

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Constitutional Clarity and Reform

July 11, 2014 11:00 AM

SAC - Balcony Room C

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. Brian, Eden, Stephanie, Frank, Guy, Faith are in attendance. Vance is absent.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes from June 30, 2014**
 - a. No objections. Minutes are approved.
- IV. Frank presents his edits to the by-laws regarding Ad-Hoc officers before we begin edits of the internal rules and election code.
 - a. FM6: No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - b. FM7: No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- V. Brian: we recently learned that we are not bound by the Texas Open Meeting Act. So, we should consider this as we go forward.
- VI. **Internal Rules of Procedure - Edits**
 - a. BMW1: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - b. BMW2: Brian explains the proposed change. Guy asks for clarification. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - c. BMW3: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - d. BMW4: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - e. BMW5: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - f. BMW6: Brian and Eden explain the rationale for the proposed change. Brian explains the proposed change. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - g. Brian explains a comment that does not have a proposed change. There is discussion about Section 1 of Article 2.
 - h. FM1: Withdrawn.
 - i. FM2: Frank explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - j. FS1: Faith explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - k. FM3: Frank explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
 - l. BMW7: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.

- m. BMW8: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- n. BMW9: Brian explains the proposed change. There is brief discussion about whether or not this is a necessary section. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- o. BMW10: Brian presents new language for Debate Rules. Brian explains how these rules are different. Faith suggests a small change to the language. Frank suggests a small change to the language. Guy makes the point that he is in favor of any changes that streamline the assembly meetings. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- p. Eden presents a comment regarding voting procedures. The group discusses voting procedures. Frank suggests we add a comment that specifies roll call in contested votes. Guy presents a suggestion to streamline voting (using numbers on placards for easier recording).
- q. FS2: Faith presents changes. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- r. FM4: Frank explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- s. BMW11: Brian recommends removing the section. Faith mentions that section 2 is only mentioned in this place. The group discusses this section. No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- t. BMW12: Brian explains the proposed change. Eden asks for clarification. No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- u. End of comments. Short recess.

VII. Election Code - Edits

- a. BMW1: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- b. BMW2: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- c. FS1: Faith explains the proposed change. There is discussion about whether or not this is necessary, and where 3.18 is referring to. Faith makes a small amendment to her change per the discussion. No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- d. BMW3: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- e. FS2: Faith explains the proposed change. There is discussion about disqualification. No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- f. BMW8: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- g. FS3: Faith explains the proposed change. There is a motion to table this discussion until later in the meeting. Motion is seconded. No objections. Motion passes.
- h. FM1: Frank explains his change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.

- i. BMW4: Brian explains the proposed change. There is brief discussion about whether or not to strike. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- j. BMW5: Brian explains the proposed change. There is brief discussion about the language. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- k. BMW6: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- l. FM2: Frank explains his rationale for the change. Guy proposed to take out any time limit. No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- m. BMW7: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- n. BMW9: Brian explains the proposed change. No discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.
- o. FS3: Faith accepts Guy's friendly amendment to the language (university community in both instances). No further discussion. No objections. Change is approved unanimously.

VIII. Next Steps

a. Presentation to Administration

- i. Brian will present all of the amended documents to the administration and ask them to get comments back to us in two weeks.
- ii. Brian will also present to Columbia, David, and Virginia and ask for comments.
- iii. After receipt of all comments, we will schedule a meeting to consider the comments.

b. Roll Out Plan

- i. Brian has talked to the Communications Director about strategies to present this to the university community. We may hold town hall/public forum meetings. Then, our first meeting of the GSA will be an onboarding meeting where we will explain that we are changing the governing documents so that we give them time to ready before the first assembly meeting.

c. Possible Assignments

- i. None until we get comments back.

IX. Adjourn