RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Board Meeting
July 30th, 2015
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:43pm
   a. Present: Representatives Abneris, Lu, Lindsay, Sriram, Doug, Nate, Kyle, Katie, President Mbagwu
   b. Absent:
   c. Excused: Buke, David

II. Agenda Approved (Motion by Chuky, Seconded by Katie)
III. Approval of Previous Minutes (Motion by Chuky, Seconded by Kyle)
IV. Officer Reports
   a. President: Chuky

Chuky: Our biggest event is the welcome upcoming in the fall where new students are welcomed to the campus. Fall social will be happening that evening taking place on Palmer Field, and this is a mandatory event. We need RSG students to meet people and help out. We provide DJ music, bounce house, food, etc. This is Sept 4th, a Friday at 5pm.
Katie: Will there be shifts for the event?
Chuky: The talking portion is from 9 to 10:30 and the info fair from 10:30 to noon. We’d like at least 2 volunteers for that. Can anyone commit to this now?
Katie: I may be able to do this in the morning
Lindsay and Doug: I can do the afternoon session
Lu: Are we signing up now or later? I might have a meeting but I can be there before or after.

   b. Treasurer: Buke (Covered by Chuky)

Chuky: I will be covering this while Buke is away. I’d like to approve the funding for the appropriation made at the Budgetary committee. We are doing this because any funding over $1000 is required to be approved by the entire board.
Kyle: I can review the application for people unaware. The Karle symposium is a large event for basically all of the chemistry related departments. Industry recruiters will come in, as well as Chad Murkin who is a very well known chemist and is in line for a nobel prize. This year they are asking for 2100 for additional travel fees. We motioned for $1500 to cover speaker, lodging, and travel. They also asked for funding for Karle’s travel expenses because the event is named after her. I would add that the request amount discrepancy has been resolved. We thought that the $2100 is excessive, so we are funding for travel.
Chuky: Clarifies that we require an approval is contingent on their fixing their numbers.
Chuky: The event is Aug 7th, so we want to make this decision now. I’ll open to the floor
Lindsay: Why is it $1500 and not $1000?
Chuky: The condition placed on any award is to indicate where their discrepancy is coming from.
Kyle: The idea is that any department funding for this is contingent on getting funding from any departmental groups.
Katie: They are asking for these specific things to be covered.
Doug/Lindsay: I mean that the numbers don’t match up
Sriram: The numbers don’t match up so anything is contingent on these numbers
Chuky: We didn’t reduce it to make their numbers work, we ended up here from bottom up looking at the line items they wanted to fund. This is still contingent on rectifying the other numbers.
Doug: Voices concerns about accessibility to other departments. I’d like to more directly promote these events to other departments.
Chuky: I’d like to bring it back to the current application. This is a concern but doesn’t have a direct impact on this discussion.
Lindsay: What’s our budget total?
Chuky: 4-6k, this is our first but this is one of our larger events
Kyle: They are trying to expand this symposium and thus the larger funding request
Chuky: Any more discussion points?
General discussion about wording and requirements of bylaws
Chuky: I want to give a couple of scenarios because I don’t think it’s clear. Best case is that their budget is not fully representative and thus the request is appropriate. If their event is indeed $7500 then they only need $1000 they will only be awarded the $1000.
Kyle: Motion to approve the $1500 cap (seconded by Sriram)
Chuky: Role call vote (Yes: Lu, Nate, Sriram, Doug, Kyle, Katie, Lindsay, Abneris, Chuky No: None Abstain: None). It is approved unanimously.
Katie: Buke out of order in role call

V. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Approval of the committee minutes (Motion by Lindsay Seconded by Kyle) Unanimous approval of the minutes
      ii. GSI training
         Lindsay: we realized that the GSI training issue is way bigger than we suspected and we are still working on our events for fall.
         Kyle: we have decided to break the resolution into smaller resolutions.
      iii. COOP/Extended Internships for international students
         Sriram: International students sometimes can't do extended internships on their visa because of this we meet with International Student Center and talked to them and what we could do. Our next move is to meet with several deans (specifically COE Dean). Our plan now is to create a course equivalent to being a full time student. This way students can work for the term as long as they are enrolled in this course.

   b. Budgetary
      i. Approval of the committee minutes (Moved by Chuky Seconded by Dough)
Unanimous approval of the minutes

Chuky: I will be taking over for the time for Buke’s treasury position. We had our first BC meeting for which we just approved the minutes for. Since the BC motioned more than a $1000 for this event per our bylaws we are required to bring it to the board for approval. Since this is a chemistry department event maybe Kyle can talk to us a bit about the event.

Kyle: Certainly, the event is very broad and very important to all chemistry departments programs. The keynote speaker is a prominent researcher in the area of chemistry and this event is a great networking opportunity for students interested in pursuing a carrier in chemistry and nanoscience. We (the Budgetary Committee) motioned $1500. This is what we are presenting to the board contingent that they (the Chemistry Symposium Organizing Committee) verify their proposed budget and present their expenses to the board.

c. Legislative Affairs

d. Student Life

i. Approval of the committee minutes (Motioned by Abneris Seconded by Sriram)

ii. Day in the Park recap

Abneris: I am very happy and grateful to have such a great team. Everyone worked to make this event a success. This event seemed to run perfectly but those of us on the inside know it was a bit of a mess in the morning and we ran into a lot of problems. However, we worked through them and graduate students had a lot of fun. I sent out an email thanking everyone but I’ll acknowledge them here now too. Thank you to Katie, Dough, Sriram and Nate for your work and dedication to this event. I had several graduate students come up to me and thank RSG for putting this event together. Particularly I liked this student who came with his parents and thanked us for creating an event he and his family could enjoy.

iii. Next Event: Dominick’s HH

Abneris: Our upcoming event is a bar night at Dominick’s I will let Sriram tell you all about it since he was the one who planned and executed this one.

Sriram: We are having this event at Dominick’s on Wednesday 5th. We are buying pizza and reserving the back area for graduate students. We are expecting about 100 students. This will be our last bar night of the summer.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

Katie: I feel as if we should regulate who gets food in events. Maybe by checking their MCards and making sure they are graduate students. I had a friend who got food for her and her friends at the Bill’s Beer Garden event and a lot of graduate students were left without food.

Abneris: I disagree. I think checking the ID’s might take too much time and it might be unnecessary.
Lindsay: I agree with Katie we might want to regulate who gets food at our events.
Kyle: I don't necessarily disagree but I think we might want to do it for some events and not necessarily others.
Chuky: We can try it at an upcoming event and see how it goes. We used to do it in the past and we usually do it at fall welcome.

Motion to adjourn Katie
Seconded by Doug

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 7:54pm