a. CALL TO ORDER: 7:08pm

b. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Phil Saccone, David Malewski, Michael Lang, Yiting Zhang, Julian Bahr, Chuky Mbagwu, Alex Guiterrez, Michael Benson, Mike Hand, Erin Sullivan, Chris Tom, Michael Benson, David Barton, Ben Sweeney, Brooke Horton, Ryan Roberts, Ram Balachandran, Krithika

c. Absent:

d. Excused:

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. Motion by MB and seconded by MH, approved unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 9/25/13

a. Motion by MB and seconded by MH.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Phil Saccone: Kaitlin and Phil had numerous news outlets reaching out for the Munger issue. Thanks to Kaitlin, MB, and Chuky for holding down the fort while Phil was away. It’s a shame that it was approved unanimously without any Regent’s commenting on the student opinions that were shared at the meeting. Budget looks good and to be both ambitious and realistic. Looking to Natalie to finalize some dates for the Rackham/RSG joint trips. Welcome to Krithika to the board.

b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.
   i. Newsletter going out next week, waiting on a few dates to be finalized for our October events.
   ii. Many Deans, administrators, professors and staff have reached out to Kaitlin to express their support and frustration over the Munger housing situation

c. Treasurer Chuky Mbagwu
   i. Finance Update: $29,000 in the account. We had a surplus of ~$3,000 from the summer. At the end of the summer, the balance was $14,000. We budgeted $12,075 for this semester per last week’s budget approval. We’ll have ~$5,000 in surplus/reserve.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. **Legislative Affairs:** Thanks to everyone who submitted questions for the city council forum, now in the process of collecting all of the suggestions and processing them. Updates from the city council: city’s environmental commission is considering divesting from fossil fuels, but it was voted down twice. Some developments are being planned to being catered at young professionals and graduate students, the city has asked us to host a forum to get feedback, potentially in March. The SAGE fall summit is coming up. Anyone who is interested in going should contact Phil by Friday.

b. **COSAC/Student Life:** Minutes will be forthcoming. We were contacted to help publicize some Habitat for Humanity build days. MB moves to authorize the SLC to host a build day or fundraiser or publicize on their behalf—this motion is without a budget. This motion is seconded by Ram. Approved unanimously. Phil is now appointing Mike Hand to be the Event’s Director for this term. Motion by MB and seconded by CT. Roll call vote: approved with one abstention.

c. **Academic Affairs:** Motion to receive and approve the minutes from the AAC meeting by Brooke and seconded by CT. Approved with two abstentions, GSBOR and the course evaluation resolution will be taken to the board next week. The Lunch with the Deans will be taking place Oct 29 + 31 on North and Central campus. Chris and Brooke will also be meeting with SACUA’s academic affairs committee next week to discuss graduate student issues and how our committee can interface with theirs. We will need to think about whether we should present the document as a Best Practices guide or as a Bill of Rights (implying enforcement). Phil suggests we have two documents, one that is a guide to Best Practices (thought to be easily approved by the REB) and one that is full of enforceable rights. Phil feels that enough work has been done on the Rights document that we shouldn’t set it aside just because we are concerned about getting it passed.

d. **Budgetary:** There are no minutes but there is a much higher volume of applications and we will be meeting within the next week to take care of those.

VI. **Open Discussion:**

a. Bar night in 5 minutes at Arena

b. Ben Sweeney: have we talked to GEO about the Bill of Rights. MB: historically, yes, there were many GEO members on the board at the time that the Rights were originally crafted, however since it was approved by the board in March 2011 we have not had much input from GEO members, but the document remains pretty unchanged. BS asks if he can share the document with GEO. MB says that we should probably have a public hearing to allow many people to give their input. Phil also says that we should wait and not put the document on the website until it’s finally approved by the board.

c. MH: thanks to everyone who helped out with the presidential search report. The report got submitted this afternoon and will be live on the CSG website soon, and it includes a large section on graduate student issues. Grad students were concerned about transparency, diversity, ‘grad students are real people too’, plus some additional over the top comments. Many thanks to MH and ML for their
efforts. Some off the cuff comments were Munger related and transparency and student involvement in decision-making. Lots of talk of no student on the search committee. 4-5 Regent’s were present plus other members of the search advisory committee.

d. MB: historical reference: observe to see how things work before making headway on the committee. MB has seen in the past semester people coming in and doing a lot of great work, but not seeing as much observing and recognizing where RSG has come from. Often times it can be very helpful to take a step back and observe and see where things are coming from and why we do things how we do before trying to change something. Don’t stop the great work that’s going on but as we move forward consider taking a step back and getting a new perspective.

VII. Adjournment: Motion by CT, objection by MB to make the comment above, seconded by MB and adjourned at 7:56pm.