Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: February 23, 2012

Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. February 16, 2012* (p2)

IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Michael
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Kaitlin
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Alex

V. Funding Request: *Students Engaged in Global Health(SEGH) - International Service Trip* (p8)

VI. Sexual Practices Resolution – Preview (p26)

VII. RSG Committee Updates & Meeting Schedule
   a. Academic Affairs
   b. Budgetary* (p5)
   c. Communications
   d. Elections
   e. Legislative Affairs*(p17)
   f. Student Life
   g. Bylaw Review
   h. COSAC* (p15)

VIII. 5 Year Plan Discussion
   a. Funding
   b. Representation
   c. Services

IX. Open Discussion

X. Adjournment

* - Item included in packet
** - Item will be provided on Day of Meeting or at Meeting
*** - Item was included in a previous packet
Attendance

**Present:** Representatives Tien Huei-Hsu, Marisol Ramos, Pete, McGrath Chris Tom, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Lauren Knapp, Alex Emly, Vice President Kaitlin Flynn, Treasurer Alex Toulouse, and President Michael Benson

**Absent:** Representatives Anna Wagner and Daniel Trubman

**Absent (excused):** Representatives Nina White, Andrew Crawford, Heidi Alvey, and Patrick Rooney

1. President Benson provided a brief overview of the Board’s agenda while waiting for a quorum of members to arrive. President Benson declared a quorum present at 6:51 pm and accordingly called the Board to order.

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Ben and seconded by Alex E.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: February 9, 2012. Motion to approve by Chris and seconded by Ben.

4. Officer Reports
   a. **Graduate Student Body President Michael Benson:** Michael brings up a new bill being introduced into the Michigan state Senate that explicitly defines GSRAs as students and not employees. If this passes through the legislature and gets signed into law, it would completely stop the unionization efforts of GEO. Michael suggests bringing a bus for both sides to go to Lansing sometimes next week. Michael also spoke recently with Phil Hanlon and Phil is happy to put together a budget report for graduate students. Chris will include this as a question in the newsletter next week. Michael went to purchase the shirts for the St. Patty’s day event and suggests purchasing about 10 more for newsletter/other prizes. Motion to approve by Chris to approve the addition of 10 shirts, seconded by Ben. Alex T objects and this is because he feels that the St. Patty’s day shirts are event specific and would prefer to just have a specific shirt for grad students. Michael mentions that he has been in talks with underground printing as well. Motion fails 3-5-2. No guest speaker next week.

   b. **Graduate Student Body Vice President Kaitlin Flynn:** Working on getting busses and organizing for the GAC. New policy regarding communications, see communications committee report below. Also working on setting up an NCRC tour for board members.

   c. **Graduate Student Body Treasurer Alex Toulouse:** We have $25,300 in the account. Some has been allocated to a request. A number of funding requests will need to be reviewed in the next coming day. Alex also mentions that we have lines of communication that need to be followed in order to get things done and encourages representatives to advise constituents to contact the appropriate board.
member or committee chair in order to maintain a clear line of understanding in our operations.

5. Next Steps: Dean Weiss & Provost Hanlon’s visit to the Board
   a. Michael mentions that we should think about what we want to do with the information we got from Dean Weiss and Provost Hanlon and how to share this information and implement change within the student body. Over the next few weeks, we charge the board to think about the information we’ve received and chat with constituents about how these could affect them.

6. RSG Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: Graduate Student Bill of Rights is in the attached packet and we will ask for board member input, criticisms and changes. Motion to approve the minutes by Tien and seconded by Ben. Approved unanimously.
   BOR discussion: The draft version of the GSBOR is included in the packet. The definitions section will need to be clarified with lawyers just to ensure security in those definitions. Chris explains the relationship multiplicity clarification in the nondiscriminatory right. Chris is also formulating a resolution to include this definition in the University nondiscriminatory policy. Haven is also clarifying the assertiveness of the language in each right. Lauren asks what sort of legal teeth the document will have. Michael says that after the Rackham board approves it, we will need to go through and identify which rights are new, and which already have legal teeth to them. Chris is also looking into how to develop a general conflict resolution board with Darlene Ray Johnson. The committee is also working on organizing the town halls.
   b. Budgetary: IEDP is not coming because they will be submitting a different request. A number of other requests are in the lineup and budgetary committee will need to meet soon.
   c. Communications: The newsletter came out last week and we included a new question of the week. Working on how to analyze that data to share with the board so we can make decisions based on the answers to the newsletter question. Also we are working on designing a new banner. Finally, a new policy Kaitlin would like to instate is to have all outgoing communications from RSG going through one editor and email address. Committee chairs
   d. Elections: Meeting before spring break to start figuring out the elections.
   e. Legislative Affairs: New bill as Michael mentioned in his exec report is likely to run through the legislature pretty quickly. Ben asks if the University is likely to take a stance on the bill one way or another. Michael mentions that sometimes the Reagents do take a stand, but they will need to meet and vote on it first. Michael will also be hosting a small tutorial on how to write a board resolution so email him if you are interested. The city is also receptive to what we’re interested in doing with regards to the lease signing ordinance.
   f. Student Life: Ice skating and Valentine’s day events were great. COSAC is heading another bar night event over spring break, as well as St. Patty’s day event, Pinball Pete’s, etc. Also, the ice skating event went $200 over due to additional hours purchased at the rink and over 500 students coming to skate.
   g. Bylaw Review: did not meet last week. We are holding off to further clarify the budgetary piece of the bylaws and will crank out the bylaws soon to have them
completed and approved by May. Ben suggests that we might be able to clarify this section simply by providing precedents and definitions.

h. COSAC

7. RSG’s 5 Year Plan: Michael asks, where should we be in 5 years? Where should we be in relation to CSG? What type of things should we fund? Representation? There are many ways that we could change in the next 5 years, and how can we get there from here? Should we provide travel grants, transportation to the airport, interpreters, etc as services for students? Ideally, in 5 years, how do we make RSG what we all know it can be: a preeminent funding body for the graduate students on campus.
   a. Funding
   b. Representation
   c. Services (that we provide to the student body)

8. Open Discussion: Chris asks if we can keep the calendar up to date with events. Alex E brings up that the newsletter links to a blog that hasn’t been updated and the website needs updated contact information. Michael mentions that we are hoping to do a major redesign for the website. Alex E says too that she thinks general grad student t-shirts would be great and people would be into them—we could give them away and allow people to purchase them as well. Kaitlin will convene a t-shirt meeting soon.

9. Adjournment: Ben motions to adjourn, seconded by Alex E. Adjourn at 7:36pm.
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Budgetary Committee Meeting  
February 19, 2012  
Amer’s Deli, 312 S. State Street

I. Meeting called to Order at 4:10 pm at Amer’s Deli at 312 South State Street
   a. Members Present: Patrick Rooney, Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn, Eli Benchell Eisman, Alex Toulouse
   b. Funding Group Members Present: Gina VanderVeen (SEGH)

II. Funding Request:
   a. Organization: Students Engaged in Global Health (SEGH)
      i. Event name: International Service Trip and Symposium
      ii. Event date(s): 2/25/12-3/2/12
      iii. Event location: Hagley Gap, Jamaica
      iv. Requesting: $4060
   b. Brief overview of SEGH, and funding request. Funding team of 4 for trip to Jamaica doing data entry and statistical analysis and developing a questionnaire to be administered in the community. On return complete analysis and present poster and design symposium, and discuss opportunities with other students. Also be in contact with engineering program that will be doing similar event later. All students on trip graduate students. Loss of funding from others sources this year. Group has been putting on fundraisers to raise money.

III. Discussion:
   a. All four students are school of public health. 2 health behavior/health education 2 epidemiology. One PhD student involved in all planning, application process.
   b. 9 applications and trip advertised through school of public health, social work, med school.
   c. No outside funding yet. Applying to OAMI.
   d. Plane tickets purchased out of pocket at this point
   e. SEG fund for symposium was dipped into, and would like to recoup that fund.
   f. Michael suggest much more likely to fund event on campus, finds hard to justify spending money on such a small group of people.
   g. Program always funded by grants previously.
   h. Applications reviewed and applicants interviewed by executive board.
   i. Field work and data analysis crucial to overall goal. Crucial to understand how data was collected and involvement.
   j. Group has not applied to partners in global health for funding yet
   k. Looking generally at disease occurrences, whether people reporting to clinic. Want tangible numbers of numbers of conditions being served by clinics.
   l. Working at clinics run by Blue Mountain NGO project
   m. Symposium would draw 100-200 people. Point made we are more likely to fund symposium directly rather than trip for four people.
n. If funding symposium costs would involve advertising approx. 100, poster printing approx. 75, food approx. 300, speaker travel/honoraria approx. 500. Symposium completely SEGH sponsored and separate from Public Health Symposium.
o. People on trip would be planning, speaking and analyzing data for the symposium.
p. Trip will likely still go through even if funds are not gotten for trip.
q. They have raised $700, short of goal of $2000.

IV. Closed Discussion:
a. Patrick bring up point there is no difference between funding speaker honorarium/travel and paying to send these people on the trip and come back to present at a large symposium. Eli claims there is possibility the symposium will not occur. Alex says we could stipulate that the symposium occurs.
b. Michael suggests 750 total, 250 for symposium on campus, 500 unrestricted on preparation for the symposium except healthcare which cannot be funded.
c. Note that their proposed symposium is separate from the School of Public Health symposium.
d. Kaitlin suggest we aren’t following precedent with previous requests for travel.
e. School of public health has no responsibility to fund this project.
f. Eli claims it’s outside the scope of things we typically fund.
g. Straw poll everyone agrees to fund the event on some level
h. Eli fears they will not be able to draw 100 people at their own symposium.
i. Alex suggests funding $500 unrestricted except health insurance, stipulating that they speak and present their results at a symposium approved by RSG’s treasurer on campus open to general graduate community that they must advertise for.
j. Move by Eli, seconded Patrick
k. Vote:
   i. In favor: Eli, Patrick, Michael, Alex
   ii. Abstentions: Kaitlin

V. Per bylaws, the committee will recommend to fund $500 for the SEGH event given the above mentioned stipulations at the next board meeting.

VI. Funding Request:
a. Organization: Tiresias
   i. Event name: Tiresias: Presentation of Issue V
   ii. Event date(s): Monday, March 12, 2012
   iii. Event location: Michigan Room, Michigan League
   iv. Requesting: $700

VII. Discussion:
a. Group will be bringing a prestigious speaker to campus for the kick-off event for the latest edition of their publication which focuses on “interdisciplinary discussion of culture, politics and critical theory through considerations of history, literature, art, cinema, psychoanalysis, anthropology and philosophy, among others.” They are expecting approx 40 grad students.
b. Eli moves to fund $350 for speaker honorarium, given its limited scope and small area of interest. Michael seconds.
c. Michael moves to fund $400 for the honorarium, 4/5 of total given 4/5 of attendees will be grad students.

d. Patrick makes point this should be funded significantly by departments and motions to fund $200 for the honorarium because he feels we shouldn’t be putting forward more than the actual departments. Second by Kaitlin.

e. Vote:
   i. $400: Michael,
   ii. $350: Michael, Alex, Eli
   iii. $200: Unanimous

VIII. Budgetary Committee approves funding of $350 for the Speaker Honorarium for Tiresias event.

IX. Funding Request:
   a. Organization: The Early Modern Colloquium
      i. Event name: Nations and Empires in the Early Modern Period
      ii. Event date(s): March 9-10
      iii. Event location: Angell Hall 3222
      iv. Requesting: $700

X. Discussion:
   a. Group is organizing a two day conference with a number of Michigan student speakers and is of interest to a number of departments: “our annual conference has hosted panelists from English, Art History, Classics, Comparative Literature, Philosophy, History, Art History, and other departments.”
   b. Group expects approx 50 graduate students to participate.
   c. Group has two renown speakers and are asking for funds to pay for their travel.
   d. Patrick motions to fund $350 because it seems like an interesting event but as with the previous request has a relatively small target audience. Second by Michael.
   e. Vote:
      i. In Favor: Unanimous

XI. Budgetary Committee approves funding of $350 for speaker travel expenses for Early Modern Colloquium event.

XII. Meeting Adjourned 5:30 pm
Rackham Student Government Funding Application

Organization Name: Students Engaged in Global Health
SOAS Account #: 932593
Registered with MSA? Yes No

Primary Contact Name: Gina Vander Veen
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Phone: (734) 548-0357

Secondary Contact Name: Courtney Hanna
Title: SEGH Executive Board Member
Email: cchanna@umich.edu
Phone: (734) 548-0357

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Describe the overall purpose/mission of your organization and the planned initiatives and activities intended to uphold said objective(s).

Our mission is to proactively pursue the breadth of global health issues by providing opportunities for University of Michigan students to gain hands-on experience in international projects, as well as network with professionals, faculty, and one another.

Some of our yearly events are:
1. Movie screenings and book clubs to educate/showcase innovative ways students and others can have an impact on health services and illnesses in countries abroad
2. Expert panel speakers and discussions
3. Working with faculty and department chairs to develop new global health courses
4. International Internship Assistance
5. Public Health Awareness Week in April where we sponsor an event each to promote ways in which students can participate in our organization
6. Service trips: we have a longstanding relationship with several international health organizations such as the Jamaica based NGO, Blue Mountain Group who work with local communities to improve the infrastructure of their health care system.
7. Social activities (bake sales, mixers, etc.) to help fundraise for our trip

Email application to the RSG Treasurer, at RSG-treasurer@umich.edu with subject “RSG Funding Request”.

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# of active student members: 140
# of graduate student members: 110

Average attendance at group meetings (Board, committee, event planning, etc.): 15
Average attendance at similar events: 45
Average graduate student attendance at similar events: 40

How often does your group meet? Every week at least once

Does your group charge dues to members? Yes  No

Do all of your activities/events take place on campus? If yes, where do you prefer to hold your programs? If not, where else do they take place?
In addition to our on-campus initiatives which are usually held in space reserved at the UM School of Public Health, we plan various international service trips which have sent students to Jamaica, and China in recent years.

Does your group engage in political activity, i.e., electoral, partisan, etc.? If so, describe this activity.
No, SEGH does not engage in political activity.

Does your group engage in lobbying efforts? If so, describe these efforts.
No.

Does your group work with any University department or other student organizations in any capacity? If so, please describe this collaboration.
Yes, we work with the School of Public Health Global Health faculty and administration to develop new exciting global health courses and programs for the upcoming year. We also work with International Policy Center, International Project Collaborative and the Center for Global Health; however, we do not get funding from any of these collaborations.

Is your group affiliated with a national, parent, and/or umbrella organization? If so, please describe this relationship and how it plays a role in your organization's functioning.
No, SEGH is not affiliated with a national, parent or umbrella organization, but this will be our second year of collaboration with the NGO Blue Mountain Project.

What is your yearly budget? What % of your budget have you set aside for this event?
SEGH does not receive outside funding. The international service learning trips we sponsor are planned and funds that are raised solely by student members.

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Event Description

Event name: International Service Trip
Event date(s): 2/25/12-3/2/12
Event location: Hagley Gap, Jamaica

1. Briefly describe this event. What is its overall purpose?
We will be working for one week as volunteers with the Blue Mountain Project which is a Grassroots NGO that aims to serve the local Jamaican community with essential services such as education, drinkable water and access to health services. The overall purpose of this year's student trip is to complete two tasks suggested by Hagley Gap Clinic coordinators. Aim 1 is to complete data entry of de-identified health records into a computer database so we can conduct a descriptive epidemiology analysis to calculate incidence rates of various diseases in the community and allow the medical clinic to better manage its supplies. Aim 2 is to conduct a house-to-house survey of the community's perception of its public health needs in order to allow BMP to direct its education efforts towards the issues of greatest concern to the community. We have widely publicized our trip agenda throughout the SPH community through email and personal contact, and upon return from our trip we intend to hold a symposium to share our experiences and findings, as well as publicize to fellow students who may be interested in participating in next year's trip.

2. Describe how this event will affect our campus and the graduate student body.
Giving graduate students the opportunity to study a different culture, lifestyle, health care system and service delivery abroad will give them invaluable experiences which they can share with the student body to further promote the University of Michigan graduate student impact in the global community. As mentioned previously, these students will share their experiences at the SEGH sponsored Global Health Symposium which will be advertised across all departments of both graduate and undergraduate programs at the university. Additionally, these students will act as mentors and provide resources to other University of Michigan students interested in pursuing a career in Global Health. Lastly, Students Engaged in Global Health has been working to establish a partnership with the Blue Mountain Project in Jamaica. Sending these four students to complete their public health project in Hagley Gap, Jamaica will promote this partnership and allow for a host of future student opportunities, not only for an annual international service trip, but also for student internships over the summer.

3. Describe how this event will include other groups or departments.
SEGH organizes presentations for all departments within the School of Public Health and across related Rackham graduate programs, and undergraduate programs after our service trip so that as many people as possible can learn from our involvement in Jamaica.

4. With which other groups or departments are you sponsoring this event, if any?
We are seeking funds from Central Student Government and OAMI.

5. If your organization is traveling, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community.
Our organization does a great deal to expand awareness and education of health trends worldwide, yet in order to truly engage our students in the challenges of 21st century, we must give them first-hand experience in these global health issues. This proactive experience will allow them to better address health care issues in these and other countries and perhaps motivate their future work. Additionally, these students will return and share their experience

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with students and faculty at the university which would not be made possible without the international travel piece of the experience.

6. If your organization is purchasing food, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community. Also, what is the approximate food cost/attendee?
   
   SEGH is not purchasing food.

7. If your organization is bringing a speaker, performer, DJ, photographer (or any other paid individual for services rendered), explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community. Please explain how the amount he or she will be paid was determined based on similar services. Additionally, attach a short biography to the end of this application.
   
   SEGH is not bringing a speaker, performer, DJ or photographer.

8. If your organization is applying for capital goods (anything that can be reused after the event has taken place), explain why such goods are integral to the event.
   
   SEGH is not applying for capital goods.

9. Who is eligible to participate? (Keep in mind the more diverse the graduate student participation, the more likely RSG will fund)
   
   Any graduate student interested in going on the trip was asked to turn in an application and paragraph demonstrating their interest in the trip. The applications were reviewed by the SEGH executive board to determine which candidates were most qualified for the trip. Four individuals were accepted to go on this trip based on their academic and professional qualifications.
   
   When these four students return, they will present at the SEGH-sponsored Global Health Symposium which will be open to all graduate students. The results of their trip will be especially useful for any graduate students planning to work, study or intern within the global health field. This symposium will benefit all students who attend and will also provide students with the opportunity to learn more about SEGH and become involved in next year’s international global health trip.

10. How many participants do you expect? 4

11. Are your date and location confirmed? Yes No

12. Will you charge admission? Yes No
   
   If so, how much per person?

13. Will this be donated to charity? Yes No
   
   If yes, what percentage will be donated?

14. How do you intend to advertise, in particular to graduate students?
   
   We intend to advertise via email, fliers, word of mouth and general meetings.

15. To what other funding bodies have you applied and/or have received funds from? Please note each funding body here, the amount for which you applied, the amount that was granted, and to what purpose you intend to put those allocated funds. Requests of funding for the majority of events cost solely to RSG will rarely be fully funded, please seek out additional Email application to the RSG Treasurer, at RSG-treasurer@umich.edu with subject “RSG Funding Request”.

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15. If RSG does not fully fund your event in the amount requested, how do you intend to cover those costs? Will the event still be held?

_We are in the process of doing several fundraising activities including mixers, CSG grant, off-campus and on campus organizations, including SPH, Ford School International Policy Center, OAMI, Center for Global Health (among others), and we are contacting several faculty members whose interests and research is in line with the Blue Mountain Project and the work that we will be doing in Hagley Gap. If RSG does not cover the full costs of the event, we hope to get additional sources from UM organizations and faculty. However, if we do not meet our target fundraising goal, students will be unable to go on the trip or forced to pay out of pocket._

Email application to the RSG Treasurer, at RSG-treasurer@umich.edu with subject “RSG Funding Request”.
Event Budget

List all expenses. Please use the notes section below each category to explain costs in greater detail. Be sure to cover ALL costs, not just those you are asking RSG for funding for.

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Rackham Student Government
Community Outreach and Social Action Committee
Meeting agenda for 20, February 2012, 6pm
Espresso Royale Café 322 South State Street

I. Convene 6.10
II. Attendance
   A. Present: RSG President Michael Benson, RSG Vice President Kaitlin Flynn, Heidi Alvey, Eli Benchell Eisman
   B. Absent Excused: Tie-Huei Hsu, Marisol Ramos, Alex Emly
   C. Absent Unexcused: Pete McGrath, Nina White

III. DP Day
   A. Ten registered participants from the newsletter
   B. Seth Greenberg from Ross School of Business Community Action group is organizing participants. Still waiting to hear back total numbers.
   C. Site leader orientation is either 19 or 22, March 2012. Eli will attend and anyone else who would like is invited

IV. Habitat for Humanity
   A. Fundraising and social event with SLC
      1. Rush Street- Doesn’t do profit sharing, can sell wristbands and keep half for donations.
      2. Jolly Pumpkin- Would apportion a percentage of the total upstairs till, if RSG reserves space
      3. Alley Bar- Could sell wristbands and would recover $1 for every drink purchased
      4. Circus Bar- Only Thursdays. Typically no cover, but could station a rep there to collect suggested donations. Cheap beer as an advertising gimmick
      5. Old Town- Monday- Wednesday are usually good days. Some percentage of the total sales made during that time would be returned as the donation. 19-21, 26, March 2012
      6. Good Time Charlie’s- Doesn’t do profit sharing. Would let us charge for wristbands and keep the total profit.
      7. Brown Jug- Wide open for Spring Break, too. They let us keep 100% of wrist band sales (typically groups sell them for $5 but we can do whatever we want) then whoever has a wrist band gets: 50% off appetizers, $5 pitchers of Miller, $2.50 well drinks, $2 shots (SoCo with lime, kamakazes, red headed sluts -- they have $3 shots after 10PM, but we can pick a few of them and do $2 shots)
      8. Blue Lep - Takes half the wristband sales and then gives a flat 20% off the bill to everyone, and he said something about not doing fundraisers on Thursdays, but then spring break and then I didn't really hear what he said so figured if we went for there, then we'd work it out

AMMENDMANT TO MINUTES FOLLOWING SLC MEETING
9. Rick’s- "Graduate Student Takeover" of Rick's Thursday March first. Rick's will be undergoing renovations M-W, but since the undergrads are gone, they have agreed to let us have our event that Thursday. We will charge an admission at the door, of which Rick's will keep $1 for overhead and the rest is ours.

V. American Cancer Society – Relay For Life
   A. This is a relatively easy event for us to participate in. The grunt work is already done in terms of planning, we just need to organize a team and do the fundraising
   B. Neither HA, nor EE want to spearhead this effort.

VI. Open discussion
   A. Eli Needs to get in touch with Liz from Arts of Citizenship Public Scholars Director for some collaboration

VII. Adjourn 6.35p
I. Roll call of members
   1. Present: Michael Benson, Christine Andres, Alex Toulouse, Nina White, Andrew
      Crawford, Lauren Knapp, Chris Tom
   2. Absent: Marisol Ramos, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Dan Trubman, Kaitlin Flynn
   3. Called to order: 6:40

II. Special Business: Election of Leadership
   1. Local Affairs Director (Lead local efforts): Lauren
   2. State Affairs Director: (Lead State efforts): Pending

III. Local Affairs:
   1. Ann Arbor Lease Signing Ordinance Discussion and Update (See last week’s mins)
      - ~10 schools investigated and we didn’t find any situations that resembled Ann Arbor
      - We will host forum discussed to allow student voices to be heard on this issue and work
        to develop an recommendation. Local Affairs Director will help organize

IV. State Affairs:
   1. On Campus
      - Student’s seem to be split on the issue therefore RSG will remain as a neutral force
      - We will partner with academic affairs committee to hold Forum with GEO and SAGU to
        provide information. A Q&A period will be allowed and some degree of fact checking will be
        present. This event will be led primarily by academic affairs, Chris will serve as a liaison from
        the Legislation committee
      - Academic affairs will also be leading an effort to provide a pamphlet where both GEO
        and SAGU will provide a statement up to 1000 words along with a rebuttal.
   2. In Lansing (Bill SB971)
      - See email sent earlier today for update
      - Action Item: This committee will send an email out encourage all to update themselves
        and provide contact info to leaders to allow voices to be heard (Andrew and Michael)
   3. Organizing State Lobbying Day with Rackham
      - Prepare a short paragraph of a State bill of interest for 3/6 meeting

V. Federal Affairs
   1. SAGE update:
      - Day on the Hill scheduled for Friday March 23rd- Tuesday March 27th
      - Email Michael if you want to go and why in a short blurb by Sunday 2/26
   2. White Papers: Send updated draft to group by Monday 3/5 (see bills below minutes)
   - (A) Affordability: Dan and Ben
      (1) Universal college credit act
      (2) Fairness for struggling students Act
- (B) Research Funding: Chris and Nina
  (1) 2011 funding went down, Obama to push for federal funding increases, Some movement to restrict NSF funding away from social sciences and return to more traditional hard sciences based on hard return
  (2) Federal Research Public Access Act

- (C) Immigration: Alex and Michael
  (1) STEM Visa Act of 2011

- (D) Quality: Lauren, Andrew, Christine
  (1) We will not have an independent white paper
  (2) Review whitepapers for opportunities to insert quality

3. Federal Bills: email the bill you found to people in charge of the white paper it may pertain to and cc Michael.

VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th 6:30pm Espresso Royal State Street
VII. Adjournment: 7:32

H.R. 2624 Universal College Credit Act

- Introduced in July 2011
- Sponsor: ; two co-sponsors
- Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means – no activity since then

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax credit up to $5,000 annually for the qualified tuition and related expenses of an individual taxpayer, a taxpayer's spouse, or dependents for instruction at an institution of higher education. Allows such credit for four years of undergraduate education expenses and six years of graduate or professional education expenses. Excludes expenses for courses involving sports, games, or hobbies (unless part of a degree program) and expenses unrelated to an academic program (e.g., student activity fees, athletic fees, or insurance expenses).

S.1102 Fairness for Struggling Students Act of 2011

- Introduced May 26th, 2011
- Sponsor: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); 3 co-sponsors
- Status: Referred to Judiciary Committee

Revises federal bankruptcy law with respect to the exemption from the exception to discharge in bankruptcy for certain educational loans if excepting such debt from discharge would impose an undue hardship on the debtor and debtor's dependents. Limits such exemption to the existing ones for: (1) an educational benefit overpayment or loan made, insured, or guaranteed by a governmental unit or made under any program funded in whole or in part by a governmental unit; and (2) an obligation to repay funds received from a governmental unit as an educational benefit, scholarship, or stipend. Repeals the current exemption for: (1) any loan made under any program funded in whole or in part by a
governmental unit or nonprofit institution; and (2) any other qualified education loan incurred by an individual debtor on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or any dependent, including indebtedness used to refinance a qualified education loan. (Thus makes both kinds of loans nondischargeable in bankruptcy.)

**Federal Research Public Access Act: FRPAA**

- Introduced February 9, 2012
- Sponsor: Rep Michael Doyle (PA); 2 co-sponsors
- Status: Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

FRPAA would require that 11 U.S. government agencies with annual extramural research expenditures over $100 million make manuscripts of journal articles stemming from research funded by that agency publicly available via the Internet. The manuscripts will be maintained and preserved in a digital archive maintained by the agency or in another suitable repository that permits free public access, interoperability, and long-term preservation. Each manuscript will be freely available to users without charge within six months after it has been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Visa Act of 2011**

- Introduced December 13, 2011
- Sponsor: Sen Michael Bennet (CO)
- Status: Referred to senate Committee
- Related Bills: [H.R.2161](#), [H.R.3146](#)

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a priority worker immigrant visa for an alien who has a qualifying: (1) master’s or higher degree in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM degree) from a U.S. institution of higher education; and (2) employment offer from a U.S. employer.
DATE:  Tuesday, February 28, 2012

TIME:  6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION:  Clague Middle School
2616 Nixon Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Due to the recent increase in Home Invasions citywide, Police Chief Barnett Jones will lead a Community Meeting. He will speak on statistical information regarding the Home Invasions, target hardening and the securing of the community, as well as reporting Suspicious Behavior. At the conclusion there will be a question and answer period.
The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the Capitol Building, Rooms 402 and 403.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:
Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter
Absent: None
Excused: None

Senator Richardville announced the order of business:

Adoption of December 13, 2011 committee minutes

HCR 6  Rep. Opsommer  A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget.

SR 115  Sen. Casperson  A resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget.

SCR 26  Sen. Hansen  A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget.

SB 971  Sen. Richardville  Labor; public service employment; definition of public employee; restrict.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 13, 2011 committee meeting. Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes.
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Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville then announced the committee would be discussing Senate Resolution 115, Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, and House Concurrent Resolution 6, sponsored by Senators Tom Casperson and Goeff Hansen and Representative Paul Opsommer, respectively. Senator Richardville welcomed special guest, Congressman Bill Huizenga, who testified in support of the resolutions and answered questions from the committee members.

Following Congressman Huizenga, Senator Richardville called upon Representative Paul Opsommer and his 3 1/2 year old grandson, Ryan Opsommer, to share their thoughts on the resolutions. When finished with their remarks, Representative Opsommer and Ryan Opsommer answered questions from the committee members.

Senators Tom Casperson and Goeff Hansen also discussed the resolutions with the committee members and answered their questions.

With no further testimony for SR 115, SCR 26, and HCR 6, Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SR 115 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to report SR 115 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof
Nays: None
Pass: Whitmer and Hunter

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SR 115 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SCR 26 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Meekhof moved to report SCR 26 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof
Nays: None
Pass: Whitmer and Hunter

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SCR 26 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.
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Senator Richardville requested a motion to report HCR 6 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Meekhof moved to report HCR 6 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yea.s: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof
Nay.s: None
Pass: Whitmer and Hunter

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported HCR 6 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Richardville announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 971, sponsored by himself. Senator Richardville gave a brief explanation of the bill and then began to call upon those individuals who submitted cards with their positions on the bill.

The committee heard testimony from the following individuals regarding their positions on the bills:

Ms. Cynthia Wilbanks, representing University of Michigan—OPPOSE
Ms. Ellen Rockstra, representing Capitol Services representing AFT Michigan—OPPOSE
Mr. Jeremy Moore, representing Graduate Employees Organization—OPPOSE
Ms. Samantha Montgomery, President, Graduate Employees Organization—OPPOSE
Ms. Wendy Bartlo, representing Wayne State University Graduate Employees Organization—OPPOSE
Dr. Fawwaz Ulaby—SUPPORT
Ms. Melinda Day, representing Graduate Student Research Assistants—SUPPORT
Mr. Andrew Richner, UM Regent—SUPPORT
Michael Benson, Graduate Student Body President—NEUTRAL

The following individuals submitted cards indicating their position, but did not wish to speak:

Ms. Wendy Block, representing Michigan Chamber of Commerce—SUPPORT
Mr. Adam Duzik, representing Students Against GSRA Unionization (UM)—SUPPORT
Ms. Anna Belak, representing Students Against GSRA Unionization (UM)—SUPPORT
Tim Hughes, representing UAW—OPPOSE
Michael Huerta, representing UAW Local #602—OPPOSE
Jonathan Harmon, representing MEA—OPPOSE
Chris Reynolds, representing Michigan Professional Fire Fighters—OPPOSE
Michael Keller, representing AFL-CIO—OPPOSE
Ed Bryant, representing Lansing Community College Michigan Association of Higher Education—OPPOSE
Zane Hubbard, representing IUOE—OPPOSE
Mike Migrin, representing MSEA—OPPOSE
Dominick Pallone, representing MEBS (Michigan Employee Benefits Services)—OPPOSE
Scott Lounds, representing UAW—OPPOSE
With no further testimony for SB 971, Senator Richardville moved forward with voting on the bill.

Senator Richardville announced there was an amendment to consider, sponsored by Senator Meekhof. After giving a summary of the amendment, Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt it.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the amendment to SB 971.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hunter moved, with Senator Whitmer’s support, to table SB 971 from further consideration by the committee today.

Yeas: Whitmer and Hunter
Nays: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

The motion did not prevail.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 971, as amended, with recommendation that the bill pass.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to report SB 971, as amended, with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof
Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to give SB 971, as amended, immediate effect.

Senator Meekhof moved to give SB 971, as amended, immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof
Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 971, as amended, with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:46 p.m.
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Introduction to Resolution W-12-01: A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND UNIVERSITY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Rackham Student Government (RSG) is in the process of drafting Graduate Student Bill of Rights (GSBoR). This document incorporates the Non-Discrimination Policy as set forth by the University of Michigan in Section 201.35 of the Standard Practice Guide. Upon the reading of the GSBoR by the author, and upon subsequent conversations with persons active in various Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Queer (LGBTQ) organizations across campus, it was noted that there was a subtle, but important omission in the Policy regarding sexual practice and expression. Specifically, it protects how a person can define themselves, whom they can be attracted to, but not about how they fulfill or manifest that attraction. The author and those whom he has talked to believe that this omission could become an issue in the future, not only as non-traditional sexual minorities reveal themselves intentionally or unintentionally, but also for traditional modes of sexual expression. The GSBoR has been drafted to correct for this omission, to include the phrase ‘sexual practice’ in the non-discrimination rights granted to graduate students. However, the general Non-Discrimination Policy of the University of Michigan is reviewed every four years, and in this way it is designed to continuously evolve to protect students, faculty, and staff from the discriminatory behaviors of others. This Resolution reflects the desire of the graduate student body for Section 201.35 of the Standard Practice Guide be amended before its review date of June 24th, 2013 in order to align the Non-Discrimination Policies of the University with those adopted by the Rackham Graduate School. It is our belief that this will strengthen both policies, and provide a safe and supportive working and educational environment for all individuals within the University of Michigan.
RESOLUTION TO EXPAND UNIVERSITY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

WHEREAS, The Non-Discrimination Policy within the University of Michigan Standard Practice Guide (sect. 201.35) exists to protect the diverse range of individuals employed by and attending the University; AND

WHEREAS, the University “will not discriminate against any individual because of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status"; AND

WHEREAS, gender identity and gender expression are generally interpreted to refer to the self-identity and self-expression of an individual; AND

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association defines sexual orientation to be “an enduring pattern of emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attractions to men, women, or both sexes;” AND

WHEREAS, the generally accepted definition of sexual orientation refers to the nature of the person or persons that an individual is emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attractions; AND

WHEREAS, there is no clause in the University’s anti-discrimination policy protecting the vast variety of means and methods this emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attraction can be realized; AND

WHEREAS, it is recognized that these means of sexual and attractional fulfillment are a vital component of human relationships and human happiness; AND

WHEREAS, certain forms of non-traditional relationships still exist as invisible, little-known, or marginalized minorities to the rest of society; AND

WHEREAS, it is likely that in the future these individuals and groups will gain popular recognition and courage to reveal themselves to the rest of society; AND

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1 Michigan Standard Practice Guide (sect. 201.35)
WHEREAS, within the greater historical context of sexual discrimination, it is presumed that individuals can also be discriminated against for their methods of sexual or attractional fulfillment; AND

WHEREAS, it is historically noted without explicit protection from discrimination, there is implied threat of discrimination; AND

WHEREAS, it is our belief if discrimination against sexual practice is not explicitly forbidden, then individuals can be subject to the discriminatory behavior of others and denied access to fundamental aspects of human existence; AND

WHEREAS, individuals may not pursue choices related to their individual happiness based on the implied threat of discrimination; AND

WHEREAS, the University has an ethical obligation to protect those faculty, staff, and students engaged in ethical and consensual behavior, no matter how traditional or non-traditional, visible or invisible; AND

WHEREAS, the Non-Discrimination Policy of the University is an ever-evolving document; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan is an example for other institutions across the United States and around the world; AND

WHEREAS, in order to define the realization of both non-traditional and traditional means of fulfilling relationships as qualities and characteristics protected from discrimination; AND

WHEREAS, history has universally smiled upon those who fight to extend human rights; NOW ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the section 201.35 of the Standard Practice Guide of the University of Michigan be amended as follows:

“The University, in its employment and human resource policy and practices, will not discriminate against any individual because of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, sexual practice, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status, except as allowed by the need for bona fide occupational qualification. Reasonable accommodation will also be provided to persons with disabilities, to disabled veterans, and to accommodate religious practices.” AND BE IT

FINALLY

RESOLVED, that this amendment happen before, or in concert with, adoption of the Graduate Student Bill of Rights.
Chris Tom
Representative, Division 1

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