Elections & Rules Committee  
Student Government  

April 7, 2015  
Convene: 7:37pm  
Conclude: 8:25pm  

Present: Steven Wendeborn (Chair), Rahul Bide, Max Freedman, Bella Rowe, Joshua Savitt.

- All rooms have been booked for remainder of election process  
- Recap - last Friday held the prospective candidates meeting  
  - Roughly 8-10 attendees  
  - Most of them interested in running for College Council  
    - Wanted to know if there were any changes to bylaws, etc.  
- Timeline: Petitions out Thurs April 9, due one week later, meeting on Friday 17th  
- Upcoming: April 17th: Candidates meeting in South Lounge  
  - All people running must come for mandatory meeting  
  - Provides overview of what election process looks like, rules, what it will entail  
  - Last chance to make their decision if they want to run  
  - Everyone who submitted petition should be there  
    - Petition specifically mentions, “to run, you must attend meeting”  
- Petitions: available Thursday this week on SG website  
  - Must hand in hard paper copy  
- This year committee does not have responsibility of verifying all signatures  
  - This will be done by CLI  
- Candidate events: (1) Tabling: 9am-5pm, daily Candidates can sit, attract voters  
- At candidates meeting, numbers will be drawn to determine how students can sign up for tabling times  
  - Slates have most amount of slots but sign up together  
  - If people insist on more tabling times we can add additional times  
- Candidate events:(2) Meet & Greet in Hutch Courtyard 4-6pm, April 23rd - make their case as students walk by.  
  - In case of rain - no event will be held  
- Candidate events: (3): Official debate 7pm-9pm Monday 27th April  
  - Harper 130  
    - We might look into getting a larger room  
- 29th/30th - Meetings 7pm-9pm for committee  
  - We assume to have complaints to go through in those  
  - For pre-campaign issues, we will meet ad-hoc  
  - Once petitions are out, campaigning is allowed  
- This year: slates and liaisons can affiliate themselves  
- Previous years - everyone has right to be present at counting of votes  
  - Do we want to have ‘announcement party’ as in previous years?
Will look into booking McCormick Lounge for this, otherwise stick with Bartlett Lounge where we will be counting votes

- One issue - one graduate student made attempts to reach out to a student group to potentially speak to them about their campaign
  - Decide this does not count as early campaigning

- IOP involvement
  - Potentially looking into partnering with IOP for events, or even having their name on advertising or having them co-sponsor an event
    - ‘Coffee with the Candidates’ to boost the meet and greet event
  - As long as they (IOP) do not endorse people, or whoever helping the IOP on the event side for this is not running for election, this should be OK
  - We don’t foresee any issues but as long as we are wary of them it should be fine
    - Max Freedman will take the lead on this potential partnership/sponsorship of events

- Alita Carbone, marketing director of SG, wants to know if SG can do anything on this front
  - We will connect Rahul Bide with Alita to put together some content
  - We are especially interested in Facebook advertising
    - Wary of not providing ‘free advertising’ to candidates running

- We are conscious that constant email or communication with Tyler - who is running again - will look bad on our part
  - We would do better to communicate with Arlin Hill, VP Administration who is a fourth-year and also a member of E&R

- E&R is looking to change sections within the E&R code, not the bylaws
  - We are able to upload a new code, but we want to reach out to Tyler to formalize them into bylaws
  - Proposed clauses: (a) All complaints received by chair must be verbatim related to E&R and (b), creation of position of non-4th year vice-chair position of the E&R committee

- Committee: can now access and edit elections page on SG website (upload minutes, etc.) - email Tyler and he will send an invite

**Next steps:** Chair Steven Wendeborn will email out an agenda for the Candidates’ Meeting on Friday April 17th