

UK Student Government Association Operations and Evaluations Committee

October 13, 2021

7:15 pm

Room 330E

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Committee Chair Phillips
- b. Vice-Chair Moon- Present
- c. Senator Bechanan- Present
- 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- Excused
- k. Senator VanGilder- Present
- l. Others in attendance:
 - i. Jillian Chamberlain

III. Old Business

- a. Approval of September 29, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator Chiles
- b. Election Bill—Ranked Choice Voting—Phillips, Broyles, Shoa
 - i. Discussion:
 1. Philips and Shoa reiterated the benefits of RCV, Shoa cited studies showing increased voter turnout
 2. DeCorte brought up the need to advertise the new system and the election itself, Phillips said this is addressed in an upcoming bill
 3. Broyles asked if there will be a need for more pollsters, Phillips said this will go into effect January 2022
 4. Chiles asked about the additional benefits of RCV
 5. Moon asked about what the discussion will look like on the bill if it were to pass to full

senate, Phillips said there might be some pushback/debate

- ii. Motion by Senator Chiles, seconded by Senator Shoa
- iii. Motion passes
- c. Election Bill—Accompanying Election Reforms—Phillips, Broyles, Shoa
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Shoa suggested moving the edit to 606.3 to 606.5, Hall and Phillips explained the difference between the purpose of the sections
 - 2. Chiles pointed out a grammatical edit
 - 3. Debate on the definition of “monetary value”, language changed back to original phrasing
 - 4. Moon asked about the “specificity” definition regarding plans brought to O&E from the elections board, Phillips does not want to define it further to give future administrations leeway
 - 5. Shoa suggested that the elections locations rotate on each day of the election
 - ii. Motion to approve with amendments by Senator Chiles, seconded by Senator Shoa
 - iii. Motion passes
- d. Absence Appeals Bill—Broyles, Chiles, Shoa
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Phillips commended the “reasonable effort” definition, clarified that senate exec does not handle executive absences
 - 2. Shoa asked for clarification on whether appeals being allowed twice per term meant academic or election term
 - 3. Language updated to specify election term
 - 4. Debate on whether there should be no unexcused absences and just an appeals process
 - 5. Broyles added that although senate exec might be understanding now, those in the future might be more vindictive
 - ii. Motion to table by Senator Broyles, seconded by Senator Chiles
- e. Constitutional Amendment—Shoa
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Phillips shared that there actually isn’t a need for this bill, as number of senators is determined by the student population
 - ii. Motion by Senator Shoa, seconded by Senator Chiles
 - iii. Motion does not pass

IV. New Business

- a. Executive Emergency Nominations—Bechanan

- i. Discussion:
 - 1. Phillips asked if the two week period is necessary
 - 2. Hall said that even if an exec member puts in their two weeks, it's unlikely that they will do quality work
 - 3. Marcolla says she likes the bill, feels as if in the past the process hasn't allowed for a diversity of nominations
 - 4. Bechanan agrees with Marcolla
 - 5. Broyles asked if there is a formal body/process on if a member should resign, Phillips said directors is left up to President's discretion, sometimes administration advises President on what to do
- ii. Motion to table by Senator Bechanan, seconded by Senator Marcolla
- b. Legislative Quorum—Bechanan
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Phillips spoke in favor of the bill
 - 2. Chair Williams asked if it needed to be 50 plus one instead, it does not, given Roberts Rules
 - ii. Motion by Senator Broyles, seconded by Senator DeCorte

V. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion for adjournment—Senator DeCorte Seconded by Senator Broyles