Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: March 19, 2013
Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Minutes
    a. March 12, 2013* (p. 2)

IV. Public Hearing: Sense of the Board W-13-01

V. Guest Speaker: Louis Mirante, Co-Chair, Building a Better Michigan Campaign

VI. Officer Reports
    a. Graduate Student Body President, Michael
    b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Kaitlin
    c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Phil

VII. Director Reports
    a. Election Director, Dan Trubman
    b. Events Director, Ryan Roberts

VIII. Committee Updates
    a. Academic Affairs
    b. Budgetary
    c. COSAC
    d. Elections
    e. Legislative Affairs
    f. Student Life*
    g. Grad. Gala
    h. J-COM

IX. Focus Hope: Detroit Partnership – Event Proposal

X. Sense of the Board Resolution: W-13-01: REGARDING THE ACADEMIC
    CALENDAR FOR AY16 (Representatives Filter, Peterson, and Tom)

XI. Sense of the Board Resolution: W-13-02: Building a Better Michigan Campaign

XII. Open Discussion

XIII. Adjournment

* - Item included in packet
** - Item will be provided on Day of Meeting or at Meeting
*** - Item was included in a previous packet
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
3/12/13
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
7:34 P.M.

a. CALL TO ORDER: 7:34pm

b. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Dan Trubman, Ryan Roberts, Ryne Peterson, Pete McGrath, David Barton, Anna Belak, Chris Tom, Evan Arthur, Lauren Knapp, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Yiting Zhang, John Forrest, Matt Filter

c. Absent:

d. Excused: Eugene Daneshvar, Michael Lang, Alex Gutierrez,

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Matt W. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 2/19/13

a. Moved by Pete and seconded by Lauren. Approved with the need to update attendance, with two abstentions.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Michael Benson. Next week will be a resolution meeting with many of them going up for first reading. We will need the agreement of the board on these resolutions. Congratulations to everyone on crafting the plan for the GPA change from 9.0 to 4.0. Many visitors coming, including Dean Weiss in April. Doodle polls have gone out for the JCOM to meet. There will be no binding question on the ballot this year regarding student secession events. We will also need to alter this resolution. We are also creating a joint grad and professional student government group on campus to unite the executive boards from all of these schools. Eventually the idea is that this board would become the organizational board for the federation if we secede. Michael makes some announcements about elections and announces that he will be stepping down this year. Michael had a meeting with the University Council which meets with Mary Sue Coleman and the executives of the student governments on campus. One initiative is to create some sort of “University sponsored” subsidized loans for graduate students (to fill the gap that was left when Obama cancelled these loans last year). CIC- Big Ten schools plus UChicago to share best practices among graduate student governments, deans and presidents at the Universities. In May, they are co-hosting a ‘Future of the Humanities’ conference here at UM and will be having a similar meeting for deans and graduate student executives.
b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** Election update: elections are coming up soon, the email announcement to solicit for candidates, elections on March 27, 28, 29. Kaitlin will be not be running for president this semester but she encourages anyone interested to run. The newsletter will also be going out tomorrow.

c. **Treasurer Phil Saccone.** $21,193 in the account—finally got our fees deposited. Sending out a funding request announcement very shortly to the student body.

V. **Director Report**

a. **Elections Director, Dan Trubman:** see Kaitlin’s report. Get your events

b. **Events Director, Ryan Roberts:** St. Patrick’s Day event on Thursday night. Bowling on Saturday, we need volunteers.

VI. **Committee Updates**

a. **Academics:** Motion by Chris to approve the minutes and seconded by Anna. Moved to item 7 for discussion.

b. **Budgetary:** Lots of requests the committee is working through. Vanessa has resigned and thus we need another member on the budgetary committee. Ryne offers to be on the committee and Kaitlin motions to nominate him, seconded by Chris. Phil objects because there are already 2 representatives from division III sitting on the committee and in the bylaws we aim to have a rep from each division. Kaitlin mentions that when we were slating the committees we did think of this problem but decided to move forward.

c. **COSAC:** Looking for their next event. Will be meeting at 7pm right before board meeting and will need more people to show up and move forward. Motion by Pete and seconded by Matt Waugh

d. **Elections:** Elections coming up, get your friends to run.

e. **Legislative Affairs:** Motion to approve the minutes by Lauren and seconded by Ryan. Minutes are approved unanimously.

f. **Student Life:** Nothing to add.

g. **GPC:** Motion to approve the minutes by Lauren and seconded by Ryan. Minutes are approved unanimously. Unfortunately there is an issue with the date the committee picked for April.

h. **JCOM:** Not met.

VII. **Academic Calendar for 2015-2016 Academic Year**

a. Under state law, public schools in Michigan cannot start after Labor Day. UM tries to follow this as well. There is an issue in planning finals. The last day of finals would be 12/23—it would be very short for break, especially for international students. Dean Weiss asked on behalf of the provost office if we would be willing to get rid of Fall Break to have a one-day fall break and extend winter break by one day. The Board discusses these issues. Chris offers to help construct the resolution. Motion by Chris and seconded by Phil to call for a public hearing on this resolution. It’s approved with 3 abstentions.
VIII. **SAGE Issues Update**

IX. **SAGE Delegation:**
   a. Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Lang, Phil Saccone, Michael Benson, Haven Allen, and the new president.

X. **Student Safety Working Group Report and Recommendations:**
   a. The full report is included in the packet. Michael walks us through it. The security, students, and police were included in constructing the report. Much of it is aimed at undergraduate students.

XI. **Open Discussion:**
   a. Pete wants COSAC ideas for events. Kaitlin will put a question in the newsletter to ask the student body. John asks what the mission is for COSAC.

XII. **Adjournment:** Motion by Chris and seconded by Matt W. Adjourned at 8:37pm.
A SENSE OF THE BOARD REGARDING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR AY16

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan is in the process of defining the academic calendar for the 2015 – 2016 academic year; AND

WHEREAS, Labor Day falls on September 7, 2015; AND

WHEREAS, Public schools in the state of Michigan cannot start their academic year until after Labor Day; AND

WHEREAS, the university traditionally provides two days off from classes in mid-October for a Fall Break and two days off from classes in late November for a Thanksgiving holiday recess; AND

WHEREAS, the University’s academic semester span 15 weeks, 14 of instruction and 1 of final examinations\(^1\); AND

WHEREAS, the University’s academic calendar includes one weekday study day which separates the period of instruction from the final exam week; AND

WHEREAS, using the traditional model, the final day of final exams for the 2015 – 2016 academic year will fall on December 23, 2015; AND

WHEREAS, many domestic and international graduate students travel to be with family and friends for the final weeks of the calendar year\(^2\); AND

WHEREAS, Vice Provost and Rackham Dean Janet Weiss has asked for input on the proposed calendar; NOW THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND ARTICULATED BY ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, IT IS THE SENSE OF THE BOARD THAT IN THEIR NAME, THE FOLLOWING BE

RESOLVED, that the University should shorten Fall Break by one day, thus moving the end of the Fall semester to December 22\(^{nd}\), and that the intersession between

\(^1\) http://ro.umich.edu/calendar

\(^2\) Conversations with Rackham Students
the fall and winter semesters be extended by one day; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the University should eliminate the Fall Break, extend the Thanksgiving Recess to include Wednesday November 25, 2015 thus moving the end of the Fall semester to December 22\textsuperscript{nd}, and that the intersession between the Fall and Winter semesters be extended by one day; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the University is encouraged to form a committee comprising of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff members to review the academic calendar and to make recommendations as to its future modification; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the university should explore the ramifications of starting its academic year prior to the Labor Day holiday.

AUTHORS

Matthew Filter
Representative, Division 3
Chairman, Academic Affairs Committee

Chris Tom
Representative, Division 1

Ryne Peterson
Representative, Division 3

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, 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 _____, 2012.

Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Graduate Student Body
BUILDING A BETTER MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN LETTER TO THE REGENTS

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan’s Division of Student Affairs created a “Building a Better Michigan Advisory Group” (BBM) to “mobilize students and give them a chance to have their voices heard regarding the future development of the University’s Unions and Recreation Centers”¹; AND

WHEREAS, the members of BBM have visited numerous peer campuses to better understand the breadth and scope of the recreational services and facilities that are provided; AND

WHEREAS, BBM has drafted a letter to the Regents asking for their support; AND

WHEREAS, a copy of this letter is attached to this sense of the board in appendix 1; AND

WHEREAS, the co-chair of BBM, Louis Mirante, has reached out to the Rackham Student Government to sign this letter on behalf of the graduate student body; AND

WHEREAS, numerous graduate students utilize the University’s Unions and exercise facilities; AND

WHEREAS, many graduate students have expressed their concerns about the services provided at the Central Campus and North Campus Recreation Buildings related to the services provided at their undergraduate institutions; AND

WHEREAS, many graduate students utilize the University’s union buildings and would benefit from any improvements made therein; NOW THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND ARTICULATED BY ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, IT IS THE SENSE OF THE BOARD THAT IN THEIR NAME, THE FOLLOWING BE

RESOLVED, that the President Benson be authorized to sign the BBM letter to the regents on behalf of the Rackham Student Government and the Rackham Student Body; AND BE IT FURTHER

¹ http://studentaffairs.umich.edu/buildingabettermichigan
RESOLVED, that the RSG Board voices its strong support for the BBM initiative; AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of the BBM letter be emailed to the graduate student body and be posted on the RSG website.

AUTHORS

Phil Saccone                Kaitlin Flynn
Treasurer, Graduate Student Body             Vice President, Graduate Student Body

ATTEST

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Kaitlin Flynn
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 _____, 2013.

____________________________________
Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Graduate Student Body

SB: W-13-02 Appendix 1: BBM Letter to the Board of Regents

Dear Regents, President Coleman, and Executive Officers,
Almost 100 years ago, The University of Michigan constructed one of the first student Unions in the country. At about the same time, we founded the first recreational sports department and celebrated that achievement by building the Intramural Sport Building, one of the first of its kind.

Since then, University members have used these buildings to contribute to the progress of the State of Michigan, our country, and our world. To ensure Wolverines make the same positive contributions in the future, we must revisit these buildings and do renovations that should include all six of our unions and recreational buildings.

Unfortunately, all of these buildings are beginning to become obsolete. There is far too little space for student organizations to meet and far less space to store their materials. The recreational buildings are always overcrowded and equipment is often stuffed in random areas, such as unused squash courts. Despite the nature of our buildings, Wolverines accomplish amazing things on a daily basis, but this often despite the quality of our buildings.

We feel that separating these projects would be unfair to many students. Some students improve their social health and their communities in their student organizations. Others improve physical and social health on intramural and club teams. However, the vast majority of Michigan men and women stay healthy by participating in both, a strength that we should be proud of and facilitate.

The health of students is essential to the University's mission of encouraging education. Unhealthy students are more likely to fall behind in class and not participate to their fullest. We encourage you to think of the unions and recreational sports buildings as academic buildings for this reason.

We are ready to work with you and support this challenging project. We know that it may entail a student fee, but we are willing to support such a measure so long as the fee stays below $65 a semester. Our support is also conditional on the University's ability to offer financial aid to those students who would be unable to pay these fees. The University of Michigan is one of the only Universities in the country to not have a student fee for such projects and fees are normally around $350 per year.

We feel that these buildings need to be renovated in order to protect Michigan's rich history and enable the next generation of students. As students did one-hundred years ago, we ask that you think about the next one-hundred years of the Michigan student experience. We hope that these buildings come to the forefront of your mind when you consider how best to ensure the University remains the premier school for academic and student leadership.
Join RSG for a Neighborhood Clean Up in Detroit with Focus: HOPE!

Date: Saturday, March 26

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Meet in Front of Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington Street, at 9:00 AM

For more information about upcoming events, like us on , follow us on @RackhamStudGovt or our website at http://rsg.umich.edu
From: Peter McGrath, Division 3 Representative  
To: RSG Board  
Re: Detroit Partnership and Focus: HOPE!

The plan for the event is simple. Stephanie Johnson-Cobb will be our contact with Focus: HOPE, she is working already with some volunteers this Saturday. One group that she wanted to work with dropped out, she called me asking if we could pick up the slack--we need about 10-15 people. I said yes, I think we can do this, but I will be out of town this Saturday. We have gotten good at bootstrapping these events, and that's what we'll do this time. We will send out an email to the Rackham Student body, if interested, they will respond. Also, we'll ask people with cars to step up and volunteer. Once we get a list, we will have people meet in front of Rackham at 9, and from there the group will caravan out to Detroit. Once you reach Focus: HOPE's campus, Stephanie will provide a quick orientation, and then the group will be sent out to the worksite. Focus: HOPE will have the tools, so just bring work clothes.

I will not be in town, so I cannot do this. I can provide as much back-up support as possible, but I really would appreciate it if someone else from RSG takes the reins on this one. If someone is looking for an RSG event to do/supervise, you can meet some cool people on this and get to see Detroit.

Stephanie has been good to us so far, hosting us twice. I know its short notice, but I think we can do this.
Minutes
February 18, 2012

Agenda:
- Welcome & Introductions
- Healthcare Reform Summary
- 2013-2014 Renewal Proposal

Guests:
Kelly O’Donnell, Director, Aetna Account Management
Scott Strothers, Sr. Acct. Executive, Aetna Student Health

Welcome & Introductions:
Laurie Burchett and Nina Thomas welcomed everyone to this afternoon’s meeting. Laurie introduced Kelly O’Donnell and Scott Strothers from Aetna Student Health Insurance.

Healthcare Reform Summary:
Scott directed members to the folder prepared for today’s renewal meeting discussions. He began with the plan enhancements for 2012-2013 which included:

- Preventative Care benefits covered at 100% with no copay or deductible at network providers.
- Contraceptive drugs and supplies covered at 100% with no copay or deductible at network providers. Dr. Winfield reviewed the list and clarified which contraceptives do not have generic equivalents.
- Information on covered benefits and services. Scott provided websites for members to go to for further information.
- Impact for future years.
  - Changes that will impact plan renewal for 2013-2014:
    - Increase annual prescription drug benefit maximum to $500,000
    - Addition of two new taxes which will impact our rates
      - Health Insurer Fee (HIF)
      - Reinsurance Contribution (RC)
  - Changes that will impact plan renewal for 2014-2015:
    - No annual maximum can apply to essential benefits
    - No limitations for pre-existing conditions
    - State insurance marketplace operational
    - Outlying impact of market rating rules TBD.
    - Scott stated the state insurance marketplaces should be ready in October 2013.

- Taxes and Fees
  - Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Fee – “used to fund clinical outcomes effectiveness research; increase from $1 to $2 for the 13/14 plan year”. Per Scott, this is already included in the current health insurance plan. Will be added to insurance plans until 2019.
  - Transitional Reinsurance Contribution – “used to fund state non-profit reinsurance entities to help finance the cost of high-risk individuals in the individual market”. Per Scott, this is currently being set up for funding the insurance pool for high risk individuals in the exchanges. This charge will begin Jan. 2014, go through 2016 and will cost $6 per member/month.
  - Health Insurer Fee – “Health insurers will have to pay an annual fee to offset at least a portion of the expense related to premium subsidies and tax credits to be made available to qualifying individuals purchasing health insurance coverage on the exchanges beginning in 2014”. This is a permanent fee for fully insured plans.
2013-2014 Proposal from Aetna Student Health:
Scott then presented Aetna’s proposal for the 2013-2014 U-M Domestic Student Health Insurance Plan. Part of the discussion was presentation of some “key statistics” from the Jan. 31, 2013 U-M DSHIP Report Package. Key statistics included: membership demographics, reconciliation of medical charges and cost sharing analysis, paid claims by medical cost category, claimants exceeding $25,000, top 25 drugs prescribed by paid amount for years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. When asked about our declining membership Scott replied that it would become a big concern if we ever got down below 500 enrollees. We currently have 1029 enrollees.

The 2013-2014 proposal was then reviewed and discussed. The document included:
- Client history:
  - Plan changes for 2009/2010
  - Plan changes for 2010/2011
  - Plan changes for 2011/2012
  - Plan changes for 2012/2013
  - Enrollment History for years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013
- Explanation of the Medical Plan underwriting summary:
  - 2010/2011 & 2011/2012 Policy Year summary
  - 2012/2013 Projection
  - 2013/2014 Projection
- Medical Plan benefit/program changes required for ACA compliance:
  - Increase prescription drug expense maximum from $100,000 to $500,000 = +0.5%
- Mandated offers required by the State of Michigan:
  - Plans that provide coverage for inpatient hospital care must also offer to include coverage for hospice care. If hospice care is included, notice of the benefit must be included in communications to insured or group purchase of coverage.
  - Must offer benefits for prosthetic devices to maintain or replace body parts of an individual who has undergone a mastectomy.
- Medical Plan Premium Rates for 2013-14-The rates listed below would cover the plan “as is” for 2012-13 with the addition of: the increase in Rx Coverage to $500,000 per year, Mandated Offers Required by the State of Michigan, ACA fees and taxes and University Administration Fees:
  - Student only: $3,288
  - Student & Adult: $9,535
  - Student & Child(ren): $7,132
  - Student & Family: $13,379
- Medical Plan Options: The following options were presented to use in our discussions for the 2013-14 Plan:
  - Change out-of-pocket maximum from $2500 to $7,500 = decrease 6.3%
  - Change out-of-pocket maximum from $2500 to $10,000 = decrease 7.3%
  - Change ER copay from $75 to $100 = decrease 0.2%
  - Change ER copay from $75 to $150 = decrease 0.55%
  - Change prescription drug copays from $20/40/60 to $25/50/80 = decrease 0.7%
  - Change prescription drug copays from $20/40/60 to $25/50/80/50% = decrease 2.5%
  - Remove pre-existing condition limitation = increase 2.5% (requires removal of “optional effective date” enrollment)
- Alternate Plan A- SHIC had asked Aetna to present us with a plan that would cost under $3000 for a student in 2013/14. The benefits needed to keep our costs below $3000 are as follows:
  - $10,000 out-of-pocket maximum for co-insurance
  - $150 ER copay
  - $25/$50/$80/50% Rx copays.
  - Student only cost for this plan $2,958
Much discussion regarding the medical plan options ensued. Scott and Kelly recommend a $5,000 out-of-pocket maximum for co-insurance, $100 ER co-pay, and $25/50/80 prescription drug copays for our 13/14 plan. Laurie asked Scott and Kelly to please propose more changes such as additional levels of out-of-pocket and deductibles for SHIC to consider at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm
Respectfully submitted by Renée Raymond:

Minutes Approved by:
Laurie Burchett (Chair)                                      Nina Thomas (Assistant to the Chair)