RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
9/13/12  
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING  
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE  
6:52 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:52pm
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, Anna Belak, Brandon Erickson, Alex Emly, Evan Arthur, Haven Allen, Dan Trubman, Andrew Crawford, Heidi Pedini, Eli Benchell Eisman, Matthew Filter, Alex Gutierrez, Matt Waugh, Vanessa Cruz
   b. Absent: Matt Waugh
   c. Excused: Pete McGrath, Lauren Knapp

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. Motion by Haven and seconded by Chris. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   a. Minutes from 8/30/12: Motion by Heidi, seconded by Andrew. Strike Matt Filter’s name from ‘Absent’ section of the minutes. Approved with one abstention.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. The fall picnic was a great success, 600 people came out to our first event—thanks to the board for all of your help! A number of guest speakers coming in this semester, please be respectful of their time and come with questions, thoughts and ideas for them. LSA committee has requested to have the Dean Search Committee come to our board to provide feedback. The GPA change will be implemented soon, thanks to work done last semester by the Academic Affairs committee. Another issue that has been brought to Michael’s attention is the issue of graduate student housing. A number of appointments will be made soon by Michael to appoint graduate students to a number of advisory boards as well as positions on the RSG board itself. Applications will be going out next week.
   b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Newsletter went out this week, let Kaitlin know if there is anything you’d like to include. Kaitlin reads a nice letter RSG got from an undergrad during a student affairs event. Also Kaitlin has been working considerably on the bylaws and those changes will be discussed below.
   c. Treasurer Alex Toulouse. $11,303 in the account, final disbursements still need to go through. Should be getting the money from the Fall in the next couple of weeks. Committees will need to submit budgets within the next two weeks to
Alex. Also working to update the website—if any reps have ideas for functionality, let Alex know. Will be starting a search soon for a designer.

V. RSG Logistics
   a. Board meeting times: Motion to change meeting time to 6:30pm made by Heidi seconded by Matt F. Approved 10-3-3.
   b. Committee Membership: Kaitlin described the process she went through to go through the slating process. Also she noted that members of congress don’t get to specifically select their committee. There is one addition, Dan Trubman to Student Life. Also, noone signed up for the elections committee so I slated people. If you’re on here, please serve. Currently, we only have one representative from division 4.

Chris – If you’re running for election can you be on the elections committee? Kaitlin – no.

Kaitlin moves to adopt the slate. Seconded by Chris.

Alex – I want to raise an issue. Everyone from division 3 applied to be on the budgetary committee. This was something

Alex – from my experience it would be good to have another division 1 person since Kaitlin is on so many groups that request funding. Kaitlin – good point 😊

Chris – I’m willing to serve on the budgetary committee. Ok.

Dan – I move that I be removed from SLC. Seconded by Matt F. Approved.

Chris- I move that I be added to Budgetary committee and be removed from Student Life.

Heidi = I move that I be removed from Student Life. Approved.

Approved with 3 abstentions.

c. Committee Meeting Times and Locations
   i. Kaitlin – Lots of Discussion. Will doodle. Do it by midnight on Sunday.

d. Fall Budget – Due to alex t by 5pm on Wednesday. 8pm if you have not met by 5pm on Wednesday.

e. Representative Expectations

VI. Summer Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: worked on conflict resolution, putting together a board for student dispute resolution
   b. Budgetary- funded a number of requests
   c. Community Outreach and Social Action- successful beach cleanup over the summer, upcoming Greening of Detroit event, final advertisement going out soon. Many other events scheduled for the semester.
d. **Legislative Affairs**- minutes included in the packet. Setting up for the SAGE fall summit. Motion by Andrew and seconded by Alex G. Approved unanimously.

e. **Student Life Committee**- Tiger’s game, Fuller pool event, happy hour events were super successful over bar nights. Also hosted a Tango lesson with the Michigan

f. **Bylaw Review**- discussed in item VII. Applause for Dan for coming to the Bylaw Review Committee meeting! Removed sections struck out and changes underlines. Overview of the changes for the board. Michael describes new process for nominating students to empty seats. Haven asks for number of open seats: Div 1: 1, Div 2: 3, Div 3: 1, Div 4: 1. Matt Filter asks for more information about elections director salary. Salary only available for non-board member election director. Haven asks if 5 could supercede 2 and Michael says no. Discussion about the new funding process and questions as to the decision to create a threshold of $1000.

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

a. Kaitlin and Michael run through the changes to the RSG bylaws that have been made. Discussion is had. Chris Tom makes a motion, Kaitlin seconds, to approve this slate of bylaw changes. Vote will take place next week during second readings.

VIII. **Graduate and Professional Student Voices**

a. **Executive Order EO1205-F-01: Creating the Ad-Hoc Graduate & Professional Student Assembly Steering Committee (GPSASC)**

b. Michael has issued an executive order to steer a possible separation from CSG via a ballot question on the fall election. There is an issue of equality, as well as separation, for these issues. One example—to address the Board of Regents, grad students must come during public comment, and do not have a place during the Regent’s meeting for addressing the Regent’s on graduate issues. Another issue is the student fee- lowering to $8.00 per graduate student, take $2.00 off the top for childcare. $4.00 would then go grad/law/med schools, proportionately (RSG would get $4.00 instead of $1.19 per semester) then the remaining $2.00 would go to a central operating body of all grad and prof students. Committee will exist until November 30. Committee is formed, no objection.

IX. **Fall Semester Visioning**

a. Pushed to next week. Look at old winter programming sheet and if you have ideas for goals for this semester, email to Exec by next week at 8pm.

X. **SAGE Fall Summit**

a. Pushed to next week.

XI. **Open Discussion**- Haven asks what’s happening with the centennial. Kaitlin asks if people want to have a social event next week.

XII. **Adjournment**- 8:15pm