AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE RSG CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) serves as the conduit between the graduate student body and the university at large; AND

WHEREAS, Graduate students, including members of the RSG Board, have requested that the University of Michigan or RSG provide post-graduation career advising beyond academic careers; AND

WHEREAS, The University’s Career Center does not offer direct career guidance for graduating masters and Ph.D. candidates; AND

WHEREAS, A group of graduate students has come together to fill this missing need; AND

WHEREAS, Addressing the post-graduate career needs of 8,000+ graduate students is a very large endeavor; AND

WHEREAS, The Michigan Graduate Consulting Club (MGCC) is committed to bringing consultants to campus to help graduate students explore consulting opportunities after graduation; AND

WHEREAS, Numerous types of non-academic employment opportunities exist for graduating graduate students beyond consulting; 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 post-graduation career opportunities committee (PG-COC) be created, effective immediately.
Section 2. That the PG-COC’s composition, leadership, charge, and operating procedure shall comply with the RSG bylaws as well as section 3 of this order.

Section 3. POST-GRADUATION CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The PG-SOC shall be composed of a minimum of 1 member of the RSG Board and a minimum of 2 members of the Michigan Graduate Consulting Club (MGCC). 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 PG-COC will work collaboratively with the MGCC and RSG’s Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) provide a diverse array of information and events to help educate the graduate student body about the multitude of non-academic career opportunities. Career paths and opportunities should span the range of the graduate school, and at least one career path customarily tied to each Rackham division should be offered in a given academic year.

D. Leadership. The PG-COC will be co-chaired by RSG Representative Patrick Roony (Mathematics) as well as MGCC Co-Presidents Jia Sun (Chemical Biology) and Samantha Liang Zhang (Chemical Biology). The committee may internally elect a vice-chair, a secretary, and as many project managers as they deem necessary to meet their charge. The Board may remove a co-chair of this committee with a 2/3rds majority vote.

E. Budget. The committee is eligible for a budget. The RSG Treasurer will contact the committee chairs in the course of the normal RSG budgeting process to devise a funding plan, including collaborative funding with the AAC, other entities within the University, and external organizations, as appropriate.

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 PG-COC will submit regular reports to the Board on its progress and will seek feedback from the same.

H. Dissolution. The PG-COC will exist through December 31, 2011.

IT IS SO ORDERED.
Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government