RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
7/3/13
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
7:06 P.M.

a. CALL TO ORDER: 7:06pm

b. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Phil Saccone, David Malewski, David Barton, Mike Hand, Michael Lang, Ram Balachandran, Yiting Zhang, Julian Bahr, Brooke Horton.

c. Absent:

d. Excused, Alex Gutierrez, Chris Tom

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MH motions to approve, seconded by Ram. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 6/19/13

a. Motion by DM, seconded by ML, no changes. Approved with two abstentions.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Phil Saccone: Thanks to everyone who came out for the ice cream social. Got a lot of positive feedback and thanks to our board members for showing up. Next event is the Tiger’s game on July 10. The exec board will be meeting with Janet also on July 10 and discussing the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and get her feedback on that as well as lots of academic affairs issues.

b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Thanks for everyone’s help for the Bills beer garden event—it went really well and we’d like to have one more of these events before the great weather is over. T-shirt progress is going well, there will be a Doodle poll sent out for your sizes soon.

c. Treasurer Chuky Mbagwu:
   - One funding application is open and pending
   - Corresponded with requesting organization for clarification of certain items in application
   - Budgetary Comm meeting is to be scheduled for next week for funding request approval
   - Status of the Treasury (RSG Budget): unchanged. ~$20,600 in account, ~$12,000 after debits. Approved summer budget stands at ~$10,000

Other comments:
Ice Cream social was very fun and a success! I was excited to participate and get to know many of the graduate student attendees. Additionally, many people were curious to learn more about RSG and how we work for them. Thanks to all those that came out for setup and cleanup, and encourage board members to join in for future events. The best form of exposure and communication is personal interaction!
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Legislative Affairs: MB absent, will update soon.

b. Academic Affairs: Conflict resolution flow chart created by Kaitlin—we would like to include it in the orientation packet for the Fall. Many board members have issues with the presentation and clarity of this information. Brooke has a number of insights that could help clarify the document and the process. Kaitlin tables her motion to approve this and moves this back to the academic affairs committee for further discussion. Kaitlin points out that it will need to be approved in the next board meeting in order to be included in the packet. Phil tasks this to Chris Tom to devote the entire next committee meeting for Academic Affairs Committee. Motion to receive and approve the minutes from last week’s AAC meeting by Kaitlin and seconded by Ram, approved unanimously.

c. Communications: Motion to approve and receive the minutes by KF and seconded by ML, approved unanimously. Kaitlin runs down the communication committee agenda. MB has been working on the website and keeping our list-serv alive. Kaitlin is working on T-shirts. Julian is working on the banner and the newsletter. Ram asks about the reason we would not use ITCS for this process. A large discussion about the website ensues. Ram asks about including a student forum on the website. Communication through the website is very important. Yiting makes a point about social media accounts like Facebook. Kaitlin makes the point that people on the board are doing so much and we need to disseminate the responsibilities further in order to move things forward. But keep in mind that we are all student volunteers and moving stuff forward is slower. Phil makes the point that there is a lot of energy on the board and moving forward he thinks the communications committee should be a standing committee as well as we need to continue to move these things forward.

d. Student Life: Tiger’s game coming up next Wednesday. 25 tickets left to sell. Cedar Point trip coming up and tickets will go on sale July 10 and 11 with the trip being July 20. Advertising will be moving forward with this too. Kaitlin mentions that just for this there are so many things to do and Phil mentions that some of these things can be broken up into smaller parts.

e. Budgetary: first meeting coming up soon and will be online. Ram and Yiting point out the application was not attached in the document.

VI. Open Discussion: Kaitlin gives some updates from Michael on the website. Brooke recommends that board members invite their friends to like the Facebook page.

VII. Adjournment: Motion by ML seconded by Yiting. Adjourned at 7:55pm.