewart.

Stewart said as attorney general it is partially her bad for not noticing we were nominating too many people. She was ill but wanted to take partial ownership for that. The job of the supreme court is mostly to deal with elections violations. If we take that into consideration, Fletcher ran in two nominations and was an elections investigator. He is extremely qualified.

Hall allotted time to Makayla Taylor.

Taylor wanted to go back to the statement that committee only has the resumes to look at. She asked multiple times if she should be at the meeting and the chair told her no. She sent in statements when they approved it on why she thought they were all qualified. She thinks it is well known she is open to conversation. She was never asked. She does not think it can be argued that you don't have enough information when you don't reach out and ask for more information.

Blackburn motioned to call to question.

Butkovitch seconded.

23-4 Motion passes.

17-4-5 Motion passes.

c. S.26.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

Kuhnlein said he would like to thank this nominee for putting forth a resume that provided a lot of in-depth information on who they are what they stand for.

26-1 Motion passes.

d. S.27.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

27-0 motion passes.

e. S.28.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

26-0-1 motion passes.

f. S.29.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

26-0

g. S.30.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

28-0 motion passes.

h. S.31.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Taylor Williams seconded.

27-0 motion passes.

i. S.32.2020

Beecham moved for the adoption.

Snyder seconded.

27-0 motion passes.

VII. Gabe Savage to go over Elections Timeline

Freshman elections applications have been live, the deadlines October second. We will be having signatures due October fifth. Verifying signatures and applicants on the sixth. Elections will take place the 19th and 20th, the write in deadline on the 19th. The 22nd we will reveal results.

VIII. Michael Hawse to go over Senate Special Projects

A&R helps fund student organizations with grants. The senate special project is a grant that is higher than all of the others. It will be between \$2500 to \$5000. Organizations will reach out to you. From that point you learn about what they are doing and if it something you would want to support. You will be required to come to an A&R meeting and say why you support them. Once A&R approves them it would be taken to full senate. If they send you an email you need to respond to them.

Snyder asked if she needs to bring the organization to A&R.

Hawse said all of those organizations come to their meetings biweekly anyways. You will just come in and they will ask you questions.

Trace Williams asked if any preference should be given to college organizations for college senators?

Hawse said there is nothing official about that. It is really up to your discretion. You also cannot be a part of the organization you are sponsoring.

Elias said if you have multiple people reach out to you, tell other senators that haven't done one yet.

IX. Presidential Privilege

Wheeler thanked everyone for approving the supreme court and elections board tonight. Thank you Gabe for coming and everyone to paying attention earlier.

X. Announcements and Senator's Privilege

Elias thanked everyone for keeping their cameras on.

Hawse said Boyd brought up a good point. The nominee did not come to O&E. He thinks it is ridiculous that we don't require that. We should require that for committee meeting and full senate. The fact that exec can nominate people and we have never seen their face before is ridiculous.

Chamberlain asked everyone to do DanceBlue.

Beecham said along with getting a resume, we get a written testimony by those who nominated them. We have recognized this problem.

Moon echoed that and thanked Hawse. Wanted to shout out the people who wrote the SGA statement regarding Breonna Taylor.

Blackstone thanked everyone for a great debate. Please don't use the chat for official debate. You need to take this seriously and vote.

XI. Members Privilege

XII. Final Roll Call

XIII. Adjournment

All meetings are open to the public.

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An Act Relating To: The Supreme Court		S.24.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Zac Losey as a member of the Supreme Court.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Supreme Court		S.25.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Fletcher Lyon as a member of the Supreme Court.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Supreme Court		S.26.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Ashlei McPherson as a member of the Supreme Court.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.27.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Emily Kunkel as a member of the Elections Board.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.28.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Grace Gainer as a member of the Elections Board.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.29.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Kendall <u>Hoofe</u> as a member of the Elections Board.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.30.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Nolan Warren as a member of the Elections Board.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.31.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
<p>BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY</p> <p>Approve Trace Sickles as a member of the Elections Board.</p>		

An Act Relating To: The Elections Board		S.32.2020
Sponsors:	Senator Beecham	
Introduced:	9/30/2020	
BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY		
Approve <u>Ty'ana</u> Upshaw as a member of the Elections Board.		