Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: March 22, 2012

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RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2012
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Eli Benchell Eisman, Tien-Huei Hsu, Chris Thom, Anna Wagner, Heidi Pedini-Alvey, Patrick Rooney, Haven Allen, Dan, Andrew Crawford, Lauren Knapp, Alex Toulouse, Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn

Absent (excused): Alex Emly, Nina White, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Pete McGrath

Absent (unexcused):

1. Call to Order: 6:38pm
2. Approval of Agenda: moved by Eli and seconded by Lauren. Approved unanimously
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: motion to approve the minutes by Chris and seconded by Andrew.
4. Board meeting seat changes. Tien resigns, Chris resigns. Heidi makes a motion to appoint Tien to Chris’ half term seat and Chris to Tien’s full term seat. Seconded by Andrew and approved with 3 abstentions.
5. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Michael Benson:
      i. welcome to Shrey to visiting. Michael mentions that the GSRA bill has been pushed through the state House and Senate. The government has stripped the original bill and stuck it into a bill that has immediate effect. This means that once signed, the bill will become effective immediately. We have indications from the Governor’s spokesperson that he will likely sign the bill tomorrow. There are a number of efforts to go up against the bill.
      ii. SAGE conference delegation: 5 people applied for 5 spots to go to the SAGE delegation. Michael nominates Christine Andres (non board member Legislative chair), Chris Thom, Alex Toulouse, Kaitlin Flynn and Michael Benson to go to the conference. Dan asks if any Master’s students are going. Michael explains that no Master’s students on the board or the committee applied. Motion to approve by Haven, seconded by Lauren. Approved with 4 abstentions.
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Kaitlin Flynn.
      i. We cancelled the NCRC tour due to lack of board member availability. A number of other issues will be addressed during committee reports, stay tuned.
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Alex Toulouse
      i. About $26,000 in the account. Budgetary committee meeting next week for a request over $700. Elections are March 21 and 22, along with CSG elections. Alex brings up the issue with an elections director. Alex believes it’s wasteful to spend 5% of the budget on an outside
elections director. Alex asks for a nomination to be the elections director. Moved by Tien, seconded by Haven. Dan mentions that we didn’t elect one last semester and if that practice is working perhaps we should implement that in the bylaws. Haven asks about the specific duties for the elections director. Alex describes the process for advertising and doing the elections. Motion is approved with 1 abstention. Michael mentions that we need to approve the new elections deadline: invitation to run out today, interest and platform are open for the Winter term. Michael predicts 2-3 in Division 1 and 3, 4 vacancies in division 2, division 4 will have one seat up. Motion to approve new elections schedule moved by Kaitlin and seconded by Heidi. Approved with 3 abstentions.

6. Graduate Academic Conference Transportation- $592. Kaitlin makes a motion to use Getaway trails to transport 60 students to the GAC at the cost of $592. Seconded by Chris. The students attending are in multiple programs and outlined on page 13. Questions: what buses do we normally use from sporting events? Kaitlin answers both Indian and Getaway trails. Dan, do students get credit? Michael says no. Kaitlin indicates that there was a campus wide email. Heidi mentions that she has a number of qualms regarding Getaway trails, including drivers deviating from protocol, texting while driving, and other unsafe behavior. Michael mentions that we have filed a formal complaint. He also mentions that we might be able to get specific drivers. Heidi makes an amendment to Kaitlin’s motion with the caveat that we specifically request better drivers than we’ve had in the best. Approved unanimously.

7. Town Hall Budget Request of an additional $300. Tien describes the issue of having requested less budget than needed for the Lunch with the Deans event. At a rate of $6 per person for lunch and budgeting for 150 students. Tien moves to increase the budget by $300 from the unallocated reserves. Heidi asks if JG has gluten-free items. Dan asks if we have institutional memory from this event in previous semesters and if we should consider our position on providing food for our own events considering we dissuade student groups from requesting money for food from our events. Kaitlin explains the previous history and intention of the event, to bring students into contact with their deans. We will set a higher cap, with slots proportionate to the amount of students per division. Approved with one abstention.

8. Resolution W-12-01: Sexual Practices (first reading): Chris moves to adopt this resolution. Seconded by Alex T. Haven asks if we can be clear on the ambiguity of the term ‘sexual practice’. Haven asks if we are voting essentially for the ability for polyamorous marriages or relationships. But, he brings up the point that we can’t accept or approve illegal actions (such as polygamous marriages). Chris answers that we of course have to consult with the authorities and don’t intend to change the law on this regard. Chris mentions too that the term ‘sexual practice’ is intentionally ambiguous and there has been a lot of discussion on this item with various LGBT offices on campus. Heidi clarifies that cheating in a marriage is a felonious offense in Michigan. Haven suggests that specifically defining this term might make for more
clarity. Haven is still concerned about polyamorous issues coming up. Chris feels like we wouldn’t gain anything by defining the term. Haven asks if it would be a roll call vote and if it would be publicized, and if we would stand behind it as a board. Dan asks if there are examples where someone has been discriminated against under the current language and is not protected. Chris mentions that the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom posts incident reports of alleged incidents. Haven asks if anyone has been dismissed from the University. Kaitlin asks Haven is concerned about his vote becoming public. Michael mentions that we are not allowed to ask representatives of their intent based on Robert’s Rules. Pat asks if there are scholarly articles regarding some of these issues. Chris says that there are references through the NCSF and the hate crimes reference, number 5. Heidi comments that it is important for all of us to take each perspective on this bill. Haven asks if this would cover contraception. Chris says yes it would cover contraception because how you choose to or to not use contraception would be something that we could be or discriminate against.

9. RSG Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: Tien motions to approve the minutes. Moved by Haven, seconded by Eli. The nondiscrimination policy and the Graduate Student Bill of Rights has gotten out of committee and are ready for board updates. Today AAC had a meeting with GEO and SAGU and talked about how to provide fair and unbiased information to the student body. AAC is going to send out a very brief email about the updates at the legislative level. Additionally the AAC is hoping to send out a survey email that will address issues related to all organizations.
   b. Budgetary: meeting on Tuesday.
   c. Communications: newsletter going out next week, also looking for someone to take over the newsletter as Chris is moving on up in candidacy. Michael also mentions that the website redo is going to take place and in the future we can have chairs access and update their pages as needed. We could also hire someone to be the web director. Finally, send Michael your pictures for the website. And the suggestion box is working well and we will type up suggestions for the board soon.
   d. Elections: already discussed. Final numbers on Rep seats: 2 seats in div 1 full term, 3 seats up for reelection, 2 half seats, 1 full seat. 2 full term seats in division 3. 1 full term seat in division 4 will be up.
   e. Legislative Affairs: SAGE white papers included in the packet. Many things will be voted on at the next meeting.
   f. Student Life: March madness event at Bdubs for the final. St Patty’s day event going on next Thursday. SLC minutes moved for approval by Anna and seconded by Tien.
   g. Bylaw Review: small subgroup of board members meeting regarding budgetary items. After they meet, the full committee will meet and the bylaws will be cranked out shortly after.
   h. COSAC: terrific event at Rick’s. $540 was raised at Ricks. Habitat workday scheduled for April 28, could be May 5. DP day is at the end of March and Eli
is emailing out to interested students. Transportation and food is provided by DP.

10. Guest Speaker/Discussion: Shreya Singh, CSG student body Treasurer: Shreya has been a representative for two years on CSG. She is running for CSG president and Ethan Hahn is her vice presidential candidate who is involved with the LGBT commission. Michael asks how Shreya feels about the graduate student initiative and how CSG can work with us to serve graduate student issues. Shreya is also interested in working on housing issues and those can be undergraduate and graduate issues. Michael mentions that Legislative affairs committee will be hosting forums to meet and discuss the leasing ordinances in Ann Arbor. Michael also mentions that at our peer institutions, undergraduate and graduate student governments are separate and we might consider splitting from RSG in the future. Eli asks if RSG would split from CSG and if that would affect their working relationship with us. Heidi brings up that CSG takes $7.19 from each graduate student and professional schools and how we don’t necessarily get benefits from how CSG uses that money. Heidi gives the advice for planning things and serving graduate issues. Eli asks if CSG has a position on the housing budget appropriating money to local and sustainable food. Shreya answers that they haven’t worked directly with that issue but they hosted their first farmer’s market in the Union. Haven asks if she was elected if she would support appropriating funds back to us. Shreya answers that there is a compile code that the CSG budget needs to operate on and these issues would need to go through the general CSG board and RSG and be voted on by the entire student body. Anna asks if graduate students come through the CSG budget system to ask for funds and Shreya says that to her knowledge only law students have come forward. Anna mentions that she didn’t know that and making this issue clearer would serve us better.

11. Open discussion: Haven asks about adding each rep on the website. Haven also asks where we are at with the 4.0 grade point scale. The dean is looking into allowing particular groups to sit out, but it’s also being put forth to the Rackham Executive Board for discussion soon. Michael also mentions that if anyone has anything to put as a ballot question there will be time to do that next week. Haven asks if we could put either the CSG or the sexual practice issue as a ballot question. Dan mentions that it might be prudent to put it on the ballot anyway.

12. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Chris and seconded by Alex T. Adjourned at 8:05pm.
All, I hope you’re having a great meeting and getting a lot done! It’s been a very busy week for RSG and I’m going to touch on a few items in this executive officer report. If you have any questions, please ask Kaitlin and/or email me. As you already know, I’m on a plane (during the meeting) headed to Washington, DC for the annual SAGE Spring Advocacy Conference. As this is an election year, our presence will be all the more important. Campaign promises are being devised (for members of congress) and significant pieces of legislation relating to the graduate academic and professional student experience will be coming up for re-approval in the next two years. The SAGE Delegation will be providing a short (~5 min) update next week to brief you on our activities as well as to propose future actions relating to our advocacy at the federal level.

Jackie Simpson, from the Spectrum Center will be our guest next week, as such; I would ask that Chris’ resolution be postponed such that the Board can discuss it with Jackie prior to voting. However, I strongly encourage you to hold the public hearing today. Gather the student input, and if you so decide keep the hearing open until next week such that more students can come address the board.

Next week, we will hold the first reading for the resolution to adopt the graduate student bill of rights. During today's meeting, I hope that you will have a full discussion about the document as it stands and suggest any improvements to the academic affairs committee members (esp. the co-chairs) to make the legislative process easier for us going forward.

We have a number of guest speakers confirmed for the next few meetings. As such, our agendas will be rather tight, as we have a great deal to get through before the term ends. Our guest speakers next week will be Jackie Simpson (Director of the Spectrum Center) and Jill McDonough (Rackham Development). Please feel free to come up with questions for these ladies on any broad range of topics. (Jill will be joining us to provide an update on the Rackham centennial celebration.) The following week (4/5/12), we will be joined by the chair of the Faculty Senate and the Senate Assembly on University Affairs, Prof. Kate Balard. We will discuss prof. Balard’s visit next week in detail.

While the Board will have a full agenda through the end of the semester (and beyond), our committees are even busier. To be blunt, I’ve been disappointed the past couple of weeks with the level of representative attendance at committee meetings. Please try to make a concerted effort to attend committee meetings as the lion’s share of RSG’s activities take place at the committee level. In addition to committee attendance, another responsibility that each of us holds is the active participation or planning of 2 non-meeting activities each
semester. I’ve included the current count for participation / planning in events this semester. There are at least two events remaining this term including bowling next weekend and the town hall during the first week of April. Please try to attend both events. While attendance at the bowling event is not required, attendance at the town halls is mandatory. All representatives are required to attend the town hall. If you are unable to attend the town hall, please email rsg-exec@umich.edu with your excuse for why you won’t be able to attend.

Finally, as you know, the student government elections are currently ongoing. According to Alex T, turnout this year is a bit lower than the winter election last year, and significantly below that of the fall election just a few months ago. The polls will remain open until 11:59pm tonight and I implore you to reach out to the students in your division and encourage them to vote. A higher voter turnout serves to empower RSG’s activities while a low voter turnout can serve as a hindrance. Can we claim to represent the entire student body when so few students vote in our elections? (Bottom line, please encourage as many Rackham students as possible to vote!)

Have a great meeting, and I’m looking forward to seeing a few of you in Washington, DC tomorrow and the rest of you next week at committee meetings and the board meeting!
Roll Call of Members:
Present: Chris Tom, Tien-Huei Hsu, Michael Benson, Kaitlin Flynn, Eli Eisman
Absent (excused):
Absent (unexcused):

1. Call to order: 6:10 pm

2. Specific Business
   a. MSU-GAC:
      Kaitlin: MSU wants to know if people are willing to be judges.
      Gave them that information, RSG reps will be willing to judge (Eli, Kaitlin, Chris).
      We discussed how much we plan to give as poster awards. According to the MSU source, UM will be likely to win 6 to 7 awards. We had talked to Dean Janet Weiss, who was willing to consider giving awards but most likely not $500 (which is what MSU is giving out). We suggest giving $50 awards, if Rackham cannot cover it, RSG can cover the cost. We decided that we will take care of the cost and not rely on MSU.
      Buses have been booked and scheduled. Revisions to the contract in progress with regard to the time and place of pickup and dropoff. Kaitlin will send out email by the latest by Friday with information on where to go and where to get onto the bus.

   b. Town Halls/Lunch with the Deans
      Tien will draft an email for town hall announcements (due Sunday). The results of the registration link were sent to Chris’ spreadsheet, which he will share with the committee. Currently, we have 4 people registered. 2 division 1, 2 division 3.
      Michael’s presentation is in progress and has been timed to be 3 ½ min. Mary would like an email from Eli to all the Assistant Deans with all the information that he had previously sent her. Michael will book the rooms, email has been sent to Karen.

      Eli spoke with Ali (Jerusalem Garden). Current order is 90 total sandwiches, 5 lbs of hummous and 12 lbs of fattoush. Total cost is $741.40. This is over the budget for town hall. Therefore, we will order fewer sandwiches, 80 instead of 90 sandwiches, 3lbs of hummous, 9 lbs of fattoush. We will pick up the flatware (otherwise 25 cents per person).
Should come out to be <$700. Eli will place the order, Tien will put it on her card. Food will be delivered at 11 am in front of the Rackham Building to allow time for setup. Eli and Michael will go together to Meijers’ to pick up flatware and soda.

Graduation timeline issue has been discussed between Michael and Dean Janet Weiss and a public statement has been prepared regarding the matter.

Mandatory attendance for all RSG reps for town hall; Kaitlin will be in charge of excusing people.

c. Conflict resolution board & flowchart

Chris talked to Darlene about flowchart. Will send to the committee and it will be discussed next week.

d. Conflict resolution workshops – Brainstorm ways to increase turnout

Skipped for now.

e. Meeting with IP/OTT

Not done yet. Soon (after SAGE).

f. Reschedule visit to NCRC

Rescheduled to occur during the summer.

g. GEO/SAGU follow-up

GEO was not happy with the email sent out. They were invited to place something in our newspaper with a disclaimer that it is not of the opinion of RSG.

h. Assistant Dean Committee

Emails will be sent out Tuesday. Michael has template for the email and Kaitlin will edit the email prior to the sending. A second email will be sent out. AAC will nominate the candidates to the board.

3. Open Discussion

4. Next Meeting – March 28th 2012, 6pm

5. Adjournment: 6:45 pm
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Budgetary Committee
March 13, 2012
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:30 pm at Rackham Building
   a. Members Present: Patrick Rooney, Michael Benson, Dan Trubman, Eli Bencell Eisman, Lauren Knapp, Marisol Ramos, Alex Toulouse
   b. Funding Group Members Present: Joshua Haight and Stephanie Jimenez (BrainsRule)

II. Funding Request:
   a. Organization: Students Engaged in Global Health (SEGH)
      i. Event name: BrainsRule!
      ii. Event date(s): 03-22-2012
      iii. Event location: Michigan League
      iv. Requesting: $1500
   b. Brief overview of BrainsRule, and funding request. 4 coordinators for Brainsrule which is a yearly program. Bring in students from the AA (Saline, Ann Arbor, Mylan) area to learn about the brain. Open to anyone but most people are grad students in psychology, neuroscience and medical school. Target middle school students to encourage them to get involved in science. Students rotate around booths designed and rotated primarily by graduate students to teach simple lessons about the brain. Examples of distortion glasses while throwing a beanbag and how the brain adapts and cantaloupe helmet dropping. Guest speaker Professor Laury Issom in neuroscience.

III. Discussion:
   a. Detroit School Dropped Out at last minute so the costs might be lower
   b. Top need would be the transportation because MSA refuses to fund that.
   c. Funding Update: 500 AAUW, 575 MSA, 500 Neuroscience. Seeking private funding.
   d. 20 booths setup, Michael asks how they were selected. It was all volunteer based and they advertised to the departments mentioned prior. Usually about 20 demo leaders and they need to be there the entire time and are usually graduate students. Some volunteers were turned down this year because more requests than needed and chose those with the most time to dedicate. Michael asks if anyone walking by can participate. No, each booth is planned and not setup for people to just walk in.
   e. Michael asks total number of graduate students involved. Approx 65 graduate students there that day but total about 70 that have been involved.
   f. Dan asks if they’ve approached biology, psychology, med school or other departments. They have not, and in the past they haven’t. Neuroscience program has traditionally set this money aside for the neuroscience grad student group involved. Dan asks what the breakdown of departments is. Approx 40 neuroscience, 4 from med school, and rest from other listed departments.
g. Michael asks if food is for melon dropping for example or for food for participants. The food is for lunch.
h. Posters and fliers are for the booths.
i. Eli would like to know some of more costly demonstrations are. Backyard brains is most expensive which is an off campus organization that has developed a small amplifier to teach students about neurons, using cockroaches. About 100 per booth for those booths.
j. Eli asks the group size per booth. It’s about 10 students per booth and they make 9 rotations. The students to sometimes take some of the arts and crafts home, and when they can afford they send them with small brain gifts to keep them interested but this is done using neuroscience funds.
k. Eli and Michael ask about kids selected. All public schools this year. Ann Arbor hands on museum involved in selecting schools.
l. Eli asks what some of the external funding sources are. AA Hands on museum is not contributing this year. The primary outside funding is Prof Emeritus Sarah Newman but working out details.
m. Alex asks about time involved in designing booths. People do design their own booths, but they also have an archive but people must prepare their own lesson and how to present it.

IV. Closed Discussion:
a. Eli thinks it’s a great idea but is uncomfortable funding the food. Patrick asks if the schools could not ensure they brought food. Dan asks if there are issues about the league with bringing in food.
b. Alex says given number of students we should focus on the priorities for funding.
c. Dan questions how many of the students are minorities given some of the locations, eg Ann Arbor and Saline. Eli speaks from experience working with local people that many of the schools outside of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti have more low income students. Marisol agrees with Dan and is uncertain about the low income student argument.
d. Michael thinks given approx 60 grad students, we should ask them to give a presentation to the board or write article for daily to generate advertising for next year. Motions for $700 for transportation or room rental. Second Eli.
e. Dan asks whether we can ask them to ask other departments to be involved. Given timing of the event this would be difficult.
f. Group questions why they haven’t sought money from other groups, departments or the hospital. Suggestion to add suggested funding sources to the website or application.
g. Eli makes motion to fund 750 the total cost of transportation because without that critical piece the event cannot happen. Second Michael.
h. Michael makes motion for 600 and 500 for same items as mentioned previously. Second Eli.
i. Vote:
   i. 750: Eli
   ii. 700: Eli, Michael
iii. 600: Eli, Michael, Lauren, Patrick

j. Suggestion to notify them about Office of New Student Programs or Admissions and strongly encourage to ask them for funding.

k. Dan motion to ask them to show proof that they went to one additional departments or office asking for funding. Second Michael.

i. Vote:

1. Favor: Dan, Michael, Marisol, Lauren
2. Opposed: Alex, Patrick, Eli

V. Per bylaws, the committee will recommend to fund $600 for the BrainsRule! event given the above mentioned stipulations at the next board meeting.
I. Meeting called to Order at 6:30 pm 3/19/12 at Rackham Building
   a. Members Present: Patrick Rooney, Michael Benson, Marisol Ramos, Alex Toulouse
   b. Funding Group Members Present: Asim Siddiqui, Emad Ansari (PSA)

II. Funding Request:
   a. Organization: Pakistani Students’ Association (PSA)
      i. Event name: The 2012 University of Michigan Pakistan Conference (informally, The Pakistan Conference)
      ii. Event date(s): March 24th, 2012
      iii. Event location: Michigan Union
      iv. Requesting: $2408
   b. Brief overview of the Pakistan Conference (PC): PSA facilitates community of Pakistanis at the university and in locally. Conference idea is to create space where authorities could come discuss issues of relevance. First time was in 2010 and now building off of that with panel of well-known speakers including former ambassador, an adviser to Pakistan etc. One day conference also featuring some Michigan professors. Free event open to the entire community and idea is to dispel misconceptions and open discourse.

III. Discussion:
   a. Michael asks why the request was late. Initially had other resources from dorms and MSA which fell through. Large number of graduate students involved so decided to ask RSG. Also some speakers agreed last minute.
   c. Michael: Expect 150 people to show up how many graduate students? In 2010 about 100 total and half grad students.
   d. Michael: Asks about advertising. Targeting Rackham students particularly public policy, political science also some engineering students because many South Asians. Also targeting people in the community, also online.
   e. Michael: Which speakers would money go towards? Keynote speaker, Dr. Zaidi from Columbia would be the one covered.
   f. Michael: How many grad students expected. IPSA agreed to co-sponsor. Expecting at least 75 graduate students.
   g. Anyone can show up, and engineering emails will be going the next few days.
   h. Patrick asks about setup. The setup will be in panels with a moderator with open questions.
i. The time will be 12-5:30 pm.
j. Michael: Asks if they have asked for funding from Ford School. They said yes but they won’t be able to fund now will possibly be retroactively funded.
k. Michael: Asks about food. Refreshments for all will be the food.

IV. Closed Discussion:
    a. Seems like will attract a number of graduate students and 75 seems reasonable; interesting event that we would like to fund. The topics seem to be of a high level that would be interesting to the graduate community.
    b. Some concern expressed about the lack of the group’s organization with late funding requests and advertising.
    c. Happening in Rackham so central location and good advertisement from Rackham.
    d. The travel seems to be very expensive for travel from New York. Some concern about the costs of the travel and lodging given they said the funds were for one speaker.
    e. Michael: Makes motion for $500 for speaker travel and lodging. Second Patrick.
       i. Vote:
          1. Approve: Michael, Patrick, Marisol
          2. Abstentions: Alex

V. Per bylaws, the committee will recommend to fund $500 for the Pakistan Conference event given the above mentioned stipulations at the next board meeting.
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Community Outreach and Social Action Committee
March 12th, 2012
6pm Espresso Royale, 322 S. State St

I. Convene
   A. 6.10

II. Attendance
   A. Tien-Heui Hsu and Marisol Ramos, Eli Benchell Eisman

III. DP Day
   A. 3 people have dropped out, leaving us with 9 individuals, but only 4 have registered with The DP. WE NEED TO GET THIS NUMBER UP.
   B. Continued advertising
      1. Newsletter blurb was supposed to go out with the last newsletter
      2. Quarter sheet fliers
         a) Time commitment,
         b) Play up any special information re: clothing needed or what we’ll be doing
         c) Networking opportunity

IV. American Cancer Society – Relay For Life with SPH
   A. Don’t have an RSG team this year, but will advertise for the SPH team in an upcoming email
   B. We should compile a list of all the graduate student MRelay teams
   C. Include a blurb about the SPH team in the newsletter

V. Open discussion
   A. Heidi should look into Safehouse for fund raising or material drives
   B. Tien will contact her normal volunteer coordinator at the Huron Valley Humane Society
   C. Marisol and Eli will look into some organizations in Detroit.

VI. Adjourn
   A. 6.45
I. Roll call of members
   1. Present: Michael Benson, Christine Andres, Chris Tom, Alex Toulouse, Andrew Crawford, Kaitlin Flynn
   2. Absent: Nina White, Ben, Dan, Lauren Knapp
   3. Called to order: 6:39

II. Local Affairs:
   1. Ann Arbor Housing Ordinance For a (2 different times/days, before exams)
      - Target all students, located in Angel halls or Rackham
      - Players: University Housing, Landlords association, City Council
      - Each gives overview, Q&A from students
      - Budget of $150 each
      - Andrew, Chris, Lauren, and Ben to work together provide update (date, room etc)

III. State Affairs:
   1. Understanding between UofM and MSU about to expire: execs to decide to renew
      - No grad student government at Wayne State, new Dean appointed recently
   2. Testify on Higher Ed Budgeting Issues in Lansing: End of April
   3. To be discussed: (Bill SB971) possibility of taking a stance on the state being involved with University issues regardless of unionization stance as students technically did not make the decision.

IV. Federal Affairs
   1. SAGE White Papers:
      - (A) Affordability:
      - (B) Research Funding:
      - Programs (TRIO) supporting underrepresented students and first generation students – Andrew to email group a paragraph
      - (C) Immigration:
      - International students limit of 20 hours of work from visa restrictions

V. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3rd 6:30pm Espresso Royal State Street
VI. Adjournment: 7:04pm
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Life Committee Meeting
March 20th, 2012
6pm Espresso Royale, 322 S. State St
7:30pm

Members Present: Alex Emly, Alex Toulouse, Anna Wagner, Chris Tom, Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson

Members Excused: Heidi Alvey-Pedini, Patrick Rooney

1. Events:

- St Patrick’s Day Event Wrap Up:
  - People really like free T-shirts and are even willing to buy cheap St. Patrick’s Day shirts
  - To AT’s disapproval, we will be emailing the student body that if they want to purchase a green shirt from Underground, they will be ~$5 and they can do so themselves. It is no work for us, and is free advertising
- March Madness Viewing Party Championship Game – Cancelled
  - Bars were not being very cooperative so we’re not going to bother
- Bowling Coming Up – March 30, a week from Saturday
  - Make sure to mention at the meeting on Thursday that those board members who have not fulfilled their volunteering at events requirement that we will need RSG volunteers there to help out
  - Registration is starting soon
- April Events:
  - Pinball Pete’s : Cancelled since no one took the reins, and apparently the Pistons game was not paid for last semester, so we could use the $600 allocated from this event to help cover the $1000 from the Piston’s game we owe
  - Bar night:
    - Bab’s Friday or Saturday April 6 or 7 (Friday is preferred).
    - We don’t really want to do a week day if at all possible, especially with finals and final projects just around the corner.
    - Already have had several events at Circus in the past 6 months, so a new place would be nice
    - Bab’s is never crowded until 11, so we might be able to swing a 9PM – 12 AM event
- **Michael is calling them to ask**
  - May Events:
    - Rock climbing: Chris still hasn’t heard back from them
  - Events Misc:
    - Spring/Summer budget won’t be approved until May, so need to hold off on scheduling events that cost money until then
    - Grad Student T-Shirt Design Competition for the fall – allow grad students to submit designs, then have some voting occur and then we’ll commission Underground to print them and students can buy them whenever they want (we’ll also use these for prizes throughout the year). Michael has already been discussing a contract with the shirt companies for this, so we should be set to go for a fall rollout

2. **Policies**

- Registering graduate student organizations : Update
  - Alex and Michael will be meeting with the newly elected Law/Med/B school Executive Boards to discuss breaking from CSG in a couple of weeks.
  - The website is going to get redone this summer, and it will allow for an interface for grad student groups to register with us starting Fall 2012 (fingers crossed)

3. **Action Items**

- Inform student body about purchasing St Patrick’s shirts (though I think maybe we should just put it in the next newsletter – I don’t it deserves its own email)
- Michael is calling Bab’s to set up next/final bar night of the semester
- When March Madness winds down, the winners will need to be contacted for their $50, $25x2 prizes
- Alex E and Michael are meeting with new exec boards in the next three weeks to discuss combined events with them
Organization Name: BrainsRule
SOAS Account #: 932809
Registered with MSA? Yes No

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Title: Graduate Student
Email: haightj@umich.edu
Phone: 203-671-0331

Secondary Contact Name: Patrick Pruitt
Title: Graduate Student
Email: pruittpj@umich.edu
Phone:

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

BrainsRule! is a student organization dedicated to getting kids excited about science. Every year we work together with the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum to host an amazing event for students from middle schools around the Southeastern Michigan area. Graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty from the University of Michigan put on a reverse science fair for about 200 kids. There are about 20 exhibits for the kids to explore in small groups and in the end they vote for their favorite one! BrainsRule is run by graduate students from the Neuroscience Graduate Program at the University of Michigan, and they organize the graduate students, undergraduates, post-doctoral fellows and faculty members who participate in this one day event involving an all-expenses paid trip to the University for about 280 middle school students to learn about the brain and scientific principles. We target 6th graders because that is the time in students lives when they begin to choose their own classes and we want to encourage them to continue to choose science classes in their high school and college careers.
# of active student members:  4 student organizers, 40 students who run demonstrations

# of graduate student members:  4 student organizers, 34 students who run demonstrations

Average attendance at group meetings (Board, committee, event planning, etc.): 4
Average attendance at similar events: 4
Average graduate student attendance at similar events: 4

How often does your group meet? 2-3 times in Fall Semester and ~20 times in Winter Semester

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?

Yes, our organizational meetings are held in the Neuroscience Program office in USB. BrainsRule! 2012 will be held on the 2nd floor of the Michigan League. This is the second year we have used the League for our event, and the third year on campus.

Does your group engage in political activity, i.e., electoral, partisan, etc.? If so, describe this activity.
No.

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.
No.

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.

What is your yearly budget? What % of your budget have you set aside for this event?

Our annual budget is approximately $10000, all of which goes to pay for the demonstration materials, buses to transport the middle school students to campus, lunch for the students and volunteers, and t-shirts for everyone involved to commemorate the event.

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

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Event Description

Event name: BrainsRule!
Event date(s): 03-22-2012
Event location: Michigan League

1. Briefly describe this event. What is its overall purpose?

This is a one day event where approximately 280 middle school students come to U of M to learn about the brain and scientific principles through booths designed and run by graduate students and undergraduates from around the University. The idea is to get middle school students excited about science, to show them that scientists are normal people, and to encourage them to continue to choose science classes as part of their curriculum.

2. Describe how this event will affect our campus and the graduate student body.

This event gives the graduate student body an opportunity to be involved in science outreach education, something which is very important for obtaining grants for ourselves.

3. Describe how this event will include other groups or departments.

We advertise our event across Psychology, Neuroscience, Biology and the medical school to obtain volunteers to run the booths for the event. We also invite undergraduates and a group of pre-med undergraduates usually volunteers to help with the event as well.

4. With which other groups or departments are you sponsoring this event, if any?

None.

5. If your organization is traveling, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community.

No travel is involved, we bring the students to campus for the event.

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, where are you ordering from and what is the approximate food cost/attendee?

We purchase lunch for the middle school students attending, and the volunteers who helped with the event. The lunch and t-shirt are our thanks to the graduate student volunteers who donate most of a day to come and teach the students about science. If we did not provide lunch we would likely not get as many graduate volunteers. Additionally, we purchase lunch for the middle school students. Because we target lower income communities for the schools we invite, for some of the students that is the only food they will eat all day. The food cost per person is approximately $5.

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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.

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

9. Who is eligible to participate? (Keep in mind the more diverse the graduate student participation, the more likely RSG will fund)

Graduate students from across the social and medical sciences are welcome to participate. As mentioned earlier, we recruit volunteers from Psychology, Biology, Neuroscience, and the medical campus.

10. How many participants do you expect? What % of those participants do you expect to be graduate students?

We expect approximately 360 attendees, consisting of about 280 students, and 20 chaperones and teachers, and 60 graduate student volunteers.

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 send e-mails to graduate student lists to recruit our volunteers.

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 funding sources as well.

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16. 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?

The event will still be held. If Rackham does not fully cover the amount requested we will fund raise the rest through t-shirt sales and requests to MSA and other funding sources on and off campus.
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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Please remember to attach a mock-up version of the flier, publication, or t-shirt design with the RSG logo or “Sponsored by the Rackham Student Government” statement to your application.

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

Organization Name: Pakistani Students’ Association (PSA)  
SOAS Account #: C936500  
Registered with MSA? Yes

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Phone: (734) 846-4153

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Title: President  
Email: mnpandit@umich.edu  
Phone: (734) 846-5330

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

The Pakistani Students’ Association (PSA) is a student-run organization that seeks to provide a home away from home for students of Pakistani origin at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor campus and for them to explore their ethnic and cultural background. In order to promote greater understanding of Pakistani people, the PSA also strives to provide opportunities for the university population at large to learn about issues pertinent to Pakistani society and the Pakistani community on campus.

To this end, the PSA holds numerous events throughout the academic year. Some of our staple events are charity concerts called PSA Live, cricket and soccer tournaments open to everyone on campus, and fashion/cultural shows. We also have informal gatherings, called Chai Times, for all our members. We also show important documentaries and have University professors deliver lecture on important issues. The Pakistan Conference, which will draw speakers from across the country to speak on various issues, and an end of the year PSA Banquet.
# of active student members: _55____
# of graduate student members: _20____

Average attendance at group meetings (Board, committee, event planning, etc.): __13____
Average attendance at events: __90____
Average graduate student attendance at events: __25____

How often does your group meet? _Weekly____

Does your group charge dues to members? _Yes_

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?

All our activities take place on campus. The PSA charity concert and fashion/cultural show are held in either the Michigan Union or Michigan League Ballroom, the soccer and cricket tournaments are held at the Coliseum, our E-Board meetings are held in one of the four 2015 Michigan Union rooms, and our informal gatherings are held at one of our members' apartments.

Does your group engage in political activity, i.e., electoral, partisan, etc.? If so, describe this activity.

The PSA does not engage in political activities.

Does your group engage in lobbying efforts? If so, describe these efforts.

The PSA does not engage in lobbying efforts.

Does your group work with any University department or other student organizations in any capacity? If so, please describe this collaboration.

The PSA has a close relationship with the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS), which has helped advertise our events in the past and is helping us with the Pakistan Conference as well. We have also worked with the Bengali Students Association (for Skate for Bengal, Winter ‘10), with Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (for the Palestine Conference, Fall ’09), and the fraternity Omega Gamma Pi (for the cricket tournament, Fall ’09). We also have a very close relationship with the Muslim Students’ Association, and have collaborated with the MSA on a number of occasions (for instance, sponsoring iftar-dinners during Ramadan, Fall ‘09). The MSA is also co-sponsoring the Pakistan Conference.

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.

The PSA is not affiliated with a parent organization.
Event Description

Event name: The 2012 University of Michigan Pakistan Conference (informally, The Pakistan Conference)
Event date(s): March 24th, 2012
Event location: Michigan Union

1. Briefly describe this event. What is its overall purpose?

The Conference aims to: (i) encourage intellectual debate and campus dialogue on issues pertaining to Pakistan and United States-Pakistan relations; (ii) promote awareness of under-represented and multi-sectoral issues that affect Pakistan, the United States and the wider global community; (iii) encourage debate regarding solutions to problems of terrorism, governance, reform, sustainable development and diplomatic relations based on ethical norms; and (iv) foster exchanges of ideas between international academics and students at the University of Michigan. To this end, the Conference will draw on the expertise of academics, policy-makers, professionals and former government officials in such fields as religion, history, culture and politics.

2. Describe how this event will affect our campus and the graduate student body.

In supporting the project, the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives will help initiate discussion on a subject never before presented in all its complexity and uniqueness to the University of Michigan. This event will mark the first time that an academic conference focused solely on Pakistan has been held on campus. The Association strongly believes that this event will add to the public discourse regarding matters of ethics and their application in the subject of global terrorism, international political development and cooperation, as well as policies on ethical governance. Importantly, in doing so, OAMI — in collaboration with the Pakistani Students’ Association and the Center for South Asian Studies — will harness the diversity of the University of Michigan campus in this aim and support an area of deep concern to various underrepresented and misrepresented groups at the University. It is further anticipated that this will allow graduate students access to a range of speakers on a subject that would otherwise remain absent from campus events. The academic nature of the event is likely to appeal to graduate students interested in South Asian politics, history and development, as well as those working on counter-terrorism and security issues, foreign policy, economics and political science.

In its commitment to collaborate with OAMI and further discourse related to ethical issues, the Association hopes to provide a range of interdisciplinary subjects to be examined. Guest speakers will guide discussion on governance in Pakistan — the possibility of reform, poverty reduction, social justice, sustainable development and civil society activism — in light of recent political and economic developments in the country.

3. Describe how this event will include other groups or departments.

The event has been cosponsored and endorsed by the Center for South Asian Studies in the International Institute. Further support has been sought from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the Center for Ethics In Public Life, Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives.

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(OAMI). The event is scheduled to be held in the Law School, allowing easy access for interested graduate students.

4. With which other groups or departments are you sponsoring this event, if any?

N/A

5. If your organization is traveling, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community.

N/A

6. If your organization is purchasing food, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community.

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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. Additionally, attach a short biography to the end of this application.

Confirmed speakers for the Conference are:

1. Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi (Visiting Professor, Columbia University, and Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for Peace)


3. Dr. Sadia Saeed (Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, Yale University)

4. Ambassador Howard Schaffer (Former US Ambassador to Bangladesh and Author, "How Pakistan Negotiates with the United States")

5. Mr. Salik Farooqi (Doctoral Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan).

6. We are waiting on responses from some other prominent experts on matters relating to Pakistan.

7. Professor Juan Cole (Professor of History & Director of Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan).

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.

N/A
9. Who is eligible to participate?
The Conference will be geared towards University of Michigan faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and the wider Michigan community interested in learning more about the various socio-political aspects of Pakistani society as well as the current state and future of US-Pakistan relations.

10. How many participants do you expect? 150

11. Are your date and location confirmed? Yes

12. Will you charge admission? No
If so, how much per person? N/A

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

14. How do you intend to advertise, in particular to graduate students?
The Conference will be publicized through the offices of:

- The Pakistani Students' Association (PSA)
- Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS)
- Graduate Student Organizations
- Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives (OAMI)
- Michigan Student Assembly (MSA)
- Rackham Student Government
- International Institute (II)
- Department of Political Science
- Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
- Multicultural Councils, University Housing

Publicity strategy for the Conference will include:
- Flyering across campus
- Advertising through email lists of departments, centers and offices aforementioned as well as of other student organizations.
- Advertisements on social networking websites, such as Facebook
- Handing out quarter-sheets at the Central and North Campus Diags
- Registration table in Angel Hall

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,

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Email completed form to RSG Treasurer, Cherisse Loucks, at cloucks@umich.edu.
Rackham Student Government Funding Application

Organization Name: Thai Student Association
SOAS Account #: 938456
Registered with MSA? Yes

Primary Contact Name: Monthira Reodacha
Title: Treasurer
Email: reodacha@umich.edu
Phone: 803.553.4345

Secondary Contact Name: Thunyarat Amornpetchkul
Title: President
Email: thunyara@umich.edu
Phone: 267.546.8658

Please check any of the following that describe your organization:

- Academic/Professional
- Creative Arts/Expression (Visual, Performance, and/or Exhibition)
- Community Service
- Cultural/Ethnic X
- Environmental
- Graduate
- Honorary
- International X
- Political
- Publications/Journalism
- Religious
- Science/Technical
- Social Justice

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

TSA is an organization aimed at creating awareness, promoting our unique Thai culture and strengthening the unity among the members of the association. We aim to achieve this through our annual "Thai Night" event. (See below for more details)

# of active student members: ___70___
# of graduate student members: ___55___

Average attendance at group meetings (Board, committee, event planning, etc.): ___25___
Average attendance at similar events: ___55___
Average graduate student attendance at similar events: ___50___

How often does your group meet? ___Twice a month____

Does your group charge dues to members? No

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

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?

Yes. We normally held our programs in available rooms in academic buildings (e.g. Ross School of Business, East Hall, Pierpont Commons)

Does your group engage in political activity, i.e., electoral, partisan, etc.? If so, describe this activity.

No

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 sometimes worked with other South East Asian organization, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

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.

The Royal Thai Embassy partially helps in the funding of our events

What is your yearly budget? What % of your budget have you set aside for this event?

Our budget this year is around $10,000. This event is the biggest event of our association and it takes 70% of our budget.
Event Description

Event name: Thai Night 2012: Siam Love Story
Event date(s): March 31, 2012
Event location: East Hall

1. Briefly describe this event. What is its overall purpose?

Thai Night is the Thai Student Association’s biggest annual event which is held to promote our well-founded cultures and traditions to the students at the University of Michigan as well as the Ann Arbor community. This year, the evening will start with an authentic Thai food buffet, and exhibitions featuring different aspects of Thai culture including Thai language, Thai costumes, Thai arts & crafts, Thai tourism, and Thai massage. After that, we will present Thai performances wrapped around a skit, reflecting different types of love. Our performances include a Thai traditional dance, a Thai modern dance, Thai kickboxing, and a spicy food eating contest.

2. Describe how this event will affect our campus and the graduate student body.

We will impact the Ann Arbor community and university campus by sharing and promoting Thai traditions such as Thai dance and martial arts. Thai Night will create an opportunity for graduate students to become more culturally enriched. We believe that sharing these features of our culture is a beautiful way to cultivate a sense of understanding and acceptance of ethnic diversity in our community.

3. Describe how this event will include other groups or departments.

Since Thai Night has a long tradition on U-M campus, we have been well-recognized from many groups and departments. For example, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Michigan Student Assembly, the Rackham Student Government, the Thai Undergraduate Student Association, and the Southeast Asian Network have always been assisting the organizations of Thai Night every year with either financial, logistics, or advertising supports.

4. With which other groups or departments are you sponsoring this event, if any?

In addition to the RSG, we are applying for funding from the Michigan Student Assembly (SOFC of the U-M CSG) and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

5. If your organization is traveling, explain why this is integral to your event and how it will impact the graduate student community.

We will not be travelling.

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, where are you ordering from and what is the approximate food cost/attendee?

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Food is one of the main attractions for Thai Night as it is an integral part of Thailand’s culture. People who come to this event will get a chance to taste traditional Thai cuisine, not available from any restaurants on campus. This will help them learn more about authentic Thai food and Thai culture. We will order food from Siam Square and Thai-Thai. The approximate food cost/attendee is $15. (Total food budget of $3750 for 250 attendees)

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.

We will not bring a speaker.

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.

We are 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)

Thai night is open to everyone, e.g. graduate students, other students (UM and non-UM), residents of Ann Arbor, and anyone who is interested in attending our event.

10. How many participants do you expect? What % of those participants do you expect to be graduate students?

We expect to have between 250-300 participants, where graduate students account for 80%.

11. Are your date and location confirmed? Yes

12. Will you charge admission? Yes

If so, how much per person? $15 general admission, $10 for children (Free for toddlers) $12 per ticket for students

13. Will this be donated to charity? No

If yes, what percentage will be donated?

14. How do you intend to advertise, in particular to graduate students?

Flyers, e-mails, Facebook, the Michigan daily and by word of mouth

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

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majority of events cost solely to RSG will rarely be fully funded, please seek out additional
funding sources as well.

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16. 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?

*If we do not have enough funding, we will ask for donations from our current members.
Regardless of the funding situation, this event will be held because we have already planned
everything thoroughly and have already promised our regular participants another well-
organized Thai night. But, if we do not have much funding, we will need to decrease the scale of
the event.*
## 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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Thai Night 2012
“Siam Love Story”
Fall in love with authentic Thai food, enchanting Thai culture and cordial Thai people!

Saturday March 31, 2012 5-8pm
East Hall, North Atrium (Psychology)

Come join us for ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Thai food and amazing shows
Buy tickets online at http://tsaum.com or email thainight2012@umich.edu

Ticket $15
Special offer: $12 per ticket when purchasing 2 or more in cash
with a student ID by March 24, 2012

Organized by Thai Student Association at the University of Michigan
Sponsored by the Rackham Student Government, the SOFC of the U-M CSG, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies
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- Ice Skating
- Circus Bar Night
- Feb Red Wings
- Valentines Day
- Pistons - Lakers
- Ricks - Fundraiser
- St. Patrick's Day
- Bowling
- Pistons - Magic
Rackham Student Government
Graduate Student Bill of Rights
2012
DRAFT

March 7, 2012
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Rackham Student Government
2012 Graduate Student Bill of Rights
DRAFT

1 PREAMBLE

Upon enrollment, all Rackham graduate students will be informed of the following rights and responsibilities. These rights and responsibilities are derived from Masters and PhD students roles as junior colleagues who contribute to the mission of the University of Michigan through their research, teaching and extracurricular involvement. All graduate students will be free from reprisal for exercising the rights and responsibilities contained within this document.

2 DEFINITIONS

1. University Refers to the University of Michigan as an institute of higher learning that is authorized to grant academic degrees, and also to faculty, staff and administrators who are associated with this institute.

2. Faculty/Advisor An employee appointed by the University who serves in teaching, service and/or research functions.

3. Program/Department An academic unit as defined by the University.

4. Graduate Student An individual enrolled in an advanced degree program and for whom the University holds academic records for.

5. Professional Development Skills or knowledge acquired for career advancement.

3 RIGHTS

1. Graduate students have the right to fair and equal treatment from University administrators, departmental staff and faculty free of discrimination based on gender, race, age, family status, sexual practice, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, religious or political affiliations, country of origin, and citizenship.

2. Graduate students have the right to refuse to perform tasks unrelated to the requirements of their individual academic program(s) or professional development.

3. Graduate students have the right to specific and concrete requirements for achieving an advanced degree. These will be communicated clearly upon entrance to the program and accessible in written form thereafter. Modifications to those requirements must be conveyed to the students in a similar manner. No changes to degree requirements will affect students previously accepted into the graduate program or academic focus, except at the option of the student.

4. Graduate students have the right to change their faculty advisor(s) and the right to alternative supervision, external to the university if necessary, in cases where the student’s primary advisor departs from the university upon achieving candidacy. If a degree program is to be discontinued, provisions will be made for students already in the program to complete their course of study.
5. Prospective and currently enrolled graduate students have a right to know the average time to degree within a specific graduate program. These students have a right to know a program's attrition rate and the predominant reasons for failure of completion.

6. Graduate students that are required to teach by their program will be afforded a comprehensive training program for their teaching responsibilities.

7. Graduate students that are required to perform research by their program will be afforded a comprehensive training program for their research responsibilities.

8. Graduate students have a right to adequate space and material resources for their work (e.g. printers, telephones, computers etc.)

9. Graduate students have the right to objective evaluation, regular feedback and guidance concerning their academic performance and progress towards an advanced degree. Evaluations will be factual, specific and should be shared with the student within a reasonable period of time. The following will be available to the student in writing upon request: annual progress reports, decisions on qualifying examinations, and unusual or additional program requirements.

10. Graduate students have the right to correct or remedy deficiencies in their academic and/or research performance prior to dismissal from a program. Any intent to dismiss a student from a graduate program or advising relationship must be preceded by specific, written performance information at least one semester prior to actual dismissal.

11. Graduate students have the right to access professional training courses and seminars. This includes but is not be limited to: information about professional and academic associations and conferences, mock interviews, job opportunities and publishing articles in journals.

12. Graduate students have the right to be informed of financial support for their studies prior to entering and during their programs. Should this support change at any time during the course of study, graduate students have a right to be informed in writing of such changes in a timely manner.

13. All departments and graduate programs will include graduate student representatives in committees that make decisions affecting graduate student policies and academic requirements. This does not include bodies that determine an individual student’s academic progress.

14. Graduate students have the right to representation on all campus-wide administrative committees that affect graduate student, with voting privileges where appropriate. In addition, all departments and graduate programs will include graduate student representatives in committees that make decisions affecting graduate student policies and academic requirements.

15. Graduate students have the right to participate in extra-curricular activities including but not limited to student organizations and political processes without fear of retribution or academic consequence with the expectation that involvement not detract from progress toward degree completion.

16. Graduate students have the right to a non-biased arbitration process if seeing to resolve a violation of these rights. Official academic grievance procedures and informal complaint procedures will be provided and clearly defined by Rackham and at the graduate departments and graduate program level. These procedures will be presented to graduate students at time of entry.
17. Graduate students have a right to be informed of these rights upon enrollment, and to be free of reprisals for exercising these rights.

18. IP Ownership
4 Responsibilities

1. Graduate students have a responsibility to conduct themselves, in all educational activities, in a manner befitting a junior colleague. Graduate students behavior should be a credit to themselves, their program/department, and the University. They have the responsibility to respect and uphold all relevant university policies regarding professional conduct, including but not limited to the Code of Academic Conduct and the University Policy on Nondiscrimination, Sexual Harassment and Student Records and Privacy. Graduate students have the responsibility to uphold and respect all of the aforementioned rights for fellow graduate students.

2. Graduate students have a responsibility to devote an appropriate amount of time and energy toward the advanced degree within normative time, unless special circumstances apply.

3. Graduate students have a responsibility to uphold ethical norms in research and higher academic pursuits and provide accurate and honest reporting of research results, methodology, and scholarship.

4. Graduate students have the responsibility to take the initiative in asking questions that promote their understanding of the academic requirements and the financial particulars of their specific graduate program.

5. Graduate students have a responsibility to understand their role in the development of the relationship between faculty mentor and graduate student.
   (a) To have an awareness of time constraints and other demands imposed on faculty members and program staff.
   (b) To communicate regularly with faculty mentors and advisors, especially in matters related to research and progress within the graduate program.

5 Enforcement

Individual sections of this document will be enforced via various university policies and offices. They are listed here for reference.

6 It would be nice to have section

1. Discussion of students among faculty, staff or other students should be of a professional nature and limited to academic performance.
RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE UNIVERSITY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

WHEREAS, The Non-Discrimination Policy within the University of Michigan Standard Practice Guide\(^1\) exists to protect the diverse range of individuals employed by and attending the University from discrimination, harassment, and violence; AND

WHEREAS, the Non-Discrimination Policy states that 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\(^1\);” AND

WHEREAS, “gender identity” and “gender expression” are interpreted to refer to the self-identity and self-expression of the individual\(^2\); 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\(^3\);” AND

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

WHEREAS, University protects the subject and the object of emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attractions through its Non-Discrimination Policy; AND

WHEREAS, the Non-Discrimination Policy does not protect the actions between the subject and object that are the primary means to sexual and attractional fulfillment; AND

WHEREAS, it is known that individuals can and have been discriminated against for their methods of sexual practice\(^4\); AND

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\(^1\) Michigan Standard Practice Guide (sect. 201.35)

\(^2\) Jackie Simpson, Head of the Spectrum Center, adapted from personal communication on Feb 13th, 2012.

\(^3\) APA website: http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/sexual-orientation.aspx

\(^4\) National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, Incident Response Report records
WHEREAS, without explicit protection from discrimination, there may be the threat of implicitly sanctioned discrimination; violence and related hate crimes can accompany the lack of explicit protection.  

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 (without emphasis):

“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 the President of the graduate student body is empowered and directed to work with the Administration of the University of Michigan to put into place policies that reflect the will and intent of this resolution.

AUTHOR

Christopher Tuck Mung Baker Tom  
Representative (Division 1), Rackham Student Government  
Co-chair, Academic Affairs Committee

ATTEST

By Signing below, I certify the this resolution was dispatched by the RSG Board under the rules as prescribed in section IX of the bylaws and that the vote count appearing at the top of this resolution is accurate.

__________________________  
Kaitlin Flynn  
Vice President, Rackham Student Government

5 Rebecca Stotzer, PhD. Comparison of hate crime rates across protected and unprotected groups. Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law. June 2007.
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