I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:34pm
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, Anna Belak, Brandon Erickson, Haven Allen, Dan Trubman, Heidi Pedini, Eli Benchell Eisman, Matthew Filter, Alex Gutierrez, Chris Tom, Lauren Knapp, Matt Waugh, Alex Emly
   b. Absent: Evan Arthur, Vanessa Cruz
   c. Excused:
II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. Motion by Haven and seconded by Eli. Guest speaker has postponed his meeting so he will not be here tonight. Approved unanimously.
III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   a. Minutes from 9/13/12: moved by Kaitlin and seconded by Alex T. Approved with the change as emailed by Alex Emly. Approved unanimously.
IV. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. Rackham is going to be asking all students to nominate people for honorary degrees (basically anyone, as long as they are not current politicians). Things are moving forward with our possible secession from CSG. Michael will be appointing 5 individuals from this board to serve on the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Steering Committee—Michael, Kaitlin, Alex T, Alex E and Chris Tom. Let Michael know if you’re interested in joining, the first meeting will be next week. Andrew Crawford has submitted his resignation from the board. Committee application form will be going out tomorrow and there are plenty of seats for all students interested in applying to be on a number of Rackham and UM committees. Applications will be due the following Monday. Also, there have been some issues with “Going Google” and how to increase accessibility options for students with disabilities. GEO has received some complaints and Michael has too.
   b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. The next edition of the RSG Gazette will be going out on Tuesday, let Kaitlin know if you have any suggestions. Also we will be going through the second reading of the bylaws and since Exec did not receive any changes or protests via email so that process should go smoothly. Motion by Kaitlin to approve the new slate of committee chairs. Seconded by Heidi, approved unanimously.
c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** $10,693 in the account, about $2,000 of pending charges going through and also a $500 dispute Alex is working with. We have also not received any funds for the Fall term—should be coming soon.

V. **RSG Fall Budget—Treasurer’s Budget Proposal**
   a. Budgets for all committees and board included in the packet. Alex T walks us through each committee’s requests and the allocated amounts. Also adding $500 for communications for the website redesign.
   b. Discussion over specific budget points continues. Haven moves to require the Academic Affairs town halls food be restricted by pizza. Chris objects. Alex E speaks on the ‘for’ side and Kaitlin speaks against. Alex E says that she feels that at a level of $7 a person it’s too high to spend three students’ fees on food. Kaitlin says that the budget was a slight overestimate and having just pizza at an event is not going to draw students. On a roll call vote of 4-9-2 motion fails. Alex E makes a motion to limit the food costs to $4 a person and Haven seconds. Objections. Haven and Alex T speak for, Kaitlin and Eli speak against. Haven speaks to that students should be coming to these events to ask questions and not for food. Eli says, last year the cost was $6 per student and as we had centralized the events and we’re only going to continue to draw more students as time goes on. Roll call vote. 5-9-1 the motion fails.
   c. Dan speaks out against allowing committees to come to the board after their events and requesting more money. Michael says that this year we will not allow this and specifically he has directed Alex T to work with the committees.
   d. Motion to call to question by Alex T and Matt Waugh seconds. The motion to end debate fails. Motion by Haven to split the events into 3 $400 events and not to allow for reallocations. Seconded by Matt F and objected by Chris. Vote: 3-9-4 motion fails.
   e. Haven makes a motion to require that Academic Affairs provides a detailed budget 3 weeks prior to this event to the board for approval. Seconded by Heidi. Vote fails 6-10.
   f. Matt asks for explanation regarding the SAGE fall summit. MB describes the purpose of SAGE coalition and higher education forum to be held at UMich this year. The 3000usd allocated is equal to the funds previously distributed.
   g. Heidi asks about the elections prizes. MB mentions that in the past enticements have been offered to increase participation. The funds to advertise could be used for Facebook ads, banners, fliers, buttons or tattoos. Especially for this election where a ballot proposal could be significant, we want to ensure maximum voter turnout.
   h. Dan asks regarding the discretionary fund. Alex T explains that he increased it this semester to account for the SAGE fall summit and the secession. 13-2-1 the budget is approved. Haven speaks with rights that he does not feel as if it is ridiculous to ask committees hosting large events to submit budgets prior to events.

VI. **RSG Bylaws 2nd reading**
   a. Motion by Chris and seconded by Kaitlin. Haven motions to add an amendment requiring itemized budgets for RSG committee events for board approval 3 weeks in advance into the operating procedures. Haven’s motion is seconded by Dan.
Chris objects and asks if this is a necessary addition to the bylaws given the additional strain it would put on the board meetings. Alex E says that if a chair doesn’t have a budget for a large event it is a very unwise practice. Heidi agrees that it is not unreasonable to request this but feels that an individual bit-by-bit budget might restrict some event planners choices. Matt Filter says that perhaps people are concerned about going over so perhaps we could have a middle ground to prevent people from going over. Chris says that people can be involved in the budget process via committee meetings. Haven comments that he still does not feel it is ridiculous to have budgets in advance for events and there are some committeemen on the board that have gone over in the past and he would like to prevent that from happening. Kaitlin mentions that the point of having the Event’s Director position is to alleviate these issues and in this case we will absolutely ensure that the pre-event reports and budgets are included in the agenda packets to the board. The bylaws are approved unanimously. (wahoo!)

VII. Fall Semester Visioning
   a. Kaitlin asks for suggestions for Fall semester. Heidi suggests an event associated with the Humane society but without busses since it would be costly. Pete would like to see printers in Rackham. No further event suggestions but they are welcome year round!

VIII. Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: Chris makes motion to approve minutes. Second Haven. Approved with 1 abstention. Conflict resolution, Grad student bill of rights and town hall all being planned. Anna is the new co-chair.
   b. Budgetary- Requests will be sent out in the next few days.
   c. Community Outreach and Social Action- Alex E: Would like to work with professional schools and co organize events with Student Life. Motion to submit minutes. Second by Heidi. Approved unanimously. Pete: 10/6 lined up for Focus: HOPE event. Many Michigan students already involved with the organization. Pete would like to see this be a sustained effort and do this event as cheaply as possible. Cosac hoping for events to be more long range.
   d. Legislative Affairs- Alex T: motion approve minutes. Second by Heidi. Approved with 2 abstentions. Planning for the candidates forum and SAGE going forward.
   e. Student Life Committee- Alex E: fewer cosponsored Rackham events and cutting costs for these events. Asks for any family friendly cheap events. Social speed friending being organized with the law school and potentially medical school followed by a bar night at Conor O’neils hopefully. Motion to accept minutes. Second Chris. Approved unanimously.

IX. RSG Major Fall Events (Non-Social)
   a. Haven motions to postpone to next meeting. Second Dan.
   b. SAGE Fall Summit- Nov 30-Dec 2
   c. Academic Town Halls
   d. Ann Arbor Lease Forum
   e. Election Issues Forum

X. Open Discussion- Discussion about the RSG board member social continues.
XI. Adjournment- Motion by Chris, seconded by everyone. 8:15pm