RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE NAME MEETING
SEPT 22nd, 2015
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:58pm
   a. Present: Representatives Nate, Aaron, Kyle, Caitlin, President Mbagwu
   
   b. Absent:

   c. Excused: Sriram, Lindsay

II. INTRO

Chuky: This committee will be on extended internships, housing issues, etc. We’re also looking to add more to our plate. We’ll start with chairs. Abneris and Lindsay are not here but they were the previous chairs. Does anyone want to chair this committee/nominate?

Kyle: I nominate Lindsay as chair, I think she’s done a good job.

Chuky: We have unanimous vote to appointing Lindsay chair.

III. BUDGET

Chuky: Next item is budget for the fall term. We typically focus on policy issues which means our budget doesn’t cover many events. We’ve discussed hosting more events, like mentor sessions and other workshops.

Kyle: We’d discussed the speed dating/networking event. I think we’d had a prelim budget but I don’t recall it exactly.

Chuky: I can give historical numbers. AAC’s biggest item is typically lunch with the deans and we’d like to continue this. This is typically around 1500 requested. For the women’s issues forum we allocated around 300 dollars.

Kyle: With the speed dating and workshops I’d request an additional 1K to cover these events. Since we already have a dialogue open with one of the associate deans for the mixer, we should probably do it this semester.
Chuky: We will request 1500 for town hall, 400 for professional mixer, 300 for additional workshops, which comes out to 2200. This is up from prior years and reflects our additional events and our expanded budget.

Nate: Professional dating is speed dating correct?

Kyle: Yes

Chuky: Does anyone want to add other AAC items

Nate: Has AAC taken over the survey?

Chuky: Survey is no longer on SLC but it’s still and RSG item. We are planning to create a task force to work on it but it isn’t in a specific committee. Motion to approve the aforementioned budget? Seconded by Kyle, approved unanimously.

IV. OTHER UPDATES

Kyle: For GSI training, we’re learned that it is not uniform. We’d like to implement an accountability policy to require departments to file training. We met with Dr John Wolfe in the chemistry department and pitched him a proposal that was well received. This is a good indicator that we can get support in the larger departments. We should start engaging with Rackham and start working on it. I will try and get board members together to start a draft. We also want to make training practices public knowledge so grad students and trainers can access it.

Chuky: The only other item is extended internship/co-op opportunities. Sriram spearheaded this one. Visa requirements make it difficult for master’s students to work internships because they are required to be fulltime students. Undergrads have a course they can take to remain enrolled, but grad students don’t have this. Continuous enrollment for PhDs exists so this is generally a Master’s issue primarily. We’d like to start with the college of engineering so they can put a course together to allow this. We met with an assistant dean in CoE and brought this to her attention, she was receptive to our ideas. We’ve talked to the international center already. We’re working on the next steps now.

V. TIME SCHEDULING

Chuky: What time works for everyone?

Kyle: Earlier the better for me

Caitlin: I have class at 6

Chuky: Let’s say 6:15pm. The best time for everyone is weekly on Tuesdays at 6:15pm.

Kyle: Let’s ensure this time works with Lindsay.
VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 6:23pm. Motioned by Kyle, seconded by Chuky