

# UK Student Government Association Operations and Evaluations Committee

September 15, 2021

7:00 pm

Room 375

*Type of Meeting: Regular*

## **I. Call to Order**

## **II. Roll Call**

- a. Committee Chair Phillips- Present
- b. Vice-Chair Moon- Present
- c. Senator Bechanan- Excused
- d. Senator Broyles- Present
- e. Senator Chiles- Present
- f. Senator DeCorte- Present
- g. Senator Hall- Absent
- h. Senator Marcolla- Present
- i. Senator Shoa- Present
- j. Senator Slicer- Present
- k. Senator VanGilder- Present
- l. Others in attendance:
  - i. Jillian Chamberlain

## **III. Old Business**

- a. Approval of September 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes
  - i. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator DeCorte
- b. Election Bills Update (S.xx.2021 and S.xx.2021)
  - i. Senator Shoa—If any from A and M
  - ii. Discussion on Ramifications
  - iii. Vote on bills in first October Meeting

## **IV. New Business**

- a. Approval of Kayla Woodson as Chief of Staff
  - i. Discussion:
    1. Phillips explained the situation behind the nomination
    2. Moon asked what her goals were for the position. Woodson said that he wants everyone in SGA to feel welcomed and comfortable.
    3. Answering Moon's question, Woodson said that Mihir Kale and Bryce Grant will fulfill the

tasks previously assigned to her in her Director role

- ii. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator VanGilder
- b. Hearing and Approval of Iman Ali as Supreme Court Justice
  - i. Discussion:
    - 1. Phillips asked about how she plans to interpret legislation in court cases, she said she will prioritize the bill author's intent
    - 2. Shoa asked how well she will be able to handle the workload of this position. Ali mentioned that her previous experience in SGA has prepared her to balance the workload.
  - ii. Motion by Senator Marcolla, seconded by Senator Moon
- c. Hearing and Approval of Dustyn Sams as Supreme Court Justice
  - i. Discussion:
    - 1. Sams says his judicial philosophy prioritizes hearing all sides of an issue.
    - 2. Phillips asked how Sams wants to see the role of the Supreme Court change/stay the same. Sams says the court's role is to interpret, not to legislate
    - 3. DeCorte asked what kind of law he would like to pursue after graduation. Sams is interested in appellate and trial law.
    - 4. Phillips asked at what point a justice should consider public policy. Sams says the judiciary should not attempt to legislate.
  - ii. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator Marcolla
- d. Hearing and Approval of Faith Turner as Supreme Court Justice
  - i. Discussion:
    - 1. Phillips asked how much she will consider legislative intent when it comes to updating the codes. Turner cited her SGA experience, and that we must prioritize the wellbeing of UK students.
    - 2. Shoa asked how Turner will be able to balance the duties of being a 1L with the Court. Turner mentioned her previous SGA experience, and her need to diversify her schedule. Shoa asked about how she will leave her mark with the many administrations that will pass through her tenure. Turner mentioned the benefits of interacting with many groups of people.
  - ii. Motion by Senator VanGilder, seconded by Senator DeCorte
- e. Hearing and Approval of Harrison Chittenden as Supreme Court Justice
  - i. Discussion:

1. Phillips asked about the role of the Court in legislative intent
  2. DeCorte asked about Chittenden's study of history and how that will impact his role. He mentioned that this background allows him to be very detail oriented.
  3. Phillips asked about his vision for the role of the Court. He said the court should avoid being an "advisory committee". He gets the sense that most students aren't aware of the fact that we have a Supreme Court, so it should be publicized.
- ii. Motion by Senator DeCorte, seconded by Senator VanGilder
- f. Hearing and Approval of Jacob Bruce as Supreme Court Justice
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Phillips asked about his policy interests, Bruce mentioned defense and veterans policy. Bruce is pursuing a dual degree MPA/Law degree program.
      2. Moon asked about his experience working with Greek Life legislative lobbying, and what the policy interests of Greek Life are. Bruce mentioned cases related to issues of the federal definitions of on campus housing, and other institutions banning single-gender student organizations.
      3. Phillips asked about his experience being a senator
      4. Moon asked how he would interpret bills relating to elections, in an attempt to limit the assumed overrepresentation of Greek life in SGA
    - ii. Motion by Senator Marcolla, seconded by Senator Broyles
  - g. Approval of Ellie Browning as Deputy Chief of Staff
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Phillips asked for a general overview of how she got to this position. Browning outlined her experience in SGA, as Internal Relations Coordinator
      2. Moon asked about how she plans to promote a healthy work life balance, considering that coordinators are unpaid. Browning said she views the coordinator program as training for other SGA positions, not an opportunity to abuse unpaid labor
    - ii. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator Marcolla
  - h. Approval of Cam Luker as Director of Graduate and Professional Affairs
    - i. Discussion:

1. Phillips read an email from Luker detailing his experience and goals for the position.
  2. President Hawse spoke to Luker's experience
  3. Shoa spoke to Luker's work ethic
  4. Phillips asked about his ability to commit time to this position
  5. Moon asked about Hawse's goals for Luker in the position
- ii. Motion by Senator Broyles, seconded by Senator Shoa
- i. Approval of Ashley Grospitch as Director of Leadership Development Program
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Moon asked President Hawse how the role of the Vice President will be changed by forming the directorship. Hawse said that the VP will now be freed up to do more administrative things/focus on their passions, rather than the day to day work of LDP.
      2. Phillips asked how she will balance the workload of school and this position. She mentioned that she recently changed her major and her workload has decreased.
    - ii. Motion by Senator DeCorte, seconded by Senator Marcolla
  - j. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Tyana Upshaw
  - k. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Trace Sickles
  - l. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Tenneil Edelen
  - m. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Ciara Chase
  - n. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Erika Wilkins
  - o. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Skyy Walker-Davis
  - p. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Langston Jackson
  - a. Approval of Elections Board Nominee Simone Rudolph
  - q. Motion approved for slate of Elections Board Nominees
    - i. Motion by Senator Shoa, Seconded by Senator Marcolla
- b. SGA Absences Appeals Process—Senator Broyles and Senator Chiles
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Broyles explained that after hearing of an instance of what he considered to be an unjustly applied unexcused absence.
      2. Shoa asked if there was currently a process of review for unexcused absences, Broyles said there is not.
      3. Shoa asked why the limit on appeals request is 2. Broyles said it was meant to prevent members from abusing the process.
      4. DeCorte asked how this process would compare to having unexcused absences, if unexcused absences function as skips or for the use of emergencies

- ii. Motion to table by Senator Broyles, seconded by Senator Chiles
- c. An Act relating to Pollster Affiliations—Senator Shoa
  - iii. Discussion:
    - 1. DeCorte asked if pollsters are typically associated with campaigns, Shoa does not have that data.
    - 2. Moon and Philips mentioned that this is a law in all 50 states. Although it may bring forth a new crop of elections claims, it is needed.
  - iv. Motion by Senator Moon, seconded by Senator DeCorte
- d. Freshman Senators Constitutional Amendment—Senator Shoa
  - v. Discussion:
  - vi. Motion to table by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator Chiles

**V. Motion to Adjourn**

- a. Motion for adjournment—Senator DeCorte, Seconded by Senator Slicer