

# Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Constitutional Clarity and Reform

July 30, 2014 12:00 PM

SAC - Balcony Room C

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
  - a. Brian, Eden, Stephanie, Faith, Guy, Vance and Frank are all present.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes from July 11, 2014**
  - a. No objections. Minutes are approved.
- IV. **Remarks from the Vice-President**
  - a. Administrators were very excited about our progress. This has been a project for the GSA for a long time and we are finally making the changes! Dean Lily and Assistant Dean John Dalton were both very supported. Brian had a meeting with Veronica Cantu regarding financial section and she presented concerns and edits.
  - b. David had planned on attending, but cannot attend.
  - c. The next step is to send the documents to our legal department to ensure that we are following all laws.
- V. **Invited Critiques and Further Edits**
  - a. **Constitution Edits**
    - i. David Edit #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
    - ii. David Edit #2: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Frank explains that graduate faculty is already very broad. Frank suggests changing to graduate faculty and university wide communities. No objections to change as amended. Change is approved.
    - iii. Dean Lily Edit #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
    - iv. David Edit #3: Brian explains the rationale for the change. The group discusses whether or not to include the Dell Medical School in this section. No objections. Change is approved.
    - v. Brian Edit #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
    - vi. David Edit #4: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Stephanie wonders why people who are not even aware of our existence are considered members. Brian explains why the language helps the GSA to be inclusive. No objections. Change is approved.
    - vii. David Edit #5: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Faith explains that we have explained this elsewhere. No objections. Change is approved.

- viii. David Edit #6: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
- ix. Brian Edit #2: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Stephanie raises concerns about potential confusion if we change departmental rep language. Brian withdraws the edit.
- x. David Edit #7: Brian explains the rationale for the change. There is discussion about whether or not to codify the first Tuesday of April. No objections. Change is approved.
- xi. David/Dean Lilly #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. The group discusses the change. Frank suggests changing the last sentence per our discussion. Vance also suggests a small change to the language. No objections to the amended change. Change is approved.
- xii. Brian Edit #3: Per the previous discussion, this change is introduced. Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
- xiii. David/Dean Lilly #2: Brian explains the need to rewrite this section. Vance voices concerns about the second sentence and how the board is appointed. The group confirms that candidates and officers should be excluded from the board. The group agrees on language after a discussion. No objections. Change is approved.
- xiv. Vance Edit #1: This change is introduced per our previous discussion about how the board is appointed. No objections. Change is approved.
- xv. David Edit #8: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Vance suggests changing “or” to “and.” No objections. Change is approved.
- xvi. David Edit #9: Brian explains the possible changes. The group decides on alphabetical. No objections. Change is approved.
- xvii. David Edit #10: Brian explains the rationale for the change. There is discussion about whether or not to have constraints on who can run. Six objections to the proposed change. Change is struck down.
- xviii. Vance Edit #2: Guy and Vance propose a change based on the previous discussion. Frank raises concerns about potentially electing a student who does not have experience in the organization. The group discusses changing the second sentence to include committee members. One objection (Guy). Change is approved 5-1. Vance votes yes with philosophical reservations.
- xix. David Edit #11: Brian explains the rationale for the change. There is discussion of changing to “incoming” president. No objections. Change is approved.
- xx. David Edit #12: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
- xxi. David Edit #13: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Six objections. Change is struck down.
- xxii. David Edit #14: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Vance and Frank suggest an amendment to the change. No objections to the amended change. Change is approved.

- xxiii. David Edit #15: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Six objections. Change is struck down.
  - xxiv. David Edit #16: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Six objections. Change is struck down.
  - xxv. David Edit #17: Brian explains the rationale for the change. There is a friendly amendment. No objections to amended change. Change is approved.
  - xxvi. David Edit #18: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Six objections. Change is struck down.
  - xxvii. David Edit #19: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Guy asks what a conflict of interest entails. Stephanie suggests that time is the main conflict of interest. Faith adds that two organizations could be in conflict. Six objections. Change is struck down.
  - xxviii. David Edit #20: David Edit #15: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - xxix. Veronica Edit #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - xxx. Veronica Edit #2 and #3: There is a motion to consider these two together. Motion is seconded and approved. Brian explains the rationale for the changes. No objections. Changes are approved.
- b. By-Law Edits
- i. John Dalton Edit #1: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - ii. Veronica Edit #4: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - iii. Veronica Edit #5: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - iv. Veronica Edit #6: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - v. Veronica Edit #7: Brian explains the rationale for the change. Frank discusses his rewrite of the section. The group discusses the role of the finance committee. No objections. Change is approved.
  - vi. Veronica Edit #8: Frank motions to strike section 1.1. There is discussion about the performance section. This change is put on hold until consultation with Veronica.
  - vii. Veronica Edit #9: Brian explains the rationale for the change. No objections. Change is approved.
  - viii. Revisiting Veronica Edit #9: Veronica explains her rationale for the issues with the section. The group discusses various issues with the fiscal year budget and the change in administration conflicting. Frank adds a comment with the proposed changes.

- ix. Frank Edit #1: There is a motion to consider three changes in one. Motion is seconded and approved. No objections to the changes. Changes are approved.

**VI. Next Steps**

- a. Re-presentation to Administration / General Counsel
- b. Roll Out Plan
- c. Assignments

**VII. Adjourn**