Executive Order: EO-12-2

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE RSG 2012 BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) Board has traditionally reviewed and amended its bylaws annually during the spring and summer months; AND

WHEREAS, The RSG Vice President serves as the chief operating officer of the graduate student body as well as the parliamentarian of the RSG Board; AND

WHEREAS, Article 1, section D of the RSG bylaws (BYLAWS) defines the process by which the Board may amend its operating procedures and bylaws; 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 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 bylaw review committee (BRC) 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. BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The BRC shall be composed of a minimum of no less than four (4) members of the RSG Board, including the Vice President who shall serve as the chair of this committee. Any member of the Board may join the BRC and shall have voting rights, subject to the conditions outlined in subsection C.
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 60% of the committee meetings and discussions.

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

D. Committee Operations. The BRC shall meet bi-weekly. 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 BRC shall review all aspects of the RSG bylaws and will, by August 16, 2011 present to the Board a set of recommended amendments. The committee’s review should focus on RSG’s interactions with the student body, including but not limited to RSG’s financial structure, RSG’s elections and apportionment systems, RSG’s external communications strategy, the RSG Board’s composition, and RSG’s use of the Constitution of the Student Body of the Ann Arbor Campus of the University of Michigan.

F. Reports. The BRC will submit regular reports to the Board on its progress and will seek feedback from the same. The Vice President is tasked with ensuring regular input on the BRC’s activities is gathered from the Board.

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 BRC up to the end of the 2012 calendar year. 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