AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE RSG SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) has hosted and participated in community service events sporadically over the past two years; AND

WHEREAS, Graduate students, including members of the RSG Board, have requested that RSG provide more community service opportunities; AND

WHEREAS, The student life committee (SLC) has previously coordinated all of RSG’s community service events; AND

WHEREAS, The RSG Vice President serves as the government’s chief operating officer and in this role oversees each of RSG’s standing committees; AND

WHEREAS, Vice President Bow noted that the SLC is currently operating at capacity; AND

WHEREAS, The nature of some of the students’ requests would include linking academic programs and individual students with young students enrolled in local public schools, an activity that enters into the RSG Academic Affairs (AAC) committee’s jurisdiction; AND

WHEREAS, Article 4, section A, subsection 1i explicitly grants the president the power to “create, charge, and oversee Ad-Hoc committees for special projects and interests”; 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 a service opportunities committee (SOC) be created, effective immediately.
Section 2. That the SOC’s composition, leadership, charge, and operating procedure shall comply with the RSG bylaws as well as section 3 of this order.

Section 3. SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The SOC shall be composed of a minimum of 2 members of the RSG Board. Any member of the Rackham student body, or the broader university community may join the committee.

B. Quorum. A quorum shall exist when half plus one of the committee members are present.

C. Charge. The SOC will work collaboratively with the SLC and the AAC to provide a diverse array of service opportunities to the graduate student body.

D. Leadership. The Board will elect a chair or co-chairs to lead this committee. Nominations and elections shall take place during a regular board meeting. The committee chair(s) may a vice-chair, a secretary, and as many project managers as they deem necessary to meet their charge.

E. Budget. The committee is eligible for a budget. Upon election, the committee chairs should contact the RSG Treasurer to devise a funding plan, including collaborative funding with the SLC, AAC, other entities within the University, and external non-profit organizations.

F. Renewal. The Board may, by a simple majority vote extend the timeline for the BRC up to the end of the 2011 calendar year. Any motion to extend the timeline of the board must include a new dissolution date.

G. Reports. The BRC will submit regular reports to the Board on its progress and will seek feedback from the same. The Vice President is tasked with ensuring regular input on the BRC’s activities is gathered from the Board.

H. Dissolution. The SOC will exist until through December 31, 2011.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government