Call to Order
a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:10pm.
b. Members present: Tien-Huei Hsu, Mindy Waite, Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn, Patrick Rooney, Rob Gillezeau, Heidi Pedini, Eli Eisman, Grant Mandarino, Nina White, Will Hutchinson
   i. Quorum Present

Approval of Agenda
a. Motion by Heidi Pedini, Seconded by Patrick Rooney. Approved Unanimously

Approval of Minutes from Aug. 3
a. Motion by Tien-Huei Hsu, Seconded by Eli Eisman. Approved Unanimously
   i. Note on Item IV of these minutes: the email has not been sent out because new students will not be on the grad student email list until this upcoming Tuesday. Will send out the email then.
   ii. Will have the Aug. 17 minutes ready for approval at next meeting

Officer Reports
a. President
   i. Asked the Board to fill out several Doodles. Based on these responses which will be made public, we are now meeting every Thursday at 7pm.
   ii. Fall picnic- we have several people signed up. Will email people for their shifts tomorrow. If not working, come out and enjoy the picnic. We anticipate 1500-2000 students, as this is our largest event of the year.
   iii. During the summer we did a lot of social events, but look forward to working more on policy in the fall. We will send out the Bill of Rights for students to look over after Tuesday when the new email list is out. The Bill will then be sent on to the RSG Board for approval and then the Rackham Executive Board. If you have not yet looked over the Bill, DO SO.
   iv. We will reconstitute Committees next week. Choose your committees or we will choose them for you. You can be Chair of a committee if you want!
   v. MERC has not given a written decision yet regarding GSRA unionization. There is a meeting scheduled in 2 weeks and the ruling will be out around then.
b. Vice President
   i. Not present
c. Treasurer
   i. Have $13,623.71 in the bank
   ii. Will send out directions for creating committee Budgets.
   iii. Will have a summary of the summer budget done by next meeting
iv. Have been working on things for the RSG/Rackham picnic such as shuttles and the band (string quartet!)
v. Heidi: What is the cost of the picnic?
vi. Michael: We pay ½ with Rackham. Overall, = it will be about $2500-3000. For our ½, we will pay about $200 park rental, $200 band, $200 busses, $150 bounce house, plus food (unknown amount)

V. RSG Fall Logistics
a. Meetings will be 1hr-1hr 15 minutes max, except for the first meeting which will be longer.
b. Committee meetings will be held twice per month and can be anywhere. Community members may join all Committees except Elections and Budget
c. Office hours will be starting. We require at least 15 minutes per week. Mindy will put up a form on the website for Office Hours summaries. Send it in to the execs if someone comes in. If a student wants to remain anonymous, then that is fine and can be handled discreetly.
d. We will do a lot of events in the fall. Think of an event that you would like to see us do!

VI. Committee Reports
a. Academic Affairs
   i. Tien Huei Hsu motions to approve minutes, seconded by Kaitlin Flynn, approved unanimously.
   ii. We have the Lunch with the Deans events coming up. We have printed a bunch of invitations. Please take one. We need a minimum of 1 RSG rep at each event, and one person has to give a 1 minute introduction to RSG and our activities/availabilities to students. We will send out a reminder email on Tuesday and give out invitations at picnic/grad student fair
      1. Eli, Tien, and Kaitlin at Division I
      2. Michael & Heidi at Division II
      3. Rob at Division III
      4. Will & Grant will be available for Division IV
b. Budgetary
   i. Disbursed funds to NIMSA for their ice cream social. Will send out another advertisement in the fall.
c. Communications
   i. Did not meet again last week. Michael takes responsibility for this not happening. Some Board members concerned about the direction of this committee.
   ii. Eli Eisman motions to approve spending money on RSG shirts as long as the shirts are “fairly made”, Kaitlin Flynn second.
   Unanimous approval. Will order 30 shirts and spend up to $300.
d. Elections
   i. No Report
e. Legislative
i. Kaitlin Flynn motions to approve minutes, Grant Mandarino seconds. Unanimous approval.

ii. Candidate Town Hall will be held in the last 2 weeks of October. Michael has rooms set up in Rackham. The format will be a debate between candidates of contested elections which each pair getting 30 minute time blocks. This makes it efficient for students and for candidates. The Ann Arbor Chronicle may co-sponsor this and the CTN may also cover this.

iii. There are no major state updates

iv. Will be sending a committee to testify before legislature about the importance of specific graduate student issues

v. Federal: SAGE has plan for the year. We now need to think up important affairs/issues on which to advocate in the spring.

f. Student Life
   i. Had Dominick’s event. Went really well and spent ~$350. Some students were upset that RSG wasn’t providing alcohol, even though the fliers said RSG was sponsoring pizza. In the future, will have to make the no-RSG-sponsored alcohol idea clearer.

    g. Bylaw Review Committee
   i. Will be more methodical than previously planned. Will start presenting ideas to the Board next week. Will meet 1-5 times for short periods, making it more efficient for Board members who want to discuss individual issues.

h. Service Opportunities Committee (now called COSAC)
   i. 10 schools in Washtenaw, but need to narrow focus to a few schools. Will work with AA public schools grades 5-8. The woman in contact with Eli is a proponent of Ypsi & AA Charter Schools, so may focus on those. Will choose schools based on funding acquisition, which is not even among schools. Will be given $0 in funds from outside of RSG. The times will be restricted to after school.
   ii. Will expand to include other opportunities outside of working with children

i. Nonacademic Careers Committee (name to change???)
   i. Had a lot of people show up to our first seminar on consulting careers. Next event may be delayed due to speaker not responding to emails. Looking to get about 10 events per semester, not all focused on consulting. Will also be sure to include careers for Divisions III and IV, which are often overlooked.

VII. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Waite
Rackham Student Government Treasurer