I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:39pm
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Eli Benchell Eisman, Matt Waugh, Dan Trubman, Vanessa Cruz, Bernardo Orvananos, Evan Arthur, Alex Toulouse, Pete McGrath
   b. Absent: Andrew Crawford, Anna Belak, Lauren Knapp, Brandon Erickson
   c. Excused: Alex Emly, Heidi Pedini, Matt Filter, Haven Allen, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Chris Tom

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. Motion by Alex T and approved by Eli, approved unanimously. Amendment to agenda to allow including introductions in the agenda, moved by Kaitlin and seconded by Matt. Approved unanimously

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

V. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. Meetings with senior administrators coming up soon that Michael and Kaitlin will attend. We’ve had some people join our committees outside of the RSG board, especially LAC, AAC, and Student Life. Michael has served on the student safety committee as well. Michael has included information in the packet from NAGPS (National Association of Graduate and Professional Students). They are somewhat like SAGE, but also not. NAGPS provides health benefits and insurance, etc. It’s a possibility that we will offer some of these options to grad students who are not on GradCare, etc. SHIC benefit plans are included in the packet as well for comparison. RSG could offer this plan as a side option to what is currently offered by the University. Finally, the University is going through the process of reviewing the Student Rights and Responsibilities document in accordance with the OSCR office as well. Additionally, Michael will
be sending an email to all graduate coordinators and having them nominate students from their department for a conference in the fall.

b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** The bylaw review committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 31 at 7pm. We had great turnout for events with both the Tigers and Ice cream event at the park. Michael and Kaitlin attended the Reagent’s meeting that took place today and a summary of the meeting will be included in the following packet. Importantly, Eugene Dashenvar testified about conflict of interest issues in the Biomedical Engineering Department.

c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** $18,000 in the account, we still owe $5000 to Rackham and $1,500 to Michael Benson. Alex will be sending out an email encouraging student groups to apply for RSG funding.

VI. **Committee Updates**

a. **Academic Affairs 6/14 notes.** Moved by Kaitlin, seconded by Dan Approved. Motion by Kaitlin to approve the 7/11 minutes. Seconded by Bernardo. Approved. The AAC is working to create a board that can be an appeals / catchall board for graduate students. Over the course of the last two meetings, we’ve worked out a lot of the foundational issues but there is still more to do. We’re also working on moving the graduate student bill of rights and responsibilities. We’re working on adding some enforcement mechanisms and will be bringing the document to the administration shortly. We’re also working on putting a flow chart together for conflict resolution (see AAC minutes). We’re hoping to include a spiffed-up version of this flow chart in the orientation packets for incoming students. **Dan – Flow chart on RSG website? Kaitlin – yes.** Also, in Fall 2011, the student body voted overwhelmingly to change the Rackham GPA scale to a 4.0 system. This will be going to Rackham in the fall.

b. **Budgetary-** Approval of minutes. Motion by Alex T and seconded by Eli for minutes June 19, approved unanimously. Motion by Alex T and seconded by Kaitlin for the minutes on June 11, approved unanimously.

c. **Community Outreach and Social Action-** students have visited the meetings. Pete is working on making headway for Fall events. Huron River Watershed council event was cancelled due to permit requirements. No events this summer.

d. **Legislative Affairs-** planning for the fall summit, working with the city on policy. Picking the date for the fall summit, considering December 1 instead of October 6, in order to house visitors on campus. Also possibly better for getting more politicians to come to the summit as it will be after the election.

e. **Student Life Committee-** The ice cream and canoeing event from last weekend was well attended. The next event is on Thursday and is a happy hour from 6-8pm at the Brown Jug. Motion to approve the minutes from June 13, seconded by Dan and approved unanimously. From the policy side, registering student groups will be taking place at the next meeting.

f. **Bylaw Review-** Meeting on July 31 at 7pm.

VII. **Continuous Enrollment**
a. **Policy Overview**- requires students to maintain enrollment from matriculation to graduation. Helps keep health benefits and gyms, among other things, free for students.

b. **Dispute Resolution Board History and Overview**: thus far, no one has utilized the dispute resolution board at all. Concerns that have been brought forth have been settled outside of the board. Janet Weiss has suggested that we disband this board and a board resolution will be taking place soon.

c. **Reinstatement Fee Changes—Discussion**

d. **Future of the Dispute Resolution Board—Discussion**

VIII. **Fall Picnic—August 31, 2012—Discussion**

a. Student picnic, this is a required event for all board members to attend. Michael will be taking volunteer shifts on Doodle. Possibly the picnic will take place at Mitchell field. Soon we will be meeting with Natalie to finalize the budget, we might take out the Bounce House or the live entertainment. If committees want to have a table at the picnic, they are encouraged to.

IX. **Open Discussion**

a. Dan asks about the separation from CSG and how/when that will happen (and how that will affect our Fall budget). Michael says that we will likely put forth the election concurrent with our November election and then it will likely be approved by REB/Reagents in Spring 2013.

b. Michael gave the winners of the sack races the bowling vouchers from Colonial Lanes. No objections.

c. Eli met with Darlene Ray Johnson about reforming the conflict resolution process at the University. They met about informing students and implementing these policies. Eli asks the board if there is a need for this sort of conflict resolution board. Alex T mentions that Eugene’s circumstance is the perfect example for a necessary board. Eli mentions that for instance Eugene’s issue is much more entrenched in IP. Kaitlin is strongly for the creation for the board and mentions Jennifer Dibbern’s dismissal as an issue that was advisor-student related. Alex T mentions that this board should be visible and is very important. Eli mentions that there are some departmental boards that exist but an outside board should exist to address all issues from an outsider perspective. Vanessa asks for clarification on who would comprise such a board. General approval from the board.

X. **Adjournment**- Motion by Dan and seconded by Pete. Adjourned at 7:48pm.