RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
3/13/2013
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Present: Chair Chris Tom, Alex Gutierrez, Eugene Daneshvar, Michael Benson, Phil Saccone,

Excused: Kaitlin Flynn

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES & TASKS

a. Resolution Week!
   i. Eliminating Fall break
      1. Janet asked us to discuss/weigh in on this. Discussion ensues. Masters students would potentially be affected, as would GSIs. Shortened fall break. A sense-of-the-board resolution will be authored, and the potential options will be presented. Michael drafting, Ryne, MP, CT authoring.
   
   ii. Resolution for Class Bank System
       Make it so that PhD candidates can take upper-level classes that are offered sporadically
       If you want to take more than two classes in a semester, get advisors signature.
       Chris will send rough draft out on Saturday, first reads next week

   iii. Resolution to Amend the Emergency Fund Requirements
       • Allow other individuals besides program/department head to write the required letter for emergency fund. Avoid privacy problems.
       • Chris will send off to Michael on Saturday. Otherwise will hold off for first reads for later.

   iv. Resolution to Require Evaluations Before Receiving Grades
       • Help GSIs and professors get meaningful feedback from grads/undergrads, which will either serve to enhance teaching abilities or goes towards tenure/salary evaluations.
       • Michael will draft, Chris and Michael will author
v. Resolution to Amend the Non-Discrimination Policy of the University (part 2)
   1. Chris will send off revised resolution to Phil, and send off the link to the Standard Practice guide to AAC.

b. Ongoing projects updates
   i. SACUA Joint AAC Committee
   ii. GSBoR -
      iii. Academic discrimination
   iv. Town Hall – dates by end of the week
   v. Career Services/Consulting workshop
   vi. Graduate student survey

IV.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION
   a.

VI. ACTION ITEMS
   a. [Phil] Email Paula and CC events director
   b. [Michael] Set up meeting with Janet for GSBoR
   c. [Chris] Set up dropbox
   d. [Everyone] Send Chris 5 survey questions for next meeting
   e. [Kaitlin] Send other committee chairs notice to gather 5 survey questions
   f. [Kaitlin] Add to Gazette a question about emergency fund policy
   g. [Michael] Invite CRLT professor to a meeting
   h. [Eugene] Write draft of pamphlet regarding basics of IP for graduate students to present to committee

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:32p

VIII. APPENDIX