Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: November 29, 2012

Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Michael
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Kaitlin
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Alex
V. RSG Election – November 27th, 28th & 29th Update
VI. SAGE Fall Summit – November 30th, December 1st, December 2nd
   a. Michigan Delegation
   b. Schedule of Events * (p. 2)
   c. New Advocacy Issues
VII. First Reading: Proposed Amendments to the RSG Bylaws * (p. 6)
VIII. Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs
   b. Budgetary
   c. Community Outreach & Social Action
   d. Elections Committee
   e. Legislative Affairs
   f. Student Life Committee
   g. Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
   h. Steering Committee
IX. Individual Projects – Update
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
SAGE FALL SUMMIT 2012

Goals

- Publicize SAGE and the work of the coalition
- Focus on Sharing of best practices
- Prioritize Advocacy Issues for the coming year
- Successful meeting for SAGE members

Location of Events:

NOTE: all locations are circled in red in the map. The Yellow lines demarcate suggested walking paths to get from location to location.

The group will leave from the Hotel Lobby 10 minutes before the start of each day. Please be there on time—try to be at the lobby 5 minutes before we leave.

Thursday:
- Reception is informal at the Campus Inn’s hotel bar (Victor’s Bar)

Friday:
- Morning Coffee is at Beanster’s Cafe which is located in the Michigan League adjacent to the Rackham Building (see map included in packet).
- SAGE Meetings will take place in the Executive Board Conference Room in the Rackham Building. Walk into the Rackham Building and proceed ahead and to your left. Enter the “West Wing” and turn left when you reach a reception desk. Our meeting room is ahead.
- Lunch is at the North Quad Dining Hall which is just West of the Rackham Building.
- The tour of the nation’s largest football stadium will take place in the Big House (Michigan Stadium) We will depart as a group from lunch to the athletic campus at 12:25pm

Saturday and Sunday
- All meetings are in the Michigan League. We will meet in the Koessler room on Saturday and in the Henderson room on Sunday. Both rooms are located on the League’s 3rd floor.
- Lunch will be at the Hill Dining Center, another on-campus new dining facility.

General Agenda
Thursday November 29th
9 pm – Cocktail Welcome Reception @ Victor’s Bar (Campus Inn: 615 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104)

Friday December 1st
*Group will leave hotel at 9:00am for those of you that want to join us for coffee.*
9:00am–9:30am Coffee at Beanster’s Cafe or on your Own
9:30am – 11:00am SAGE Welcome & Business Session 1
11:15am – 12:20pm Lunch at North Quad (Meal Vouchers Provided)
1:00pm – 2:30pm Tour of the *Big House* (Michigan Stadium)
3:00pm – 6:00pm SAGE Business Session 2
7:00pm – Group Dinner & Evening Activities

Saturday December 2nd
*Group will leave hotel at 9:00am*
9:15am – 10am Coffee, Fruit and Bagel Breakfast / Mingling
10:00am – 12pm SAGE Business Session 3
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch at Crossroads (Meal Vouchers Provided)
1:30pm – 3:00pm SAGE Business Session 4
3:30pm – 5:00pm Campus Tour (including the bookstore)
5:15pm – 7:00pm SAGE Business Session 5
7:30pm – Group Dinner at Sava’s and Evening Activities

Sunday December 3rd
*Group will leave at 9:15am*
9:30am – 10:00am Coffee, Fruit and Bagel Breakfast
10:00am – 11:00am Sage Business Session 6
11:00am – 12:00pm Closing Session/Next steps
12:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch at North Quad (Meal Vouchers Provided) or on your own

**SAGE Detail of Sessions**

**Session 1: Friday 9:30am - 11:00am**
1. Welcome & Summit Overview
2. SAGE History (Organization)
3. SAGE Advocacy History
4. Current Issues Before the Congress - Overview
   a. Sequestration
   b. STEM Jobs Act
   c. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act
   d. New Income Based Repayment (IBR)
5. Update to Current SAGE Advocacy Issues (UT-Austin + UCLA)

**Session 2: Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm**
1. Sharing of Best Practices - Case Studies (Alberto)
2. Campus Roundtable - Current Issues - 3 minute overview of issues on your campus
3. Additional Survey Question Generation
4. Discussion with University of Michigan’s Vice Provost Martha Pollack on Funding Graduate Education

**Session 3: Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm**
1. Presentation of potential new issues for the Coalition to consider (Michigan + UCSD)
2. Panel Discussion - Campus Aspirations
4. Discussion with state legislators on the role of government in higher education and the role of higher education in government
5. Future of SAGE 1: Where do we go from here?

**Session 4: Saturday 1:30 - 3:00pm**
1. Discussion with Former President James Duderstadt on the future of higher education
2. Selection of SAGE Advocacy Issues for 2013
3. Formation of Heterogeneous Groups (for White Paper construction & Issue Monitoring)
4. Questionnaire Discussion
5. Nominations - Vice Chair

**Session 5: Saturday 5:15 - 7:00pm**
1. Selection of Steering Committee meeting days & times for 2013
2. Review of Officer performance July 1, 2012 - December 1, 2012
3. Elections to fill vacancies
4. SAGE Recruitment & Retention Update
5. Groups assigned to work on each advocacy item
   a. Assign one campus to lead each item or sub-item
   b. Assign one campus + one officer to oversee whitepaper process
   c. Assign Heterogeneous groups (from summit) to advise and continue to monitor for future updates.
6. Future of SAGE 2: Engaging our membership

**Session 6: SAGE Closing Session Sunday 10:00am - 12:00pm**
1. Spill-over from previous 5 sessions
2. Small group discussion and presentation on areas of future collaboration
3. Summit Roundup
4. Review Next Steps & Suggestions for next year’s summit

**Meals & Snacks:**
- Thursday Evening Snack: Bar snacks will be available at the Victor’s Bar
- Friday Breakfast: Bagels, Coffee, Tea, and fruit will be provided at the first morning session
- Friday Lunch: Provided at a new U of Michigan Dining Facility
- Friday Snacks: Will be available during the afternoon and at the Michigan Stadium
- Friday Dinner: Mini-groups (2 or 3) will dine together, or on your own, in Ann Arbor
- Saturday Breakfast: Bagels, Coffee, Tea, and fruit will be provided at the first morning session. Additional breakfast food is available for purchase in the Michigan League.
- Saturday Lunch: Provided at a new U of Michigan Dining Facility
- Saturday Snacks: Will be available after lunch and during the walking tour of campus
- Saturday Dinner: Sava’s (216 South State Street)
- Sunday Breakfast: Bagels, Coffee, Tea, and fruit will be provided at the first morning session.
- Sunday Lunch: Out on the town for those that have late flights (or drives) home.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RSG BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

A. Source of Power. All power under these bylaws is derived directly from the University of Michigan's All Campus Constitution (amended and revised, March 2009), Article 1 (Student Governments on Campus), Section B (Governments), Section C (Democratically Constituted Governments), and the Compiled Code of the Michigan Student Assembly.

ARTICLE II

K. Referenda. RSG shall send to the student body such questions as it deems necessary by a majority vote. Such questions can be informational, such as to gauge the general opinion of the student body on a given issue, or binding such that the outcome of the vote will be binding on RSG policy decisions.

ARTICLE VI

F. Petitions.

1. Binding questions on an RSG Ballot. Petitions, amendments, and other forms of binding ballot questions may be submitted to the Student body during a general or special election for campus vote. The Board must approve all such items by majority vote no later than 14 days prior to the general election. Questions to be placed on a general election ballot may not be approved during a first reading.

   a. Petitions submitted by a member of the student body may only be placed on a general election ballot. Such petitions must be signed by a minimum of 10% of the student body. All petitions meeting this signature requirement will be forwarded to the Central Student Judiciary for review as to the form of the binding question. The Central Student Judiciary shall have the authority to order changes to the petition’s wording to make it clearer and easier to understand. CSJ will forward approved language to the RSG Board which in turn will schedule the question for placement on the next general election ballot.

   ab. Binding questions initiated by the RSG Board may not be approved during a first reading. Prior to the second reading of a resolution (sense of the board) to place a binding question on an RSG ballot, notice shall be posted to the RSG website as well as to the student body directly and/or via each department / program’s graduate coordinators that a resolution shall be coming to a vote. The notice shall include the title of the
resolution, a short description of the resolution including objective pros and cons, and the date / location of the meeting where the Board will consider the resolution for the binding question.
Resolution to Support the Actions of Building a Better Michigan.
Submitted by the Internal Review Committee

Whereas, the University of Michigan Residence Halls Association (hereinafter RHA) is the student government in the residence halls at the University of Michigan, and;

Whereas, all power under RHA’s constitution is derived directly from non-residence staff students living in university residence halls, hereby known as residents, and;

Whereas, University of Michigan unions such as the Union, the League, and Pierpont Commons provide residents with on-campus study spaces, meeting areas, and alternative community centers, and;

Whereas, for example, the Union in particular serves as an iconic monument to the University of Michigan as a whole and the interior quality should reflect the prestige of the exterior, and;

Whereas, University of Michigan recreational facilities such as the North Campus Recreation Building, the Central Campus Recreation Building, and the Intramural Sports Building provide stress relief and overall wellness for residents and students alike, and;

Whereas, the former stated buildings are in need of improvements in order to best serve future University students and residents, and;

Whereas, the University of Michigan has historically led the country’s colleges and universities in innovations of public spaces with the Union as the third union in the country in 1919 and the IM building as the first recreation only building in 1921, and;

Whereas, Building a Better Michigan is creating a campus-wide campaign to improve these facilities and bring Michigan back to being the Leaders and Best in Campus Recreational and Academic Spaces.

Therefore be it resolved that, Building a Better Michigan is an organization that will directly affect current and future residents of university housing by improving their daily lives on campus, and;

Therefore be it finally resolved that, the Residence Halls Association supports Building a Better Michigan in its endeavors to improve campus life for students and residents alike.

As approved by the Assembly;
And witnessed by the Chair.

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Chair                   Vote             Date