I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:37pm

a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, Anna Belak, Brandon Erickson, Alex Emily, Vanessa Cruz, Pete McGrath, Alex Guiterrez, Matt Waugh

b. Absent:


II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. Motion by Dan and seconded by Alex E. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. August 2, 2012. Motion to approve by Kaitlin and seconded by Chris.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Michael Benson. Michael has sent out an email full of Doodle polls for Fall logistics including meeting times and committees. Please fill out ASAP if you are a board member. The execs will be meeting on Sunday so if you have anything we should discuss please let us know. The Student Safety Work Group report is now listed as confidential so please do not share that report (as included in previous weeks’ agenda packet). Alex T served on the AODC and changes have been implicated and that will be brought before the board in September. Thanks to the bylaw review committee for updating the bylaws. Michael is looking for nominees to appoint to the tech advisory board, if anyone is interested Michael is hoping to nominate one student from the board and one student at large. We will be appointing a slew of graduate students for SACUA and look forward to applications in the fall. The fall picnic is coming up in 2 weeks, August 31 and the budget will be approved at the next meeting.

b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Kaitlin moves to appoint Alex Guiterrez as an associate member as he has attended three consecutive board members, seconded by Alex E. Alex’s nomination is approved unanimously. Alex E asks about nominating to full board seats. Michael says that all it takes is a motion. Alex E makes a motion for Alex G to the fall half seat in Division II (such that Alex G can run for election in the Fall). Seconded by Anna. Roll call vote. This is effective on September 1. Kaitlin has made work on the conflict resolution flow
chart for Academic Affairs committee and also has worked out quite a bit on the 
Bylaws and that will be discussed on section VII of the

c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** Transferred $4,918 to Rackham for all of the events 
from January-August that were co-sponsored. About $13,000 in the bank still. 
Start thinking about committee budgets as they will be due within the first two 
weeks of the fall semester.

V. **Committee Updates**

a. **Academic Affairs:** Motion to approve the minutes by Chris and seconded by Eli. 
Approved with three abstentions. Eli has done a lot of work with Darlene Ray 
Johnson and helping coordinate the conflict resolution board. Kaitlin has worked 
on the flow chart and in the Fall we are hoping to host a student ombuds training 
session via that office.

b. **Budgetary**— Nothing new to report—some student groups have responded to the 
email soliciting funding but have not been within the time limits necessary for 
funding requests.

c. **Community Outreach and Social Action**— Alex E has helped push along the 
beach cleanup and 42 students and their families will be spending a day cleaning 
up on Saturday. Pete and Eli met to discuss the future of Focus Hope, an 
anorganization in Detroit that we could consider partnering with in the fall.

d. **Legislative Affairs**— The committee did not meet last week. In the process of 
reviewing 4 approved state ballot measures and also planning for the Fall summit.

e. **Student Life Committee**— Alex E motions to approve the committee minutes and 
a second by Matt Waugh. Swing dancing event, ballroom and tango events 
coming in the fall. Considering doing a pool event on the 26th. Possibly also a 
happy hour on the 24th. Fall picnic is August 31. Also working on the student 
organization registration webpage options. Michael, Dan and Alex E discuss how 
to best resolve the creation of such a program.

f. **Bylaw Review**— discussed in item VII.

VI. **Resolution to F-12-01: Amend Continuous Enrollment Policy (first reading)**

a. This is from communication by Dean Weiss suggesting that we amend the 
continuous enrollment policy to fold the continuous enrollment dispute resolution 
board into the Rackham dispute resolution board. Eli mentions that the AAC has 
been taking on the creation of a new Conflict Resolution Board to include faculty 
and administration in resolving such matters. Michael would ask to hold off on 
scheduling the second reading of this resolution until the end of September such 
that we can hold a public forum when all students are back. Eli asks how many 
people were served by the CEP overall. Michael gives some history, basically that 
PhD candidates were continuously enrolled through the summer. Thus far every 
dispute has been satisfied to both parties using the informal resolution process— 
no students have taken concerns to the board.

VII. **RSG Bylaws: First Reading on Changes proposed by the Bylaw Review Committee**

a. Kaitlin gives a brief overview of edits and changes made to the bylaws. Some 
notable changes include modifying the elections timeline, adding the position of 
the Events Director to the executive board, modifying the budgetary process and 
adding in an amendment by Representative Haven Allen. Kaitlin walks everyone
through each individual change made to the bylaws. Michael explains that this is the first reading but if there are amendments they would push the approval back into first reading.

b. Discussion: Matt W asks for clarification. Chris motions (with a second by Matt) for an extension of timeline on the official ballot submission timeline (V, E, 5, g) to 3 days prior instead of 1. Objections by Alex E and Alex T. Remarks: Chris says we should have more time for people to look online and read platforms. Alex T objects by saying that 2 days is sufficient. Matt W argues that other divisions might check online and leaving enough time for people to read. Alex E says that we could put people on the website as they register. Alex T says that we have to respect Rackham’s time and we can’t send them a person’s name every day to verify enrollment. Pete says that anything that allows people to participate more is good. Eli echoes this and says that we can use social media and one day is excessively prohibitive. Michael mentions that people do look as the IT service that provides the website sends out an email that directs people to this website. Vote: 7-5 the motion is approved.

c. Vanessa asks why in (V, A) there is language about following CSG’s election compiled code if we are hoping to amicably divorce in the past. Michael describes the history. Vanessa makes a motion to strike V, A (second sentence) and seconded by Chris. Objections by Dan. Dan doesn’t see why not to keep it in here until the divorce goes through. Michael notes that they are contradictory. Approved with 2 abstentions. Vanessa motions to add the phrase ‘4 weeks’ to the election to section 5, d. Kaitlin seconds. Alex T objects and motions to move to ‘3 weeks’ and seconded by Chris. Alex T says that if we send out things too early people forget about it and we get into email overload. Pete agrees with Alex T regarding the point of diminishing return when sending emails. Vanessa says that it’s a point of transparency for the election and making people know that they at least had the time to consider running. Vote: 7 to 3 to 2 the amendment is 3 weeks. Vanessa’s motion: 9-0-3.

d. Dan asks about details regarding the Events Director position, specifically points f and g. Michael clarifies. Alex T makes a suggestion for compiling comments after this for the bylaw review committee. Chris motions to extend the creation of the bylaw review committee until further work is done. Motion approved with one objection. Email all changes by next Friday, committee will meet the following week.

VIII. RSG Fall Elections Advertising Brainstorming
  a. Please start thinking about advertising mechanisms for the fall election beyond email. Motion by Pete and seconded by Matt W to postpone until the next meeting, approved with 2 abstentions.

IX. Open Discussion

X. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Chris and seconded by Matt W. Adjourned at 8:04pm.