AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE GRADUATE PROM COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Members of the Rackham Student Government, including former vice president Josh Bow, and former Treasurer Alex Toulouse, have discussed hosting a large semi-formal or formal event for the past two years; AND

WHEREAS, Members of the graduate student body have expressed an interest in attending such an event; AND

WHEREAS, Hosting a large semi-formal or formal event, such as a prom will require a significant amount of planning; AND

WHEREAS, The student life committee is tasked by the RSG bylaws to host large events for the graduate student body; AND

WHEREAS, The student life committee has a number of mid-sized events to host during the Winter 2013 semester as well as a number of policy issues to address including creating a mechanism for RSG to register graduate student organizations; AND

WHEREAS, Representative Lauren Knapp has volunteered to lead an effort to host a graduate student prom; AND

WHEREAS, Leaders of other graduate and professional student governments on campus have expressed an interest in co-sponsoring such a prom; AND

WHEREAS, Hosting a prom-like event with the professional student governments would help to foster communication and collaboration between our various student bodies; AND

WHEREAS, Article 4, section A, subsection 1i explicitly grants the president the power to “create, charge, and oversee Ad-Hoc committees for special projects and interests”; NOW THEREFORE I, MICHAEL L. BENSON, AS THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE

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CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE ANN ARBOR
CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND THE
BYLAWS OF THE RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT DO
HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. That a graduate prom committee (GPC) be created, effective immediately.

Section 2. That the BRC’s composition, leadership, charge, and operating procedure shall comply with the RSG bylaws as well as section 3 of this order.

Section 3. GRADUATE PROM COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The GPC shall be composed of a minimum of no less than four (4) members of the RSG Board, including Representative Lauren Knapp who shall serve as the chair of this committee. Any member of the Rackham Student Body may join the BRC and shall have voting rights, subject to the conditions outlined in subsection C. Upon the affirmative vote of a student government on the University’s Ann Arbor Campus that represents graduate students, to participate in a prom during the Winter 2013 semester, the students currently enrolled in said student governments’ constituencies may also participate on this committee as voting members, pursuant to subsection C of this order.

B. Quorum. A quorum shall exist when half plus one of the committee members are present as determined by the chair.

C. Voting Rights. All members of the Rackham student body are eligible to vote on this committee. Voting rights may be obtained and retained at any point in time, following the committee’s formation by:

1) Notifying the chair of their intent to serve on the committee.

2) Attending a minimum of 50% of the committee meetings and discussions.

After meeting both requirements listed above, a member of the student body shall have voting rights on the GPC. Maintenance of voting rights shall be pursuant on continued compliance with the requirements listed above.

D. Committee Operations. The GPC shall meet on an as needed basis, at least bi-weekly through the Winter semester. Votes to approve recommendations and to send a final recommendation package to the Board must be taken in person with a quorum present. Committee discussions may take place electronically so as to allow for maximum participation including representatives and students at-large that are not in the Ann Arbor area.
E. Charge. The GPC shall plan and host a prom-like event during the Winter 2013 semester. This event shall be open to the entire Rackham Student Body as well as such other student bodies as the committee shall determine. The committee will by February 11, 2013 submit to the Board and the RSG Events Director a plan. This plan will include:

1) A proposed date for the event

2) A proposed theme for the event (or a timeline to determine a theme using input from the student body)

3) A proposed location for the event, as well as the associated costs

4) A proposed budget for the event including advertising the event to the student body

5) Budget Requests to other funding authorities, as appropriate, to offset the cost of the event to the participants as well as to the Graduate Student Governments participating in hosting it.

Upon approval by the Board of the aforementioned plan, the committee will execute the plan under the direction of the Events Director.

F. Reports. The GPC will submit regular reports to the Board on its progress and will seek feedback from the same. The Chair and the Events Director are tasked with ensuring regular input on the GPC’s activities is gathered from the Board and any other student governments participating in the event.

G. Modification. The committee may, by a simple majority vote recommend an extension of its timeline or an expansion of its charge to the President. An amendment to this order shall not be necessary to affect either such change as a memorandum from the president to the chair shall suffice. Further, the Board may, by a simple majority vote extend the timeline for the GPC up to the end of the Winter 2013 semester. Any motion to extend the timeline of the board must include a new dissolution date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government