

UK Student Government Association Operations and Evaluations Committee

September 1, 2021

7:00 pm

Room 330E

Type of Meeting: Regular

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Committee Chair Phillips- Present
- b. Vice-Chair Moon- Present
- c. Senator Bechanan- Present
- d. Senator Broyles- Present
- e. Senator Chiles- Absent
- f. Senator DeCorte-Present
- g. Senator Hall- Present
- h. Senator Marcolla- Present (left early)
- i. Senator Shoa- Present
- j. Senator Slicer- Present
- k. Senator VanGilder- Present
- l. Others in attendance: Vandela Norris, Michael Hawse, Jillian Chamberlain

III. Old Business

- a. Approval of August 23, 2021 Minutes
 - i. Motion by Senator Marcolla, seconded by Senator DeCorte
- b. Confirmation of Executive Branch Cabinet Appointee
 - i. *S.38.2021—Director of Campus Safety Vandela Norris*
 2. Discussion:
 - a. Marcolla asked Norris what she would focus on if she were to get the position
 - b. DeCorte asked about SA/VS building safety, Norris wants to work to improve it by adding bus stops, etc.
 - c. Phillips asked Hawse to explain the second approval, Hawse said that the previously approved director decided to study abroad
 - d. Moon asked about what inspired her to get involved in SGA, Norris mentioned her experience in LDP
 3. Motion for a vote on the confirmation—Senator Moon, seconded by Senator Marcolla
 4. Vote Totals
 - a. 10 Yea; 0 Nay

IV. New Business

- a. Elections timeline—no appointees this week
- b. Ranked Choice Voting—S.40.2021
 1. Discussion
 - a. Notes:
 - i. Phillips introduced the concept of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), SGA currently uses popular/winner-take-all model
 - ii. Auburn, Texas A&M, and Vanderbilt use RCV
 - iii. Moon asked about BBNvolved's capability to do RCV and how the ballots would be destroyed
 - iv. Phillips responded that the ballots files could be deleted (for the purpose of voter anonymity), a meeting will be scheduled to discuss BBNvolved's capability. Other student orgs on campus are beginning to use RCV. Phillips thinks that BBNvolved should be willing to provide the capability because UK pays a lot of money for the service
 - v. VanGilder asked about the benefits of RCV, Phillips mentioned the better representation of electorate, this has the ability to increase non-Greek life representation in SGA
 - vi. DeCorte asked how the voters will be informed of the change. Phillips said we could legislate voter education initiatives among other things
 - vii. DeCorte asked about the process of filling seats that no one runs for. Phillips said the bill is written to unburden the Elections Committee
 - viii. Shoa asked who is considered an election observer, Phillips said that O&E approves the elections committee members, he thinks the President is also allowed to observe.
 - ix. Bechanan made the comment that voter education should be continual, we should specify whose job it is to carry it out
 - x. Broyles proposed that candidates should have to include RCV explanations in their campaigns
 - xi. Slicer and DeCorte mentioned that students are often uninformed about SGA and elections, proposed an explanation included on the ballot
 - xii. Shoa asked about election turnouts. Chamberlain said that COVID numbers were very low, but normally they are low. Most people are unfamiliar with BBNvolved, but knowledge is improving

