Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: February 5, 2013
Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

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IV. Community Input
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V. Officer Reports
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   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Phil

VI. Events Director Report

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IX. First Reading: Resolution to Create a Joint Committee on Graduate &
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X. Campus Safety Discussion
   a. Building Accessibility
   b. After Hours Transportation
   c. Personal Safety
   d. Graduate Student Programs

XI. Open Discussion

XII. Adjournment

* - Item included in packet
** - Item will be provided on Day of Meeting or at Meeting
*** - Item was included in a previous packet
a. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:17pm

b. **Present:** Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, David Barton, Dan Trubman, Phil Saccone, Chris Tom, Alex Gutierrez, Michael Lang, Ryan Roberts, Yiting Zhang, Ryne Peterson, Dan Trubman, Pete McGrath, Janakiraman Balachadran, Matt Filter, Vanessa Cruz, Anna Belak, John Forrest, Evan Arthur, Eugene Daneshvar

c. **Absent:**

d. **Excused:** Lauren Knapp

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

   a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Ryan R. Approved with 1 abstention

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 1/22/13**

   a. Moved by Michael L and seconded by Dan. Matt Waugh needs to be added to the attendance. Approved unanimously.

IV. **OFFICER REPORTS**

   a. **President Michael Benson.** We have not yet gotten our funds, Kaitlin Phil and Ryan have been meeting to do administrivia. Much more to discuss later.

   b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** Committee policies will be discussed for the next 20 minutes so she won’t go into them here. Newsletter goes out next week.

   i. **Motion to move meeting time to 7:30pm** by Kaitlin and seconded by Chris. Points of information and discussion ensue. Steven asks if the stop time would be capped at 9pm, or a 90 minute meeting. Michael says that he will generally stick to 90 minutes but in a few exceptions, such as the dean and provost, we might need to go over. Approved 8-2-10.

   c. **Treasurer Phil Saccone.** $13,287 in the account, $1,500 is encumbered. Two funding requests are pending. Budgets are due to Phil using the new forms found in the packet. Get budget to Phil by 2/2 at midnight. Our semesterly money should be in the account by next week.

V. **Event’s Director Report**
a. More committee business: post event form will be used to gauge how our events went and the attendance. The committee budget request forms will be effectively used as pre-event forms. These will be due to Ryan one week after the event.

VI. Goal Setting Part 2: Committee Tasks & Meeting Schedule
a. Meeting times: Academic affairs: 6:30pm Wednesdays, Legislative Affairs, 7:30pm Wednesdays, Student Life 6pm Mondays, the rest of the committees will be decided soon.

b. Goals: from our goal brainstorming last week, the board is going through the goals and tasking them to each committee. The final goals will be compiled for the meeting next week. Motion by Chris and seconded by Ryan to task GSRA issue to both AAC and LC. Moving IP ownership issues to LAC motion by Kaitlin and seconded by Vanessa. Vote of 9-1-8 it passes. Tasking AAC items (e) + (f) + (g). Motion to task the rest of the items to AAC by Chris and seconded by Matt F. Approved. Michael makes a motion to strike tuition equality from the task list for Legislative Affairs, seconded by David. There’s a lot of discussion that ensues. Michael makes a motion to call to question seconded by Phil. Motion to table the issue: 1-12-5 the motion fails. Motion to assign the remaining items to LAC by Chris, approved. Motion by Kaitlin to move item re: Div III internships to AAC. Motion by Ryan to strike point j re: nontraditional grad students and seconded by Chris. Approved. Motion by Chris and seconded by Matt Waugh to task Student Services issues minus point e to Student Life. Motion to move point I in social events to the Prom Committee. Points b, c, e and k moved to COSAC. Assigned. The rest of the social events have been tasked to student life.

VII. First Reading: Resolution to Create a Joint Committee on Graduate and Professional Student Governance
a. Put forth by Kaitlin and Pete to create a joint committee on graduate and professional student governance. John asks for information regarding the creation of this committee and the resolution. Pete explains the background of the resolution. Much clarification discussion ensues. Chris asks why Michael doesn’t create this committee by an executive order. Michael answers that he felt it makes more sense to have the board weigh in and do this through a board resolution to ensure there was support from the student body. After a lot of discussion Kaitlin motions to postpone discussion on this for one week—it will still be first reading next week.

VIII. SAGE Coalition Updates:
a. The Coalition held a roundtable this weekend. Some issues that peer institutions are facing are described in the packet.

IX. Ice Skating – Sunday February 3:
a. Taking place this weekend, even though it’s Superbowl Sunday. We paid $1000 last year. This year we’ll be offering $1 per student to subsidize skate rental. Michael asks for a motion to approve up to $780 for the event motion by Pete and seconded by John. Vanessa asks about the change from supporting $3 of rental to
$1 of rental and if that would affect turnout. Yiting says that she supports Vanessa’s motion to change RSG’s support to $2. That would raise the total budget of this event to $1000. **Motion to approve with a budget of up to $1000 approved with 4 abstentions.** Volunteers: Ryan R, Yiting, Michael Benson.

X. **Open Discussion**- Kaitlin asks that people continue to submit office hour information and this will be included in the newsletter.

XI. **Adjournment**- Motion by Dan and seconded Pete. Adjourned at 8:37pm
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 30th 2013
6:30 pm, Espresso Royale Cafe, 324 State St.

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
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 30, 2013
ESPRESSO ROYAL
6:30 pm, Espresso Royale Cafe, 324 State St.
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:33pm

a. Present: Representatives Anna Belak, Chris Tom, Eugene Daneshvar, Alex Gutierrez, Michael Lang, Vanessa Cruz, John Forrest, David Barton, Treasurer Phil Saccone, President and Chair Michael Benson, former representative Haven Allen

b. Absent: Representatives Matt Filter

c. Excused: Representatives Lauren Knapp, Dan Trubman, Ryne Peterson, Former Treasurer and Student At-Large Alex Toulouse, Student At Large Maya Spivak

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. CHAIR’S REPORT
Chairman Benson recaps the committee’s prior work including last semester’s candidates forum which included representatives of the proponents and opponents of the six state-wide ballot initiatives in Michigan as well as local candidates. The committee also hosted a very successful SAGE fall summit.

Michael asked for comments from the rest of the committee on last year’s stuff.

Chris: Election forum went well. Went on to describe the event and who spoke.

Michael: Republicans of Ann Arbor want to sponsor stuff. RSG needs to be careful about positions we take; keep it nonpartisan.

V. LOCAL ISSUES
State level lobbying: academic freedom issues, and IP issues to be added.
Town hall hosted next week with UMEC (Since postponed) on Ann Arbor lease signing ordinance. Pols and landlord association reps. to be present. Landlords want moratorium repealed, other do not—particularly international students. Two events will be held, one on north campus one on central campus.

John: What is the ordinance?
Michael: Essentially landlords force students to renew lease before they have a chance to settle in. No time to shop/consider alternatives. Also, landlord dispute manual needs to be rewritten; too confrontational and out of date.

Eugene: Can we step back and prioritize these issues?

Michael: Point of this is not to prioritize at the moment but to give a review. We are a diverse organization capable of many things.

VI. STATE ISSUES

On state level, we will be budgeting to go to Lansing to lobby on issues. Collaborating with Michigan State University and hopefully Wayne State University. Last semester’s committee had people tracking issues, we need new people to track the issues. Issues being tracked anything related to graduate school.

1) Affordability care act- action taken that will make it difficult for graduate students to get health care  
2) guns on campus  
3) right to work- happened very fast, did have time to lobby.

Michael directs us to pick bills that we want to track—update the committee when we meet. Someone will be assigned to track everything

John: How will that be assigned?

Michael: Volunteers. Will send around google document that will help with assignments. We will highlight certain issues to broadcast to the student body through our magazine.

We will need to set budget that will include transportation to lansing to advocate for these issues. Anything else?

Eugene: IP- regulated by fed, but sale is under state law. We need to promote education on this topic.

Michael: Suggests white paper on the issue

Eugene: Want to focus on enforcement. Emphasizes that we want to go outside the University for legal advice.

Michael: In general, if we (LA committee) want to support an issue, we need to bring it before the entire board. FYI Committee is under control of the board in terms of what position we take.
VII. FEDERAL ISSUES

- Federal issues: At federal level—people will be assigned bills to track. We will budget for Washington trip, hoping to get diverse funding.

1) Affordable care act: New regulation that undoes how universities and colleges count students to determine the premium. Issue is mainly with grad students. Result will be that the university will have to stop offering certain types of insurance.
2) Gun issues
3) Taxability of stipends, funding issues for grants etc. Looking to get a tax score.
4) Immigration paper. We will lead with white paper. People will work with UCSD.
5) Sequestration and our response. Draft a letter to send out to the student body that urges that fin aid and research funding be excluded and for them to write their representatives.

VIII. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Local Issues Director: John volunteers

Coordinate State issues: Maybe Lauren? (this position will be assigned at the committee’s next meeting.)

Federal Directors: Alex Toulouse? (this position will be assigned at the committee’s next meeting) In addition, we need help with research for taxation and indebtedness. Also for research on immigration. Show of hands for how we will divide up white papers etc.

Vanessa: what we should do when things overlap between different SAGE areas?
Michael: Talk with me and I’ll help assign it to an appropriate spot.

Fill out form that you want to work on as of Monday.

IX. COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR WINTER 2013
Michael has proposed budget:
$3300 SAGE we will also have some other support but want to increase
$200 Food for Lease signing forum
$600 Bus budget – Lansing advocacy day

Anna: how many are you sending to Lansing?

Michael: Up to 70, or the maximum capacity of a bus.

John: how many usually go?

Michael: We can do it based on the level of response. Any changes to the budget? There are no proposed changes to the budget.
**John:** when/where the city council meetings are and can he get reimbursed?

**Michael:** City Council meetings are held at City Hall at the corner of Huron and 5th street. Will consider adding $50 to budget for mileage reimbursements. (After consulting with the execs, Michael will be issuing an executive order to prohibit mileage reimbursements for trips within the Ann Arbor City Limits. In addition to LAC, a number of requests could come from COSAC and SLC. In the past we have not reimbursed for local trips.) Should we send budget to treasurer?

**John:** I move that we send the budget to the treasurer. (Seconded by Michael Lang)

Vote: 6 yes, 2 abstentions—passed.

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Scheduling: **Anna** wants this week—starting every other week, but we’ll need to go two weeks in a row at the beginning. Michael asked for any objections, there were none.

**Michael:** SAGE dates should be finalized by our next committee meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:16pm.
I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:10pm
   a. Present: Representatives Ryan Roberts, Matt Waugh, Evan Arthur
   b. Absent: Representatives Ryne Peterson, Matt Filter
   c. Excused: President Michael Benson, Vice President Kaitlin Flynn, Representative Janakiraman Balachandran, Treasurer Phil Saccone

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Graduate Student Organization Registration
   - See if we are cooperating with someone (Michael / Alex Tolousse)
   - Competition with UMEC for student organizations.
   - Devote committee meeting to.
     Produce report by end of semester.

Graduate Student Organization Fair
   - Devote last committee to.
   - Produce report by end of semester.

March Madness
   - $100 total budget; $50 for 1st, $25 for 2nd and 3rd
   - Online competition for bracket development (ESPN website).
   - Hosting Ultimate Frisbee on Palmer Field on Thursday after St. Patty.
   - Hosting from 5-7PM.

Saint Patrick’s Day
   - 100 "Kiss Me, I’m a Grad Student" shirts.
   - Pass shirts to first people to come -> incentive to attend.
   - We hand these out for free.
   - Find pattern for the shirt; this should already be available (update it?).
   - If they kept the pattern, we can save money.
   - Decorations for bar event (bar night / happy hour)
- May need to pay to rent a side room for the bar event.
- Consider Friday before St. Pat. (Sunday)

Valentine’s Day

- Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 – 9PM-11PM
- Try for Blue Leprechaun, because they offer ½ off for Grads (remind graduate students to bring schedules to prove they are graduate students).
- Bar Night
- Ryan Roberts will call Blue Leprechaun to confirm availability.
- Stoplight theme (wear red, green, and yellow).
- We must provide nametags for the bar night.
- Look into developing a few decorations.

5K

- Matt will determine expected cost and date of this; he has a connection organizing a local, charitable 5K.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION

V. ADJOURNMENT at 6:56pm.
Information provided by Serge Farinas (former representative) and Dave Martin

In recent years the University of Michigan, through the leadership of President Mary Sue Coleman, has taken steps toward a more sustainable campus. The President set a goal of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases 25% by 2025, as well as targets for reducing waste, increasing efficiency of buildings, and sourcing of local food for campus cafeterias. However, there is a large disparity between the goals of the University and its practices. The University of Michigan endowment and working capital funds are invested in fossil fuel companies holding 284 billion tons in carbon reserves. This is over half the world’s permissible carbon budget (to stay below 2 degrees warming). These University of Michigan investments include over $850 million in fossil fuel companies such as Chevron, BP, and the TransCanada Corporation. In addition, the UM spends $100 million per year in purchases of fossil fuel energy. A coalition of student groups and faculty are starting a Divest and Invest Campaign to help the University move away from fossil fuel industry investments and begin investing in and purchasing clean energy.
### Rackham Student Government

**Proposed Budget for Winter 2013**

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A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, Numerous student governments exist on the University of Michigan’s Ann Arbor Campus; AND

WHEREAS, All graduate students, regardless of their school of enrollment are represented by both a Central Student Government (CSG), and a school specific government; AND

WHEREAS, All graduate students pay $7.19 to the central student government and $1.50 to their school’s student government during each term of enrollment¹; AND

WHEREAS, The Central Student Government’s leadership is traditionally dominated by undergraduate students²; AND

WHEREAS, The Central Student Government spends the vast majority of its time focusing on issues relating to undergraduate students²; AND

WHEREAS, The Central Student Government spends the vast amount of its budget on events and programs that target undergraduate students³; AND

WHEREAS, Members of the Rackham Graduate School, the Law School, and the School of Public Health student bodies voted during the fall 2012 academic term to look into creating a graduate and professional student government, separate from the Central Student Government; AND

WHEREAS, 9.5% of Rackham students voted in the Fall 2012 election⁴; AND

WHEREAS, 69% of those Rackham Students voted in favor of pursuing a separate graduate and professional student government⁴; AND

¹ http://www.ro.umich.edu/tuition/tuition-fees.php
² http://csg.umich.edu/about/history & CSG / MSG Meeting Minutes
³ CSG / MSA approved budgets and funding committee allocations 2007 - present
⁴ RSG Fall 2012 Election Results, http://rsg.umich.edu/fall-2012-election-results
WHEREAS, Significant majorities in both the University’s School of Public Health and Law School student bodies voted to pursue a separate graduate and professional student government; AND

WHEREAS, A new constitution will need to be drafted and approved by the graduate student bodies at the University of Michigan before any separation from CSG can take place; AND

WHEREAS, This constitution should be written in an open and fair manner with input from each graduate constituency; NOW ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL, BE IT

RESOLVED, That a joint committee on graduate student government (J-COM) be created; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the President of the Rackham Student Government will appoint members of the graduate student body to serve as voting members of the J-COM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to the presidents of each of the University’s professional student governments with the urging that they approve a similar resolution and appoint members of their respective student bodies to serve as voting members on the J-COM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that no graduate student body shall appoint more than 5 voting members to the J-COM at any given time; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Presidents of the Graduate and Professional Student Bodies (CHAIRS) may appoint any number of alternates to the J-COM, so long as said alternates are currently enrolled students in their school; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the J-COM shall hold its first meeting no later than February 6, 2013; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the presidents of the graduate and professional student bodies shall serve as co-chairs of the J-COM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the J-COM shall be empowered to define and approve additional rules and regulations for its operation so long as they do not conflict with the provisions of the initial operating manual contained within this resolution; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that such rules and regulations may be voided by a 2/3rds majority vote of the CHAIRS, or simple majority votes by at least two graduate and professional student legislatures; AND BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, that the J-COM shall consult with the graduate and professional student body as it develops a Constitution for the Graduate and Professional Student Body of the University of Michigan; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the J-COM shall report regularly to the legislatures of the graduate and professional student governments on its progress; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the J-COM’s initial operating manual shall be defined as follows:

A. Composition. The J-COM shall be composed of a minimum of no less than three (3) members of each of the graduate and professional student bodies at the University of Michigan’s Ann Arbor Campus. Any member of the Student Body may join the J-COM upon an appointment of their school’s student body president and shall have voting rights, subject to the conditions outlined in subsection C.

B. Chair. The Presidents of the graduate and professional student bodies shall serve as co-chairs of the J-COM and shall share administrative responsibility for its timely operations. The co-chairs may appoint such other officers of the committee as they deem appropriate. The co-chairs will select from amongst themselves a president to chair each J-Com meeting. The same president should not serve as chair for consecutive meetings.

B. Quorum. A quorum shall exist when half plus one of the committee members are present as determined by the co-chairs.

C. Voting Rights. All appointed members of the J-COM shall be entitled to a vote.

D. Committee Operations. The J-COM shall meet on an as needed basis, at least bi-weekly through the Winter semester. Votes to approve recommendations and to send a final recommendation package to the graduate and professional student body must be taken in person with a quorum present. Committee discussions may take place electronically so as to allow for maximum participation including representatives and students at-large that are not in the Ann Arbor area. All committee discussions shall be published electronically upon approval by the committee for review by the public at large.

E. Charge. The J-COM shall draft a constitution for a graduate student government that will be separate from the Central Student Government. The J-COM will consult with the elected representatives of each graduate and professional student government as well as host a minimum of two town hall style events for members of the graduate and professional student bodies to offer their input and advice.
F. Reports. The J-COM will submit regular reports to the legislatures of the graduate and professional student governments on its progress and will seek feedback from the same. **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, that the committee shall be empowered to draft and submit a question for uniform submission to the graduate and professional student body to the March 2013 graduate student body election without requiring additional approval by the Board.

**AUTHORS**

Peter McGrath  
Representative, Division 3

Kaitlin Flynn  
Vice President, Graduate Student Body

**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.

______________________________                      _______________________________
Kaitlin Flynn                      Vice President, Graduate Student Body

**PRESIDENTIAL ACTION**

I, Michael Benson, President of the Rackham Student Body, do hereby approve / veto this resolution on this the ________ day of _____, 2013.

______________________________                      _______________________________
Michael L. Benson                      President, Rackham Graduate Student Body
Rackham Student Government Winter 2013
Representative Goal Worksheet

**Academic Issues**

- a) GSRA student- employee issues
- b) IP issues- informed consent
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- i) Identification of services to whistle-blowing situations.
- j) Dispute Resolution Board to address student issues
- k) Ideas for non-traditional and international grad student funding
- l) PhD Candidate Courses
- m) Building Hours
- n) Masters Student Study Space

**Local Issues**

- a) Consulting seminar or club, collaborate with office that put the event on last semester
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- c) University Divestment
- d) PILOTs
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- f) More Political Awareness
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- i) Taxing of stipends and loans
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