I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

*Members: Chris Tom, Brooke Horton, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Alexander Gutierrez, Kaitlin Flynn, Erin Sullivan, Julian Bahr*

*Present: Chris Tom, Brooke Horton, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Alexander Gutierrez, Julian Bahr*

*Excused: Kaitlin Flynn*

*Unexcused: Erin Sullivan*

III. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

a. Action Plans (attachment 1)
   Completed: All action plans received. Project leaders will help committee track progress throughout the term.

b. Course Evaluation Resolution completed (attachment 2)
   Completed

c. Conflict resolution chart on the website
   Completed

d. Update from Phil on the meeting with Laura Patterson about disability issues with the Google suite.
   Meeting with RSG board on November 6th

IV. SACUA MEETING

a. Chris and Brooke met with SACUA’s AAC equivalent to discuss course evaluation, GSBOR, and non-discrimination policy. Phil asked about SACUA’s point of view on the course evaluation resolution. SACUA said it sounded fine and that this was being done previously, but got dropped merely due to lack of effort. Caution on NDP possibly conflicting with sexual harassment, not in intention but in nuances of framing.

V. COURSE EVALUATION BANK RESOLUTION

a. **Review latest version** (attachment 2): Phil suggests adding a resolved clause to charge the Office of Registrar with administrating the organization and dissemination of the evaluation reports.
   i. **ACTION:** [Ram] to make changes.

b. **Vote on sending it to the board:** Ram makes motion to send to board along with the agreed amendments to the resolution. Approved unanimously.
VI. EXPANSION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
(Attachment 3)

a. **History of proposal:** No language currently covering freedom of sexual expression.
b. **Content & aims:** Julian asks if some content is already covered by other language such as the First Amendment. Sexual harassment and protection from “adult bullying” (e.g. denying promotions) are already covered by other documents, but this is aimed to address the gap of sexual acts.
c. **Future directions and deadlines**
d. **Motion to Table:** Motion made by Julian, seconded by Chris. Approved unanimously. Discussion tabled until after meeting with legal and/or sexual experts.
   i. **ACTION:** [Chris] Consult with experts

VII. LUNCH WITH THE DEANS

a. **Update on venues & food:** Rooms are booked as follows. Food has to be ordered from the commons catering for both venues.
   i. Oct 29th Central Campus, Kuenzel Room, Michigan Union.
   ii. Oct 31st North Campus, East room, Pierpont Commons.
b. **Format & content:** Questions/topics sent to deans to prepare for specific talks. Janet scheduled for last to give other deans time to talk.

VIII. JoVE SEMINAR

a. **Method for polling students:** Alex suggests polling students via the RSG newsletter. Poll would ask if they were interested in attending a JoVE presentation and would include a field for respondent’s department. The goal would be to gauge overall graduate student interest along with measuring in which department(s) these students fall into in order to hand off the hosting of the seminar to that department.
   i. **ACTION:** [Alex] to give Julian details for poll by next week

IX. ONLINE VOTING IN AAC

a. **Proposal**
   i. At least 4 days to review the document
   ii. Normal voting rights,
   iii. Transparency in comments & votes,
   iv. Right to make a motion for a in-person vote (majority vote wins)
   v. 24 hours to submit a vote.
b. **Discussion:** Concerns regarding implementation for efficiency and effectiveness. Phil suggests committee chairs to apply this policy ad hoc to minor votes and table discussion for formal policy later

X. LEADERSHIP IMPROVEMENT

a. **Leadership evaluation:** Brooke will circulate an online anonymous survey for honest feedback.
XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Phil discusses options regarding GSBOR/best practices documents because it might get sent back to committee. One goal is to bring attention to graduate student experience at the University. Phil wants to take lead on drafting of best practices.
   i. ACTION: [Phil] to complete Action Plan for best practices document

XII. ADJOURNMENT: 8:28pm

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

a. [Ram] Make changes to course evaluation resolution regarding Office of Registrar
b. [Chris] Consult with experts regarding NDP
c. [Alex] Email Julian details for JoVE poll by next week