Constitution and Bylaws Committee Meeting #3
Date: September 28th, 2016
Time: 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Members Present: AJ Tsang (chair), Sathvik Namburar, Akshay Bhamidipati, Ope Olukorede

1. Review of former Senator Subramaniam's external transparency analysis:
    a. May be overly critical
    b. Is the report neutral?
    c. Is the data usable?
    d. Technology definitely limiting as a barrier
    e. Door-closing policy not being enforced
    f. External presentations taking too long
        i. Need to incorporate time for questions
        ii. Set a definite time limit for questions
        iii. Make it more like the UN - total time vs speaking time (total time 15 mins, speaker time of 1 mins)
        iv. Because not everyone uses full time, can be much shorter
        v. If need more time, can set up motion to extend
    b. More Robert's Rules
    c. More ad-hocs?
        i. Already maxed out on committees, on time, on academics
        ii. Can't increase workload for no reason
        iii. SGA should adopt policy of "help us first, then others" - more ineffectual, people demoralized
        iv. Standard of two committees needs to end - make it optional
    b. Advising
        i. More faculty and dean perspective - history, polisci, is,
    b. Fewer people on committees would be more efficient
        i. What is an ideal committee size?
    b. Side note for Sustainability: What happened to Meals in a Minute in Levering?
        i. Have Bill present to GBM on 16/17 dining changes
    b. Cliques in SGA
        i. Certain groups of friends - but not cliques
    b. Communication
        i. People don't know what we're doing
        ii. Couldn't get enough signatures for a petition
        iii. If people really cared, it could have happened
        iv. SGA should advertise its meetings more - not effective in marketing is true
        v. Praise can be 50-50
        vi. Took people to push us, but if enough people care, it will happen
    b. Student groups don't always represent the student body
    c. We could have disproportional representation - which is pretty widespread in SGA
    d. Covered in ad-hoc

        i. Is the interest in external ad-hocs there? Yes
        ii. All you need is one SGA member to chair
    b. ReCover Hopkins
        i. Bigger surveys, more representative
        ii. All students must be heard, not just the most vocal
        iii. Question is whether we should represent the pure majority or a melange of every belief
        iv. Hearing opinions that are voiced out
        v. Without representative equality, no clear picture of representation
    b. Should SGA represent a simple majority or a blend?
        i. Should represent a blend
        ii. Does SGA need to be unified? Can it have dissent?
        iii. Need more people to voice their opinion
        iv. People not willing to voice disagreement
        v. Encouraging more discourse in SGA at all
        vi. More rigorous vetting of things - need to play the devil's advocate
    b. Internal operations
        i. All the time debating the Bylaws
        ii. Spent forever debating Bylaws
        iii. Could just be Constitution Committee
            1. Give this committee more influence?
            2. Give us lateral trust so that we can vote and waive changes through?
            3. Enhance trust to let CB do the right thing
            4. At the same time, one committee and one group of people can't be responsible for all of SGA's workings
    b. Surveys
        i. If people won't be polite in surveys then they know people really hate us, or they just want to go off on us
        ii. Studies tend to create a positive bias, but our campus may have a negative bias
        iii. The very fact that we have a negative bias is what we should address
        iv. Incidents make people hate SGA
    b. SGA tends to wait for controversy and pick the right side but do it the wrong way
    c. Communication
        i. Restore WWDW voting style in brody mse levering
        ii. Email raffle, plus online - maximize data
        iii. Use the forum to ask about sga, check off boxes
        iv. Before and after poll of sga and listening to sga
        v. Poll everywhere in real time, vote on opinions
        vi. Later get people's emails, send survey about event
2. Long Term Project Assignments
    a. CSE Bylaws - All
    b. Student Orgs Bylaws - Akshay
    c. Transparency Report - Ope, AJ (send leela's to charlie)
    d. Student Opinion Polling - Ope, Sathvik

e. Administrative Petition System - AJ, Sathvik