I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Chair Chris Tom, Michael Benson, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Steven Apotheker, Alex Gutierrez, Kaitlin Flynn, Anna Belak, Eugene Daneshvar

Present: Chair Chris Tom, Michael Benson, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Steven Apotheker, Alex Gutierrez, Kaitlin Flynn, Anna Belak, Eugene Daneshvar

Excused:

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES & TASKS

a. Chair election and other duties

Chris Tom nominated for Chair. Vote for appointment was approved unanimously. Anna Belak nominated for Vice Chair. Vote for appointment was approved unanimously.

b. Time and location of future meetings

6:30pm meeting time stands. Meeting place changed to South Alcove (South West?) in Rackham (across from RSG West Alcove).

c. Determining committee budget for a) Town Halls and b) Graduate Academic Conference

$1000 : Larger budget for Town Halls than this past Fall. They were successful and packed. Janet commended the Town Halls and the events will most likely be more favored by the deans. Also, we will get more advertising from Rackham so we should expect more people. Quizno’s and Happy’s Pizza worked well and we will probably do the same again.

$400 : Graduate student survey.

GAC is being abandoned due to time schedule difficulties.
Total Request: $1400

d. Graduate Student Bill of Rights - overview and status

Chris gave background and summarized. Meeting with Janet will occur soon to discuss Bill of Rights and to make updates. After changes and additions, it will be brought back to the RSG board for approval.

e. Conflict Resolution Board - overview and status

Chris gave background and summarized. Plan to write most of language this term and discuss ideas and writing with administration including Darlene. Information could be sent via email, uploaded on our website, and printed out to be available at places like Graduate Student Services, other service offices, and department offices. AAC and SACUA joint committee to be formed soon, probably next week. Tell Chris if you want to be on the committee, preferably by next week.

f. Prioritizing tasked items

Eugene will email out list of IP issues from his knowledge and experience. IP formally tasked to Legislative, but AAC will determine what we can do from our side. Eugene will also start working on creating an information packet for grad students regarding IP.

Phil is interested in AAC working with career services to raise awareness about how graduate students can market their skills for different career paths related to their field like policy or consulting.
Kaitlin suggests committing to one seminar a month. Tentatively: Consulting seminar in February.
Steven asks why each program isn’t already doing similar workshops. Various members highlight necessity to raise awareness of currently available resources and to open up certain resources that are currently limited to a program.

Encourage programs that don’t currently have intradepartmental communications on current activities and interactions between labs. Should be survey question.

g. Individual projects and semester goals

Postponed to next meeting.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION

Executive board members open to talk individually to reps further about questions and issues. Steven and Janakiraman interested in starting student groups in their
programs. Many programs already have them, but there are others that still need that level of activity. Everyone will cooperate and bring experiences from their programs that do have student groups.

V. ACTION ITEMS

[Eugene] Email information about IP issues
[Eugene] Start outlining brief overview pamphlet regarding basics of IP for graduate students
[Phil] Email Paula and CC events director
[Michael] Set up meeting with Janet for GSBOR
[Everyone] Send Chris 5 survey questions for next meeting
[Kaitlin] Send other committee chairs notice to gather 5 survey questions

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 pm

VII. APPENDIX