Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: November 8, 2012

Agenda

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   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Alex

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XII. 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
10/25/12
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:35 P.M.

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35pm

b. **Present:** Chris Tom, Matt Waugh, Eli Benchell Eisman, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, Alex Gutierrez, Anna Belak, Haven Allen, Phil Saccone, Evan Arthur, Lauren Knapp, Heidi Alvey, Vanessa Cruz, Pete McGrath, Alex Emly

c. **Absent:** Matt Filter

d. **Excused:** Kaitlin Flynn, Dan Trubman

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

a. Motion by Alex E, seconded by Haven. Approved unanimously.

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. Minutes from 10/18/12-Motion by Phil, seconded by Eli. Changes: to attendance: Lauren was excused. Kaitlin and Michael will fix this. Approved with one abstention.

IV. **OFFICER REPORTS**

a. **President Michael Benson.** Still working through all the appointment applications. Short meeting tonight because the meeting next week will be cancelled for the election forum so will be busy. We will have 3 guest speakers coming in 2 weeks, including the provost, the mayor, and the senior vice provost for institutional equity. Dean Weiss coming in December. Committee attendance needs to improve. Please go to committees where a lot of work gets done. Email going out advertising committees and another advertising election forum. All minutes approved by the board are online. Let Kaitlin know if there is a problem with minutes on the website.

b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** Absent

c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** $22,000 in the account and the University. Michael and Alex met with Cindy Bank the Associate Director for the university’s federal congressional office. Among the issues discussed was the requesting of a score from Congressman Levin’s office on the taxation of graduate student stipends. She was very supportive of the SAGE fall summit and cannot attend but will be providing suggestions and helping as possible. She was also supportive of RSG’s secession from CSG.

V. **Election Forum – November 1, 2012**
a. **Advertising:** The flyer has been finalized. Some dissent about the ‘business’ of the flyer. Haven, Heidi, Vanessa, vote to make changes to the flyer. Michael will make changes and send out tomorrow.
   i. **Haven:** Shrink the last two lines because not related to this event
   ii. **Heidi:** Wants to see fewer words at the bottom, and the text color for time and date should be that of the RSG logo
   iii. **Vanessa:** Shrink or remove the Vote image.
   iv. **Eli:** Asks if we should have questions tweeted instead of on website. Website seems easier according to Michael.

b. **Logistics:** Everyone is expected to show up at 6:30 to help out with the forum. Attendance will be taken. Looking forward to a great event.

**VI. RSG Election – November 28 & 29th**

a. Our elections need to be set. CSG appears to be choosing 11/28 to 11/29. Moved by Chris; second by Heidi.

b. Michael suggests adding an extra day to the election to give people more time to vote. Motion to amend by Haven to add Tuesday 11/27 to the election, second Vanessa. Considered friendly motion.

c. Initial motion passes unanimously.

d. Kaitlin will hold first elections meeting next week and after will start soliciting for candidates.

**VII. Board Policy Discussion: Limited invitation events**

a. COSAC has limited some events to specific participants. RSG’s policy has typically been to open to all Rackham students. Going forward what should be RSG’s policy? Eli says this has been only done by COSAC for small events, rather than soliciting the entire student body for a few students. Alex E says attendance is difficult and pooling from people that are more certain to show up for a small group is important. It’s difficult to build relations with groups in the committee when attendance is lacking. Michael: we are funded through public funds, so the policy has been that everyone should have an equal opportunity to participate in all events. Chris: Asks if this is in the bylaws. It is not, it’s just our standard operating procedure. Heidi: important for COSAC so we need to find a happy medium to satisfy COSACS’s needs while giving everyone opportunities. Haven: Asks for examples. Eli: event at a food shelter with 3 people occurring this weekend. Vanessa: is it possible to provide information on the website to sign up without advertising. Alex: no funds are being used from RSG so the event may not need to be advertised. Eli frequents RSG’s website 4 or 5 times DAILY! He’s not sure how many other people do. Michael suggests tabling this issue, but it’s something we need to think about. Committees will be asked to think about this as well and come up with a policy for their individual committees. Michael supports allowing it given it’s acceptable for the type of event. Phil: asks if anyone has complained. No complaints yet, but this is just a question of oversight. Alex E: COSAC is a relatively new committee, and trying to give people that are interested the opportunity to volunteer the option and can grow later.

**VIII. Town Halls/Lunches with the Deans**

a. Michael: dates and times are set but we do not have rooms yet. Chris: last time it was done in Rackham with all the deans with a lunch portion. Attendance is
typically mandatory at one of the events but will discuss it with Academic Affairs. Will have North and Central Campus event only. Food will be purchased accordingly and will stay under budget. 11/15 and 11/19 from 12-1 on central and north respectively. It’s good to have questions prepared to help start the discussions.

IX. Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: Nothing aside from Lunch with deans.
   b. Budgetary: Approved another request this week and next week the ad for funding will go out.
   c. Community Outreach and Social Action: H4H event this weekend that had 18 people. Hoping to make this a weekly event next year. People are signed up for the soup kitchen this weekend.
   d. Legislative Affairs: Motion to approve the minutes by Lauren and seconded by Anna. The date is wrong. Approved unanimously. Forum happening next week and committee is meeting next week at 8 pm. Questions will be selected at that point, anyone welcome to attend. SAGE and state issues will be discussed after forum.
   e. Student Life Committee: Happy hour last night that was successful at ABC, approx 150 people. Tango event next week. Hoping to have event at Conors with the SAGE summit. The RSG sponsored consulting event had approx 75 people. Organization solicited their event at the ABC event, and Alex E suggest putting in a policy such that you must notify us before soliciting anything at our events.
   f. Grad&Professional Student Assembly Steering Committee: postponed to next week.

X. Individual Projects—Update: Evan working on getting flight discounts for grad students.

XI. Open Discussion
   a. Haven: Asks about GPA. Deans council meeting next week and it will be discussed. The issue of taking classes pass/fail will also be discussed.
   b. Alex G: Issue with access to machining tools for his lab in computer science. Brings up issue of accessibility to university resources that are departmentally restrictive. Academic Affairs will look into it.
   c. Pete: Asks about insurance issue. Michael will ask SHIC to look at NAGPS health plan brought forward by RSG.
   d. Haven: Thanks board for supporting DPC. Election night event 11/6 will be at BWW.

XII. Adjournment- Motion by Chris at 7:25pm, second by Pete. No objections.
I. CALL TO ORDER: 8:08pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present:
Chair Chris Tom, Co-chair Anna Belak, Unofficial Vice-Chair Kaitlin Flynn, Secretary Alex Gutierrez, President Michael Benson, Eli Benchell Eisman, Heidi Pedini, Pete McGrath, Ben VanGessel.

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES & TASKS

a. Town Halls/Lunch with the Deans –
   Central Campus: 11/15 12-1p; North Campus: 11/19 12-1p
   1. Representative Requirements: will need to get help from all board representatives.
   2. Rooms: Rackham for Central, Pierpont for North Campus
   3. How many people? Talks of 75-100 students per campus. Action items defined below.
   4. Additional Deans: we have all of the deans we are interested. Invite Laura Patterson. Eli has the idea to invite someone from OSEH to address Division II about institutional training etc.
   5. Food/Budget: Food for events dependent on where the events are. Pizza is a possible option. Also Quizno’s can do boxed lunches. We will need to meet next week to keep going ahead with these plans.

b. Remove ‘Letter of Recommendation’ requirement from the Rackham emergency fund
   i. Additional LoR sources
   ii. The committee is in support of changing the requirements to change the requirement from the program director to perhaps another faculty member, an ombudsman, SAPAC, Spectrum center, etc. Michael suggests a University employee (ombuds, SAPAC, advisor, graduate coordinator, CAPS, etc). Chris will write up a draft resolution and we will send it to John Godfrey.

c. Signup sheet for graduate student tutors
   i. Hosting/information management- Michael has created the signup sheet and says that we will host it on the RSG website, Students with Disabilities and Rackham could mirror.
   ii. Michael has already coded this for the old website.
   iii. Michael has created a google form and then have people sign up.
Then Michael will import the data into the code and then open it up for use in December.

d. Graduate Student Bill of Rights
   i. Meeting with administration. Michael has requested and we are waiting to hear back from Janet on what time we can meet with her.

e. Resolution for Accessibility of Technology
   i. Heidi is here to discuss the drafting of her resolution for the ensuring that technology remains accessible for all students. In her words, the goal is to have a temporary fix such that all technology services are equal during the time of transition from the UM system to Google. Some statements to include: making sure office hours aren’t held exclusively online, making mirror sites for websites that exist on the Google Sites interface. Anna asks about enforcement of these policies and how the resolution will be enacted. Michael explains that we could have an anonymous tip line to ensure that people could report displeasure. Discussion ensues. The idea would be to make a very broad resolution to allow individual professors and research groups to decide how to go about things (ie: cannot just use Google Drive, must use CTools only or perhaps both, etc). Michael suggests making our resolution broad in order to ensure that the scope is appropriate and we are not stepping outside of our bounds as a committee or the board.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION:
   a. Ben brings up his concern. He mentions that on North Campus the Urban Planning department is marginalized on campus. For instance, the building they are in is quite outdated and quite distracting. The technology is not up to par and really lacking considering the quality of Michigan. Architecture is in the same building, and they have insanely high tech machines and other opportunities. Another issue is that the tuition for the same programs is the same but the amenities are not.

V. ACTION ITEMS
   a. [Kaitlin] get room for Rackham
   b. [Michael] get room for North Campus
   c. [Chris] make registration for LwtD and email so we can advertise starting Friday.
   d. [Eli] call Palmer commons to see about LwtD
   e. [Michael] Contact Laura Patterson about attending LwtD
   f. [Chris] draft Letter of Rec resolution
   g. [Heidi] work on drafting accessibility resolution
   h. [Michael] Send out form link for getting tutors.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:49pm. Meeting again next week!
VII. APPENDIX
I. CALL TO ORDER September 29, 2012

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Chris Tom, Michael Benson, Haven Allen, Matthew Filter, Brandon Erickson, Vanessa Cruz, Alexis Toulouse
   b. Absent (excused):
   c. Absent (unexcused):

III. FUNDING REQUEST:
   a. Organization Name: China Entrepreneur Network (CEN)
   b. Event name: China Business Challenge
   c. Event date(s): November 18, 2012
   d. Event location: Rackham Amphitheater and Assembly Hall
   e. Requesting: $2000

IV. DISCUSSION:
   a. Alex T: Please review it and respond to the entire committee with a motion OR in support of a motion (or abstaining), in addition to any comments you may have. Let me remind you that because we do not meet as a committee it is critical that everyone thoroughly review the funding requests, participate in the electronic discussion, and follow others' comments. This discussion will be closed Thursday 10/4 at 6 pm so please respond before then. As chair of the committee, I can't make a motion but I would support funding around the level of $500. This event is somewhat atypical from events we usually fund, but it doesn't appear to violate any of our funding criteria. It does seem to have a limited scope in my opinion. I have asked the group to give me more information as to what percentage of the students they would estimate to be MBA students vs. Rackham students and I will pass that information along when I receive it.
   b. Alex T: here's some updated information on the breakdown of students last year: Total: 146, Undergraduate: 35, Graduate: 111, MBA: 29, MD: 0, JD: 0, Other: 82. From this estimate, we can assume there were approximately 80 Rackham students.
   c. Kaitlin: I make a motion to fund at a level of $300. For an event with a budget of $52,000, this group appears to be soliciting funding from a wide range of appropriate sources. However, with a lower attendance (proportionately more Ross students than Rackham) I feel like $300 is an appropriate funding level. They might be able to put this towards printing, or contribute to speaker travel.
   d. Michael: I will second Kaitlin's motion to fund $300. However, before we conclude our discussion on this request, I would like to know how the group plans to fund this event as the funds already secured only cover 50% of the costs. In addition, were we to fund the request at the maximum level, e.g. $2000, the group would still be close to $20,000 away from covering their costs. In addition, I would suggest that paying $30/person for food at Webbers is excessive and that whatever money we allocate should be restricted from covering Webbers catering / dining.
   e. Chris: CEN doesn't appear to be asking for any money from RSG to go towards food; the only two requests are for speaker travel and printing and publications. Therefore, it doesn't look like our money will be going towards that anyway. However, while speakers travel seems reasonable, and something that we've done in the past, flying judges in from China seems excessive, in my humble opinion. The event is still a
month and a half off, and so they have done a good job at getting the request to us on time. Maybe there are additional sources of funding they haven't included here; I agree that this should be inquired about.

f.  Haven: I vote in favor of Kaitlin's motion.

g.  Matt: $300. I agree with Kaitlin et al.

h.  Vanessa: I agree with contributing $300 to their very expensive competition. If the group's budget demands $51,000 (85% of their $60,000 budget) for this event and they've only raised $22,500 thus far, it seems to me they are very short. Just saying. I think $22,500 is plenty for the printing, prizes, food and travel. Although, it seems like they can't advertise there will be $30,000 in prizes.

i.  Brandon: The application asks if the speakers are integral to the discussion, and they reply in the negative. That same question asks for them to apply a biography of the speaker to the end of the application. If they do not feel the speaker is critical and do not provide information about the speaker, why do they rank speaker travel as their top priority? I am certainly not comfortable funding travel for mysterious speakers that they do not feel are integral to the event. If they could provide more information about the speaker, making the application more consistent with respect to their rankings for the funds they request, I would consider a motion to fund beyond $500. However, as it stands, I would support at most $500. I am in favor of the $300 proposed, as long as the funds are not fungible (e.g., not used to back advertised prizes or speaker travel).

j.  Alex: Thank you all for your contributions to this discussion! The motion for $300 passes. I will note, I tried to contact the group asking where the remainder of their budget would be coming from, but I have yet to hear back. Regardless of this, the committee’s responsibility is to evaluate the funding request we are presented with and not to budget an individual group’s event for them.

V.  VOTE:
   a.  $500: Alex
   b.  $300: Kaitlin, Michael, Vanessa, Haven, Chris, Brandon, Matt
   c.  Abstentions:

VI. The committee votes to fund $300 for speaker travel and printing and publications for CEN’s event.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: October 4, 2012
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
BUDGETARY COMMITTEE  
October 3, 2012  
Meeting Held Electronically

I. CALL TO ORDER October 3, 2012

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Chris Tom, Michael Benson, Haven Allen, Matthew Filter, Brandon Erickson, Vanessa Cruz, Alexis Toulouse
   b. Absent (excused):
   c. Absent (unexcused):

III. FUNDING REQUEST:
   a. Organization Name: Engineering Graduate Symposium Organizing Committee
   b. Event name: Engineering Graduate Symposium (EGS)
   c. Event date(s): November 2, 2012
   d. Event location: Duderstadt Center, North Campus
   e. Requesting: $1000

IV. DISCUSSION:
   a. Alex T: As chair of the committee, I can't make a motion but I would support funding $100 for Printing/Advertising and up to $350 for food. This is one of the larger events for graduate students that occurs on north campus every year with at least 250 participants, only including those presenting posters. I like the idea that they are interesting in expanding participation from students in the physical sciences as well.
   b. Kaitlin: I would like to make a motion to support funding the EGS at a level of $500, $100 for printing and $400 for food. As Alex says, this is a large event, academic in focus, draws a number of students from a variety of disciplines, and strongly supports our Division II students (our largest division). Additionally, the group has sought out a number of additional funding sources and I feel it's appropriate that RSG contribute strongly to this event.
   c. Michael: I second Kaitlin's motion and vote in favor. As a note, I plan on participating in this year's engineering graduate symposium however, I have absolutely no role in organizing, planning, or executing it. I discussed the possibility of abstaining on this vote with Alex and decided against doing so as committee members can participate in events that we fund (as opposed to planning the events). If you disagree with this analysis, please email me privately and I will re-consider my vote.
   d. Vanessa: I agree with the $500 budget approval.
   e. Haven: I vote in favor of approving $500 for the event.
   f. Matt: I back Alex's suggestion of $450.
   g. Chris: I vote for the $500 funding level.
   h. Brandon: I also vote for the $500 funding level.

V. VOTE:
   a. $500: Kaitlin, Michael, Vanessa, Haven, Chris, Brandon
   b. $450: Matt, Alex T
   c. Abstentions:
VI. The committee votes to fund $100 for advertising and $400 for food for EGS’s event.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**: October 8, 2012
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
BUDGETARY COMMITTEE  
October 5, 2012  
Meeting Held Electronically

I. CALL TO ORDER October 5, 2012

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Matthew Filter, Brandon Erickson, Alexis Toulouse
   b. Absent (excused): Haven
   c. Absent (unexcused): Chris Tom, Vanessa Cruz

III. FUNDING REQUEST:
   a. Organization Name: Domestic Policy Corps (DPC)
   b. Event name: Presidential Election Cycle
   d. Event location: Weill Hall
   e. Requesting: $500

IV. DISCUSSION:
   a. Alex T: Attached you will find the much anticipated funding request from the Domestic Policy Corps. They are requesting $500 for food for their presidential/vice-presidential debate viewing events. This discussion will be closed Tuesday 10/9 at 6 pm so please respond before then! Seeing as the board has already thrown its full support behind this group's event by voting to co-sponsor it, I would like to ask for a motion to fully fund the requested $500. They have already held one very successful event, and I expect that the others will be just as successful and well attended. I would also ask that those involved in the organization of this event kindly abstain.
   b. Michael: I move to fully fund the Domestic Policy Corps at its requested $500 level. As a part of this motion, I would like to stipulate that RSG's contribution to this event must be for more than just food (e.g. advertising which is the group's #2 priority.)
   c. Matt: I abstain as I am part of the group, but I wholly suggest others vote yes. :)
   d. Kaitlin: I second Michael's motion to fund DPC at a level of $500 with the stipulations. I also want to point out that anyone can make a motion on budgetary items-- it does not have to be an exec :)
   e. Brandon: I vote in favor of funding DPC at $500 with stipulations.

V. VOTE:
   a. $500: Alex, Kaitlin, Michael, Brandon
   b. Abstentions: Matt

VI. The committee votes to fund $500 for food and advertising for DPC’s event given the above mentioned stipulations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: October 9, 2012
I. CALL TO ORDER October 9, 2012

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Vanessa Cruz, Haven Allen, Matthew Filter, Chris Tom, Brandon Erickson, Alexis Toulouse
   b. Absent (excused): Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn
   c. Absent (unexcused):

III. FUNDING REQUEST:
   a. Organization Name: Hustle and Grow (H&G)
   b. Event name: H&G Mentor/Mentee Kick-Off 2012-2013
   c. Event date(s): October 23, 2012
   d. Event location: Rackham
   e. Requesting: $466

IV. DISCUSSION:
   a. Alex: Attached is a request from Hustle and Grow for their Mentor/Mentee Kickoff. This discussion will be closed Monday 10/14 at 10 pm so please respond before then. I would propose funding $250 as a block grant towards all of the items indicated. Although this is for a relatively small group, it’s a diverse one across Rackham, and it can be considered to fall under the categories of community service and cultural event that RSG is likely to fund. It’s also in its second year so I’m happy to help support this group as it grows, although I’m wary of allocating much more than this given the number of graduate students involved.
   b. Vanessa: I'll refrain from voting because I'm a board member for Hustle&Grow. I will clarify that since the budget application was submitted, our group has seen increases (nearly doubled in size) in grad student membership because NEW mentorship applications were due in the lapsed time. In addition to the 43 grad members referred to in the application, we now have 42 more mentors affiliated with the mentorship program. We are still receiving new mentor applicants until Friday this week.
   d. Alex: I inquired with the contact on this request, David Fernandez, who has told me that as of yesterday: "Currently we have 49 undergraduates and 43 graduate students expected to be in attendance." As these are the only official numbers we've been given, these are the ones that should be used in considering this request.
   e. Brandon: I vote for the $250 motion.
   f. Alex: All, our bylaws require 5 active members to make any financial decisions. If I can't get 5 responses from the committee, I'll be forced to bring this request before the board for a vote. Thank you to those who have already responded.
   g. Matt: As goes Haven, so goes America. I move to support the $250.
   h. Chris: Apologies. I vote for the 250 funding level

V. VOTE:
   a. $250: Alex, Haven, Matt, Chris, Brandon
   b. Abstentions: Vanessa
VI. The committee votes to fund $250 for food, advertising, operations, and printing and publications for H&G’s event.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**: October 14, 2012
I. CALL TO ORDER October 17, 2012

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn, Haven Allen, Chris Tom, Brandon Erickson, Alexis Toulouse
   b. Absent (excused):
   c. Absent (unexcused): Vanessa Cruz, Matthew Filter

III. FUNDING REQUEST:
   a. Organization Name: GradTONES
   b. Event name: GradTONES Fall Semester Concert
   c. Event date(s): December 12, 2012
   d. Event location: Michigan League Ballroom
   e. Requesting: $770

IV. DISCUSSION:
   a. Alex: Attached is a request from GradTONES for their acappella concert. This
discussion will be closed Monday 10/22 at 5 pm so please respond before then.
I would propose funding $150 for the music licensing and room rental. I think it's
a fantastic idea to have a Rackham wide group like this, and although the group
is small they are new and will hopefully grow. I'm not convinced they'll be able to
achieve an attendance of 150 people, but I'm sure there would be a number of
graduate students in attendance. I am also inclined to ask them if they would
consider letting us reserve a room for them, such as Rackham's 4th floor
amphitheater, since we can reserve it for free. Thoughts? Is there a motion?
   b. Michael: I move that we fund the GradTONES $300 with the restrictions that RSG
funds can only be used for the music licensing, room rental, and advertising. If
the group is willing to hold their concert in Rackham, with RSG co-sponsoring
and thus renting the room for free, I would reduce my dollar amount to $200.
Again, the emphasis here is on advertising.
   d. Kaitlin: Vote in favor.
   e. Chris: I think that this is an excellent suggestion. I'm in favor!
   f. Brandon: I also support Michael's motion.

V. VOTE:
   a. $300: Michael, Haven, Kaitlin, Chris, Brandon, Alexis
   b. Abstentions:

VI. The committee votes to fund $300 for music licensing, advertising, and room
rental for GradTONES' event.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: October 22, 2012
I. CALL TO ORDER 8:13 pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
   a. Present: Representatives Lauren Knapp, Anna Belak, Vanessa Cruz, Brandon Erickson, Phillip Saccone, Chris Tom, Brandon Erickson, Treasurer Alex Toulouse, Students at-large David Barton, Liz Gary, Joseph Lichterman (EIC of the Michigan Daily), and President & Chair Michael Benson
   b. Absent (excused):
   c. Absent (unexcused): Representatives Dan Trubman, Matthew Filter, Haven Allen

III. Appointment of Secretary for 10/31/12 Meeting
   a. Chairman Benson was appointed to serve as the committee’s secretary for the 10/31 meeting.

IV. Election Forum Logistics:
   a. Reserved Seats:
      i. RSG – 15 seats for representatives and their guests
      ii. SCOR – 20 seats
      iii. CLOSUP – 0 seats
      iv. Michigan Daily – 15 seats
   b. Format – The committee reviewed the format for the forum and appointed moderators for each event.
      i. Introduction and Welcome – President Benson
      ii. Proposal 1 – Editor in Chief Yossi
      iii. Proposal 2 – Editor in Chief Yossi
      iv. Proposal 3 – Representative Knapp
      v. Proposal 4 – Representative Saccone
      vi. Proposal 5 – Representative Tom
      vii. Proposal 6 – Representative Cruz
      viii. Closing – President Benson
   c. Questions. The committee received and reviewed a number of questions, submitted by the student body and the Ann Arbor community. These questions were whittled down and combined with additional questions synthesized by the committee for use at the forum.
      i. Proposal 1
1. If PA-4 is defeated on Tuesday, what will the impact be on the municipalities and school districts currently under the control of an EFM?
2. If PA-4 is upheld, what checks and oversights are in place to ensure that the EFMs are not abusing their authority and how is it decided that the "emergency" is over?

ii. Proposal 2
1. Aside from enshrining the right to collectively bargain in the state constitution, specifically, what other impacts do you foresee? (policies, employers, employees)
2. How will this impact the unemployment rate?

iii. Proposal 3
1. Constitutions are generally considered sacrosanct in American politics. What are the advantages and disadvantages to amending the State Constitution? Why does this need to be in the constitution or why shouldn't it be?

iv. Proposal 4
1. On some documentation I've received in the mail from my representative, it indicates that voting 'Yes' on this legislation will require all in home health care workers, even family members, to join the union and pay dues. This seems like it would be impossible to enforce. Beyond that, though, would family members taking care of sick children, injured children, or aging grandparents be required to join a union (or penalized if they don't) if they are not intending to be registered with the Home Care Council?
2. Even if there is a carve-out for family members, how would that be enforced?

v. Proposal 5
1. Other states have adopted this policy. From their experiences, what can you say the impact would be on the legislate process including budgeting, on Michigan.

vi. Proposal 6
1. Generally, large scale infrastructure projects are the prevue of the state government. From the campaign advertisements, it seems that the focus of this proposal is on a potential new bridge to Canada. If approved, how would this amendment affect the cost and viability of future international crossings?

d. Supreme Court Candidate and MLaw professor Mcormick won’t be able to attend. Someone from CRC will speak talk generally about importance of voting down the ballot.

e. Speakers confirmed (This section was updated after the election forum to reflect the actual speakers at the event.)
   i. Prop 1 Pro - Lewis Butler
ii. Prop 1 Con - Jeff Irwin  
iii. Prop 2 Pro - Lewis Butler  
iv. Prop 2 Con - Jeff Irwin  
v. Prop 3 Pro - Douglas Jester  
vi. Prop 3 Con - Molly Luempert-Coy  
vii. Prop 4 Pro - Scott Heinzmaov (sp)  
viii. Prop 4 Con - ?  
ix. Prop 5 Pro - Lewis Butler  
x. Prop 5 Con - Colleen Layton  
xi. Prop 6 Pro - Lewis Butler  
-xii. Prop 6 Con - Tom Shields  
f. Ushering requirements discussed, we will only need 15 ushers.  
g. The committee discussed the handouts that will be available at the forum. Initially, the plan was to include the CRC’s overview of the six ballot proposals in addition to the actual text of the six state-wide ballot proposals and the three Ann Arbor area proposals. Representative Sacconne raised the concern that the organizations he contacted do not feel that the CRC analysis is impartial. Other members of the committee agreed that it would be best to avoid providing a document that has the potential to appear partial. Upon a motion made by Representative Sacconne and seconded by representative Cruz, the committee voted 8 – 6 to not include the CRC’s ballot proposal overview document.  
h. All volunteers should arrive at Rackham by 6:15pm.  

V. SAGE Fall Summit  
a. Will be discussed at the next meeting. Michigan has been assigned the task of looking at potential new issues for the coalition; all members of the committee should start to be on the lookout for these issues.  

VI. Schedule of Future Meetings  
a. The Committee’s next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 7th.  

VII. Open Discussion  
a. None  

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 pm  

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Benson