AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CODIFYING COMMUNITY INPUT AT RSG BOARD MEETINGS

2 WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) Board has allowed members of the University of Michigan community to address its Board at the beginning of its weekly meetings subject to availability as specified by the chair; AND

6 WHEREAS, The RSG President serves as the chair of the Board and as Chief Executive Officer of the graduate student body; AND

8 WHEREAS, The RSG Bylaws do not specify a procedure for members of the University community to request to be added to the Board’s agenda; AND

10 WHEREAS, President Tsang instituted the process that has been followed without renewal since the Winter 2009 semester”; NOW THEREFORE I, MICHAEL L. BENSON, AS THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE ANN ARBOR CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND THE BYLAWS OF THE RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT DO HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. That this order may be referenced as the RSG BOARD COMMUNITY INPUT PROCEDURES.

Section 2. Any member of the University of Michigan is welcome to address the RSG Board at a regularly scheduled meetings provided that:

A. The requesting individual or group emails the RSG President (rsg-president@umich.edu) by 5 PM at least 2 days preceding the meeting time asking to be slotted.

B. The student or student group emails a hard copy of any handouts AND a brief summary of what they are going to speak about with their request. The RSG President will forward this to the Board for review prior to the meeting.
C. The student or student group will be limited to 5-minutes speaking and up to a 5-minute Question and Answer period with members of the RSG Board asking the student or student group questions.

D. The requesting individual or group requesting to address the Board will adhere to the rules of decorum as specified by the President during his/her/their time before the Board.

Section 3. Presidential Slotting of requests to address the Board. The President will consider the state of the RSG Board’s agenda as well as the time constraints of any invited speakers, in determining when to slate individuals or groups that meet the criteria specified in section 2 of this order. Should an agenda be full, the President will work with the requesting party to find a slot at a future RSG Board meeting.

Section 4. Term. This order shall remain in effect until such time as the RSG Board adopts an amendment to its bylaws that directly addresses community input at its meetings or until superseded by a future executive order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government