Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: October 27, 2011

Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Community Input
   a. Eugene Daneshvar – “GSRA IP ownership & expectations from RSG communication”

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. October 6, 2011 **
   b. October 20, 2011 **

V. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Michael
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Josh
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Mindy

VI. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
   b. Budgetary
   c. Communications
   d. Elections
   e. Legislative Affairs
   f. Student Life*
   g. Bylaw Review
   h. Service Opportunities
   i. Career Opportunities

VII. Career & Placement Discussion

VIII. Attendance Records

IX. Second Reading of Board Resolution F-01-11: Creating Student Advisory Committees for the Rackham Associate Deans *

X. Open Discussion

XI. Adjournment

* - Item included in packet
** - Item will be provided on Day of Meeting or at Meeting
*** - Item was included in a previous packet
I. Role call: 7:10pm
   a. Present: Eli Eisman, Josh Bow, Mindy Waite, Kaitlin Flynn, Patrick Rooney, Marisol Ramos, Anne Fitzpatrick, Heidi Pedini. Quorum not present

II. Officer Reports:
   a. VP, Josh: Went to the student government meeting and desire to form a coalition with other schools at U of M to collect money from dues that is currently being paid unfairly to MSA.
   b. Treasurer, Mindy: We currently have 5 Funding Requests in. Am working on the Apple Orchard trip. Have updated the website to include officer office hours. Also, we currently have $21381 in our account.

III. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs: Are working on the Bill of Rights to get some final edits/finishing touches in.
   b. Budgetary: We have 5 funding requests and need to get moving on them
   c. Communications: We got the newsletter out and will get the next one out on Monday, 10/17. We need to set up the website so people can submit their answer to the newsletter question online, as we had over 250 people respond to the trivia question.
   d. Legislative Affairs: Town hall is moving along
   e. Elections: No one responded to the newsletter, so we’ll have to send out a separate email advertising for an elections director
   f. Student Life: We’re working on Octoberfest, which will probably be at the Heidelberg. Also, working on Apple Orchard Trip. Give comments, please, on which orchard idea you prefer and how much students should pay to go. Also, chose Umich Blue Busses as the form of transportation because they are cheap.
   g. Bylaw Review: We are meeting on Wed 10/12 at 6pm at our usual room. If you are coming, please let Mindy know so she orders the proper amount of pizza.
   h. Service Opportunities: Wolverines for Life is happening at the end of November. We will be advertising this event in the newsletter, as graduate students can give blood and bone marrow. Also, working on setting up a parks cleanup event at the end of October. Finally, am also working on a social event at the Ann Arbor museum. Probably a semi-formal, no children type thing.
   i. Career Opportunities: Haven’t met recently, but did come up with a survey to get student feedback on who they’d like to see talk.

IV. Brief RSG T-Shirt Overview
   a. They are ordered and Natalie paid for it on her pcard.

V. Open Discussion
   a. Made some more decisions about Orchard trip- will do 9am-12pm, no lunch provided.

VI. Adjournment at 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Waite
Rackham Student Government Treasurer
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Board Meeting
October 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
Rackham Graduate School, 915 E. Washington St

I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 7.11. Quorum present
   B. Members
      1. Present: Michael Benson, Josh Bow, Alex Tolouse, Rahul Sakhumiri, Rob Gillezeau, Patrick Rooney, David Cottrell, Will Hutchinson, Nina White, Eli Eisman
      2. Excused
      3. Unexcused: Heidi Pedini*, Alex Emly*, Kaitlynn Flynn*
         a) Motions to mark present at 7.22 and 7.41: approved unanimously

II. Agenda
   A. Guest: Chris Tom, PhD precandidate, Chemical Biology
   B. T-shirts are in and Josh has his camera for a photo shoot after the meeting
   C. Motion to postpone second reading of the resolution to create Student Advisory Committee for the Rackham Associate Deans, moved by Eli, seconded by Nina: approved 11-0-2
   D. Motion to approve agenda, moved by Heidi, seconded by Rahul: approved unanimously

III. Minutes
   A. Motion to approve minutes from 29, September 2011, moved by Josh, seconded by Alex T: approved 10-0-1
   B. Motion to approve minutes from 6, October 2011
      1. Michael was absent from this meeting and was instead chaired by the Vice President Josh Bow
      2. No quorum was present during the meeting
      3. Unexcused absences are still being counted but there is a discrepancy in the records
      4. Motion to table the minutes from 6, October 2011, moved by Michael, seconded by Patrick: approved 10-0-1

IV. Officer reports
   A. President
      1. There are a lot of exciting guest speakers coming up in the next few weeks. The absence policy will be enforced more strictly for these meetings
      2. Committee appointments need to be made for the MSA, Provost Budgetary Committee, Academic Integrity Committee and Continuous Enrollment Dispute Resolution Board
         a) MSA seat has been available since the fall, but the student body wasn’t notified
         b) MSA reps get elected by the student body
c) Selection onus was given to Michael, he has opted to open this for the Communications Committee for selection, which will be chaired by Josh following the general board meeting, but will likely not end in the selection of representatives to fill those seats.
d) Motion to reopen the agenda, add a discussion to re-empower the president as the sole individual responsible to select MSA representatives, and close the agenda, moved by Nina, seconded by Will: approved 7-0-5

B. Vice President
   1. University council met last week, nothing has come of it yet.
   2. Committee participation is a must.
      a) Letting down constituency
      b) Not fulfilling board obligations
      c) Making more work for fellow RSG reps
      d) Attendance policies have been put in place for all committees, if you can’t attend, please let the chair know.
      e) Josh SMASH!

V. Committee Minutes
   A. Academic Affairs
      1. Motion to receive minutes, moved by Eli, seconded by Heidi
      2. Graduate Student Bill Of Rights will be voted out of committee soon for final approval by the board
   B. Budgetary
      1. Motion to receive minutes, moved by Josh, seconded by Patrick
   C. Communications
      1. Newsletter went out again, Espresso Royale question has way fewer responses, will make the question easier in the future
      2. RSG Branding- T-shirts are in
      3. Meeting following General Board meeting
   D. Elections Committee
      1. E-mail recruiting elections director will go out Friday.
      2. The director ideally will be a Rackham student, but could be a motivated undergrad
      3. Expectations
         a) Soliciting applications for representatives
         b) Increasing participation of the electorate
      4. Nina believes that the above metrics for successful elections are good, but what defines “going above and beyond” should be more discrete.
      5. If a board member participates, they won’t be paid
   E. Legislative Affairs
      1. Motion to receive minutes, made by Rahul, seconded by Nina
      2. Candidate Forum was cancelled. Moderator search fell through (after a valiant effort)
3. Looking into holding city council forum, potentially in conjunction with a Student Life Committee Bar Night

F. Student Life Committee
1. Bar Night at the Heidelberg, Tonight at 9
2. Motion to amend the Student Life Committee Budget by $300, moved by Alex T, seconded by Kaitlyn, thirded by Heidi: approved unanimously

G. Bylaw Review Committee
1. Executive board and Kaitlyn met last week and will meet again next week
2. Minutes will be provided in the upcoming meeting

H. Community Outreach and Social Outreach
1. Wolverines for Life: Be a Hero at the Big House was included in the newsletter. The event will be held 16, November 2011 from 7A-7P.
2. RSG Works! will hold a parks cleanup at the Mary Beth in conjunction with A2 Parks and Rec. We are capped at 50 people and they need details. Coffee, cider and donuts will be provided

I. Non-academic Career Opportunities
1. Patrick has expressed an interest in resigning from the chair of the NACO. The responsibilities have become overly burdensome and the Consulting club has not participated in the planning and execution of events
2. Is this a project worth pursuing? Should an appointee be made who has no general board role? Committee chairs do not need to be RSG reps.
3. Not all jobs are created equally. Some institutions hire only Master’s, while others, only those with a PhD. Who is the target of the committee?
4. Possible options include folding this committee into student life, expanding the scope of the committee and making it more inclusive as a Post-Graduate School opportunities.
5. General consensus is that this is a worthwhile pursuit, but we should not overextend the board. We will reassess and bring up the next board meeting. We shouldn’t be victims of our own great ideas

VI. Future events
A. Oktoberfest at the Heidelberg
B. Apple Orchard
1. Sunday 30, October, 2011
2. Need more chaperones. A plus one is okay
3. 55-60 people already signed up, tickets are still on sale
4. Natalie is a ticket selling champ
C. RSG Works!- See above
D. Lots of upcoming speakers. Be here as a representative of your constituents. Iranian student grouping coming to discuss religious persecution in the county. Will ask RSG or SAGE to take a public stance

VII. Open Discussion
A. Nina- MSA seats are available. No one ran to fill them, therefore we have no obligation to make student more aware. If people are offering to fill them, you should appoint them directly. Michael has been given that power, he should keep it and not diffuse the responsibility to the board

B. Heidi- In response to Michael’s appointment criteria. What is regular participation for MSA and how will you asses that? What is satisfactory

C. Michael- 6-7 people have made their interest in the MSA seats be known. Usually people are elected, rarely appointed. In the past, this has resulted in an irregular, short-term occupancy. Assessment will come from a review of the person’s CV and a short interview with Michael. The total process should only take a few weeks

D. Rahul- Why is there so much interest in MSA all of a sudden?

E. Rob- The Michigan Daily reported on MSA will vote to support GEO’s effort to unionize GSRAs (GEO asks MSA to support graduate student research assistants union, Michigan Daily 12, October 2011). An Advisor/ PI shouldn’t be able to dismiss/ fire students for having a particular view. If we don’t fill those seats by Tuesday, those individuals interested in participating will likely lose interest, who have also expressed concerns over issues for GSRAs with disabilities.

F. General board consensus to let Michael be solely responsible for the decision to appoint MSA reps in this instance, Strawpoll: approved

G. Recommendation to the board that MSA appointments be by 7.30p 25, October 2011, made by Rob

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn moved by Josh, seconded by Nina: approved unanimously

B. Meeting adjourned at 8.18p

Respectfully submitted,
Eli Benchell Eisman
Rackham Student Government Representative
Community Outreach and Social Action Committee Chair
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Student Life Committee Meeting  
October 11th, 2011  
Starbucks, 222 S. State St

Attending: Alex T, Mindy, Rahul, Patrick and Heidi

Start Time: 7.05PM  
End Time: 7.45PM

Agenda:

1. **Heidelberg Oktoberfest**  
   Going to happen on October 20th, 2011 at Heidelberg. Alex T will be meeting Michael (Manager/Chef?) from the bar to figure out the menu and prices of things. So far the price of things will be $300. We need to send out this email over this weekend. There will also be drinks specials. Heidi and Alex will make a flier for the event and Alex will send Mindy a few lines on the event.

2. **Apple Orchard**  
   October 30th (Sunday) is the event due to in availability of the blue bus. Spoke with Natalie today. Leaving at 9AM. They are co-sponsoring the event, 50-50 break up. Bus, cider, donut, corn maze (?) and we will be paying $5 per person. And the bus will leave there at noon. There will be all sorts of other stuff that the people can pay for and spend their time with. Natalie will sell tickets all day Friday and Monday. Tuesday from noon to 5PM I will sit outside Mujo’s at the Duderstadt. We will ask for a RSG chaperone at the next board meeting.

3. **NBA Game**  
   Natalie bought tickets for the Heat vs. Pistons game. In the event of the season not happening then we get our money back!

4. **Trivia**  
   Contacting Connors and ask if we can rent the back room. Have one of us be the guy who conducts the quiz. November mid. Something like a Wednesday night. Rahul will figure out a way to get the quiz done easily. Alex T will speak to Connors.

5. **Cedar Point**  
   Heidi wants to have this event at October 15th. She wants to rent a charter bus. The plan is to have the people pay for everything (around $50). Have them pay up front. We plan to postpone the event.

6. **Pinball Pete’s**  
   Mindy will call them and speak with them on how much they will charge for the event. If it is very pricy then we will drop the idea.
Present: Rahul Sakhamuri, Michael Benson, Alex Emly, Alex Toulouse

I. Meeting Start: 7:30pm
II. Future meeting time changed to 7:15 pm
III. Apple Orchard
   a. Everything set up
   b. Natalie emailed out about few extra seats
   c. 2 buses mostly filled ~70 people signed up
   d. Chaperones: Natalie, Michael, Kaitlynn
IV. Red Wings Game
   a. Co-sponsored with Rackham
   b. Discount tickets with busing arranged through promoter
   c. November 8th is first game.
   d. Planning to do approx. 5 games through this promoter
   e. Michael, Rahul, Alex E selling tickets on N. Campus. Will ask Natalie to sell tickets on C. Campus. Sell tickets week of 11/1
V. Trivia Night
   a. Quiz needed
   b. Alex T contacted GM at Conor O’Neills. Waiting for response about reserving back room a Wednesday or Thursday in November.
   c. Aim for 11/17 Thursday
   d. Estimate capacity approx. 100 people
   e. Need pre-registration, could use Google poll with link from website and newsletter.
   f. Hope to keep groups of friends to max. 3 people to encourage meeting new people.
   g. Determine budget after hearing back from Conor’s.
VI. Grad Student Karaoke Night Idea
   a. Potential location at Circus
   b. Use noise to determine winner
   c. Award prizes for winners
   d. Alex E will call to see availability
   e. Aim for Thursday December 1st
VII. Themed Bar Night
   a. Aim for Thursday December 8th
VIII. Ice Rink Event Idea for Spring
   a. Rackham won’t co-sponsor
   b. Only do one event and without food
c. They ran out of skates last time, need an idea how to limit skate use
IX. Bowling Event Idea for Spring
X. Online Graduate Student Group Registration
   a. Need a name
   b. Michael working on mockup which he will send out
XI. Meeting End 8:05 pm
CGSDI Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Attendees: Stuart Segal, Jen Steiner-Tonks, Tom Lehker, Darlene Ray-Johnson, Scott Williams, Leslie Rott and Dana Jackman - Guest: Ashley Welsman, Intern for SSD Office

UPDATES:
Website:
- $2,000-5,000 needed for the website or use Michigan Marketing and Design (MMD) also a possibility; Scott initiating contact with a colleague that does contract work that is an accessibility advocate to possibly due for a lesser cost

Ally Training:
- Kristin Kurzawa still interested in being a part but meeting times not conducive to her schedule also work with group must be done separately from her work at CAPS
- Grad students to follow up with her on meeting times and contribution to group

Mentoring:
- Still in progress, will have more to contribute at next meeting

Affiliation with CDC:
- CDC Affiliation will be tabled until later; group consensus is a preference to be autonomous at this point with the possibility of affiliation later.

DISCUSSION:
- The three main topics at this point are on priority list which include Website, Ally Training, Mentor Program
- Climate and Environment - partnering with people/departments around campus to learn
- Graduate Students to give training, putting a professional/successful face to a disability is powerful
- Grad Students in decision making can be cumbersome while having Grad Students as resources is valuable; Stuart to email list serve at SSD to get interest in facilitating work of group
- Leslie has agreed to be the point of contact person for graduate student involvement emails
- CRLT to develop a training script but would be a cost
- Campaign outlining an “invisible disabilities” for example “Michigan Difference” “I am” could be a good idea for group maybe work with Communications Department as to processes for this
- Once plan is developed maybe start with Rackham to use for commencement of group activities
- Maybe use the Spectrum Center model for Speaker Bureau – eventually develop a Speaker Bureau for group without having a grad student on bureau or possible use this as an opportunity to work with Inter Group Relations (IGR)
- Winter meetings need to be determined

Next Meeting will be November 29, 2011 with a possible change in rooms to MSA Chambers
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A RESOLUTION CREATING STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR THE RACKHAM ASSOCIAITE DEANS

WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) serves as the conduit between the graduate student body and the university at large, including the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Students; AND

WHEREAS, RSG recently hosted a set of four lunches with the deans for the student body; AND

WHEREAS, It became apparent during these lunches that regular contact between Rackham’s associate deans for programs and initiatives and students in their divisions would be mutually beneficial; AND

WHEREAS, RSG appoints graduate students to a number of school and university wide committees and workgroup; AND

WHEREAS, The associate deans for programs and initiatives have each voiced support for the creation of a student advisory panel; NOW ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL, BE IT

RESOLVED, That a student advisory committee for the associate dean be created for each of the Rackham Graduate School’s four associate deans; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That each associate dean shall serve as the chairperson of his or her advisory committee; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That each committee shall meet at least once in the Fall semester and once in the Winter semester, at times and locations determined by the chair; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the membership of the advisory boards shall be appointed by the RSG Board for a term of one year; AND BE IT FURTHER
Resolved, That the chair of each committee may appoint additional members to the committee for a specified term; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, That the size of each committee will be determined by the chair and communicated to the RSG Board on an annual basis; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, That vacancies will be filled by the RSG Board under the advice of appropriate advisory committee’s chair; AND BE IT FINALLY

Resolved, That the chair of each advisory committee or their designee will transmit to board a report of his or her committee’s discussion on or before the last day of the fall and winter terms.

Authors

Tien-Huei Tsu
Representative, Division 1
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Eli Benchell Eisman
Representative, Division 1

Attest

By Signing below, I certify the this resolution was dispatched by the RSG Board under the rules as prescribed in section IX of the bylaws and that the vote count appearing at the top of this resolution is accurate.

__________________________
Joshua Bow
Vice President, Rackham Student Government

Presidential Action

I, Michael Benson, President of the Rackham Student Body, do hereby approve / veto this resolution on this the ______ day of ______, 2011.

__________________________
Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government