RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
June 7, 2012
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35pm
   a. Present: Representatives Brandon Erickson, Alex Emly, Dan Trubman, Matt Waugh, Chris Tom, Eli Benchell Eisman, Matthew Filter, Anna Belak, Vice President Kaitlin Flynn, and President Benson.
   b. Absent: Lauren Knapp, Andrew Crawford, Evan Arthur
   c. Absent and Excused: Representatives Vanessa Cruz, Haven Allen, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Pete McGrath, and Treasurer Alex Toulouse.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. Motion by Alex E, seconded by Brandon Erickson, approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   a. Motion by Eli and seconded by Kaitlin, with the changing of Dan Trubman’s attendance. Approved with one abstention.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. Reporting for Alex T- ~$18,000 in the bank. Budget committee meeting on Monday. President business: Graduate Deans Annual Meeting just happened in East Lansing last week. They discussed reporting of crimes, safety and student fees across the Big 10 universities. Kaitlin will be giving a speech to Summer Institute scholars on behalf of Michael next week. Michael also sits on the board of campus safety and has updates on how they want to use RSG to engage with the graduate student community.

   b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Bylaw review committee will likely convene after the fourth of July weekend in order to allow for Kaitlin’s conference/travel schedule. Committee chairs will meet briefly after the board meeting to discuss committee operations. Finally Kaitlin is working on getting the Lions game situation worked out and takes a quick poll of the board to see how much they would be willing to pay for a ticket to the game.

V. Executive Order 12-03: Events Director. Michael introduces the executive order to create an events director, a non-exec position; this person will approve events, sit on all committees, calendar events, and ensure smooth production of the events. Michael issues
the order, “It is so ordered.” Chris makes a motion to open the agenda which is seconded by Alex E. The motion passes unanimously. Kaitlin moves to add the nomination of the events director to the following item on the agenda, seconded by Matt. The motion passes unanimously. Closing of the agenda, motion by Alex E and seconded by Chris. The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Nomination of the Events Director. Michael is pleased to announce his nomination and appointment of Alex Emly to serve as the government’s first Events Director. Pursuant to EO 12-03, the Board is given the opportunity to appeal Michael’s nomination and appointment. The Board declines to do so.

VII. Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: meeting to look at conflict resolution. Looking at 2 modes of attack: forming a conflict resolution board (an active action) and working on providing conflict resolution handouts and training with Darlene. Flowchart is included in the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Chris and seconded by Alex E. Approved with 3 abstentions.
   b. CoSAC: organizing four major events this summer: watershed council cleanup @end of June, volunteering at food warehouse with food gatherers, volunteering with parks and rec, and the beach cleanup event on 7/21. Motion to approve the minutes by Eli and seconded by Alex E. Approved with one abstention.
   c. Legislative Affairs: Motion by Michael to approve and seconded by Dan, approved with one abstention. The committee has been working at the federal level to host the SAGE fall summit and we will begin fundraising soon to keep RSG’s total cost low. The agenda from last year’s summit is included in the packet. We will be putting a focus on Michigan issues during our summit and making policy recommendations for the administrators in attendance. The committee has also discussed state issues such as the budget and University autonomy. At the local level, there will be forums for candidates and other debatable issues.
   d. Student Life: Finalizing Rackham events, trying to extend happy hours for a bar night, plus sporting events and an arb event. Also working on student group registration. Motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Matt. Approved with one abstention.
   e. Bylaw Review: Meeting in July.

VIII. SAGE Fall Summit Visioning: Michael discusses the agenda for the summit. Three purposes of the summit: forum, sharing best practices at each University, and setting advocacy items for the spring visit to DC. In the packet you can find an analysis of the impact of the upcoming federal Sequester. Likely the LAC will draft a resolution this fall with recommendations as to what programs should not be cut.
   a. Ideas for the Fall Summit: Anna says that federal funding managers cannot pay for themselves, technically, so they could be free to come visit. Michael says we will likely focus on education and government education. Eli suggests a forum on international collaboration and how we pay students or researchers that come to visit, and looking to see what institutions are doing, etc. Alex E says that the CERC center on campus might be interested in collaborating. Dan mentions that
autonomy and same sex benefit issues might be of interest to some people. Student visas and state level officials. This summit will likely take place the last weekend in October. Eli would like if Sander Levin shotgunned a beer over the weekend.

IX. **Bylaw Visioning. Where is RSG in 5 years?**
   a. **What do we do well?** Sporting event communication, enthusiasm for events
   b. **What do we not do well?** Communication issues within the board and then between the students and RSG, engaging students on Twitter, collaborating with the professional schools and other universities, convoluted emails, more money, GSRA communication issues, motion by Anna and seconded by Chris to put together tweetable facts for communication, approved unanimously. Taking advantage of nonacademic resources and communicating with other grad students on campus. Matt Filter suggests that reps should advertise via word of mouth. Twitter issues (getting people to follow) and Facebook ads to advertise RSG and the elections. Social media contests to promote issues and events on Facebook.

X. **Funding Requests Procedure:** The funding request worksheet is included in the packet and Michael discusses the process of funding requests.

XI. **Open Discussion**
   a. Kaitlin brings up the board social event. Michael asks if we have any ideas for speakers. People bring up how to effect change on our football seating by inviting Dave Brandon and others. Alex E suggests meeting with execs from other professional schools.

XII. **Adjournment at 7:47pm moved by Chris and seconded by Matt F.**