Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: November 10, 2011
Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Community Input

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

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. Guest Speaker: Phillip J. Hanlon, Provost

VIII. Fall 2011 Elections

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
Philip J. Hanlon

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon is Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan, a position he assumed on July 1, 2010. He is also Donald J. Lewis Professor of Mathematics and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor.

A University of Michigan faculty member since 1986, Dr. Hanlon has held administrative leadership positions for the past decade, serving as associate dean for planning and finance in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts from 2001-2004 and as vice-provost for academic and budgetary affairs from 2004-June 2010. In these positions, Dr. Hanlon has worked to develop and support academic programs, implement long-term cost savings, and increase transparency in the budgetary process. As vice provost he led campus-wide initiatives on interdisciplinary learning and teaching and established new policies and processes that are leading to more effective use of the University’s space and facilities.

As a mathematician, Dr. Hanlon focuses on probability and combinatorics with applications to bioinformatics and theoretical computer science. He is an expert on topics such as computational genetics, cryptology, and card shuffling. An accomplished and dedicated teacher, Dr. Hanlon has continued to teach while holding administrative appointments. He also founded the Michigan Math and Science Scholars program, a summer program for high school students who have a strong interest in these fields.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Dr. Hanlon received his Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He has received numerous awards for his mathematical research, including a Sloan Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Presidential Young Investigator Award. The University of Michigan has recognized his commitment to teaching with an Excellence in Education Award and a Thurnau Professorship.
WANTED

SUSPECT: Black Male, possibly Bald or with Dread Locks

MORE INFORMATION: COME TO THE TOWN HALL MEETING ★ 11.11.11

The suspect description above is a direct quote from a recent U-M Department of Public Safety Crime Alert. Join us in a town hall meeting to discuss UM-DPS Crime Alerts, Viral Racism, & the Politics of Campus Safety with U-M Chief of Police, Greg O’Dell, hosted by the Students of Color of Rackham (SCoR). Contact us at scor-eboard@umich.edu.

Nov. 11 @ 5:30, Room 250, University of Michigan School of Law | SCoR
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
November 7th, 2011
Espresso Royale, 322 S. State St

I. Roll call of members
Present: Michael Benson, Eli Eisman, Tien-Huei Hsu, David Cottrell, Kaitin Flynn
Absent (excused): Mindy Waite
Absent (unexcused): Grant Mandarino
Called to order: 6:05 pm

II. Special Business

Grad Student Bill of Rights
BOR will be ready to be submitted for board review this week after addition on preamble and changes with regard to formatting.
Michael will do preamble and the formatting and include it in this week’s agenda. We expect a first reading on Nov 17th and approval by board the week after Thanksgiving. After which it will be sent to Deans (including Dean Weiss) for approval. They will define the framework in which the BOR can be enforced. Upon their review, BOR will be sent back to the board.

UM/MSU Symposium Collaboration
Kaitlin is our UM representative; Mike Zeig is our Michigan State contact. (This information is accurate as of Oct 27th)
MSU is looking to include UMichigan and Wayne State this year. This symposium will be interdisciplinary and consist of both oral and poster sessions. Abstracts will be screened by MSU faculty. There will be award money for outstanding presentations. Students will be judged based on their ability to explain their research to the judges who will not necessarily be in their field of study. In the past this has been a one day event, usually held on a Friday- to not conflict with March Madness. The tentative date is March 31st (which is a Saturday).
In 2010, attendance was 100 to 150 students. One difficulty they experienced was advertising the event: their student government does not have access to the grad student email list. However, students would leave after their presentation, so attendance was low. This year we’re expecting around 200 students, or one busload of students from UofM to participate. It will be held in E. Lansing.

Things we will have to pay for include:
- Transportation
- Prize money donated by the Deans. If U of M students win then our Dean will have to fund rewards.

Considerations include:
- Should we set a loose cap on # of people going? Estimated one bus load.
- How will be advertise for the event? Advertise through separate email and through grad coordinators?
- To encourage participation, we could think about paying for posters?
- Ensure that UM students have equal opportunity to do oral presentations

Graduate Student IP Rights
We discussed Eugene’s situation (6th year), which was brought up in board meeting during his guest visit. Essential problem is that there are gray areas with regard to intellectual property rights of GSRAs. We need to make those less ambiguous going forward. IP issues handled by OTT. OTT (director) will be coming to RSG board (1st week of December). Michael asks us to table this issue until the guests come to the board meeting and both sides of issue can be discussed.

Town Halls for Winter 2012
We will be joined by Dean Janet Weiss and John Godfried Assistant Dean of International Issues (who will meet principally with international students). We expect Town Halls to occur between Feb and March of 2012.

Considerations going forward:
- Do we have 4 separate townhalls? Or 2 or 3? We could have a TH for Sci and Engin and another TH for Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Maybe put question in newsletter?

Action Item: Talk to people from programs & office hours regarding optimal town hall format, times and day of the week.

Master’s Students study space
Paul Courant joining us in January 2012.
Eli will follow up on this. Michael will email Eli contact information and keep him posted.

III. Open Discussion

The following question will be included in this election’s ballot:
1. Do you support a change from a 9.0 to 4.0 GPA scale?

V. Next meeting
November 21st 2011, 6pm

VI. Adjournment
We adjourned at 6:44 pm.
I. Roll call of members
   1. Present: Michael Benson, Christine Andres, Nina White, Denise Lillvis
   2. Absent: Marisol Ramos, Alex Toulouse
   3. Called to order: 6:15

II. Special Business
   1. Consider running for RSG rep. (seriously, do it!)

III. Local Affairs
   1. Ann Arbor City Council Election roundup
      • Suggest methodology to remove registered voters who have since moved out of the state, especially concerning students who register while living in the dorms. A suggested idea is to register to vote in MI, after a time period you need to reregister?

IV. Federal Affairs
   1. SAGE fall summit:
      • Approval for Michael, Christine, Nina and Alex to attend SAGE, Register if you haven’t!
      • Hotel rooms booked, Christine to book flights tomorrow
      • Agenda will be sent out to all of committee and opportunities to skype for those who wish who will remain in AA.
      • Michael is putting together a platform based on bills presented
   2. New SAGE Initiative (Quality)
      • SAGE representatives went to DC to meet with partners and brought up the idea of pushing for quality
      • Think About: Research bills that will accomplish this, or ideas where higher efficiency could be achieved in higher education. Ex reducing overhead for grants
      • Think about how to write a survey to include in a future newsletter.
      • ISR peeps to be invited to the next meeting (Michael)
      • Duderstadt is leading a committee to define the role Public University and Higher Education. He will hopefully come and provide more information on this topic in a future meeting.

V. State Level
   1. House bill 4470 and 4471: Bill to cut back on Insurance coverage for domestic partnership
   2. House bill 5040: a bill to protect the right of a student to assert conscientious objection to providing certain counseling or other services
   3. Requirements for immunizations of entering college students and possible next step to require insurance, could drop premiums for uninsured students by $1000 as risks decrease. This could help balance increasing premiums. To be determined how many students are uninsured come December. Possible opportunity to reach out to School of Public Health.
VI. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 23rd, 6:30 Chipotle**

VII. Adjournment: 6:50
Present: Alex Toulouse, Mindy Waite
At the Red Wings Game: Rahul Sakhamuri, Michael Benson, Heidi Pedini

I. Meeting Start: 7:20 pm
II. Trivia Night
   a. Plan to push this event back to the beginning of next semester
III. Karaoke Night
   a. Need to find out if we able to order appetizers, and if/how much it would cost for an exclusive event
   b. Alex E. waiting to hear back from Circus by Wed otherwise Mindy will contact.
   c. Date would be Thurs Dec. 1st or Dec. 8th.
IV. Heat Game
   a. Need to contact Natalie to get update and determine if we need to get money back.
V. Bicycle Initiative
   a. Named TruMich
   b. Petitioning for free bike-share program on campus: https://www.msa.umich.edu/upetition/p/free-bike-share/
   c. Agree to advertise their survey on Bike-riding preferences. Will contact and ask for blurb for the newsletter.
VI. Sexual Assault Safety Event
   a. Decided to co-sponsor with Rackham. Will need to email event to listserv.
VII. Meeting End: 7:40 pm
A RESOLUTION CREATING STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR THE RACKHAM ASSOCIATE 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

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

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.

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Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government