I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:11pm
   a. Present: Representatives Mike Hand, Dave Malewski, David Barton, Kyle Lady, Alex Gutierrez, Pier Davis, Sidney Elignton, Malcom Tariq, David Weinreich, Michael Benson, President Saccone

   b. Absent: Representatives, Patrick Pannuto, Stefan Turcic

   c. Excused: Patrick Pannuto, Vice President Mbagwu

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    Motion by MB, seconded by Dave M. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – July 29, 2014
     Motion by Mike Hand seconded by Kyle Lady. Approved unanimously.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
    a. President Phillip Saccone
       Welcome everyone! It’s so nice to see you all! Welcome Pat! (Pat was traveling from SF) A search committee has been formed for the new Rackham Dean. Dean Weiss will be stepping down after 10 years at the helm of the graduate school. The head of the committee will be Alec Gallimore, a former associate dean in Rackham and a current engineering associate dean. I’ll be working with him to ensure that there is adequate student representation.

       I was also informed that there will be a conflict of interest committee formed to form a conflict of interest policy for students. RSG will be appointing people to serve on the committee. If this is something that you’d be interested in serving on, please email me and let me know.

       It is August 12 and that means that the fall is upon us. As our masters students return and the new students matriculate, we’re going to be ramping up. My highest priority at the moment will be to meet with the new president. In the past, RSG has not had the most cohesive relationship with the office of the president. I’ve sought council from a number of people and I have high hopes. I will keep you all posted.
Also, in the fall, I would ask that everyone help make known that RSG is going to be engaging in a large recruitment drive in the fall. We’re going to fill our board and our committees with quality candidates.

There will be a student poll. The last of these was conducted under president Benson in 2011. This is an extremely high priority. I’ve tasked this to the student life committee. The other committees, mainly AAC, will be able to consult with SLC. The other committees will be asked to give suggestions to SLC. SLC will be presenting a draft to the Board by the end of September with the intent of sending the instrument to the student body in October.

Fall picnic will be on Friday August 29th. Please clear time between 3pm and 9pm. If you absolutely have a hard conflict, please let me know in writing. This is a HUGE event, our largest of the year and the 3rd largest student run event on campus. This is a mandatory event and attendance will be taken. Please try to block time at strategic times of the event; namely at the beginning or at the end.

We have $19,102 in our account. We are in strong fiscal health and no committee is in danger of going over its budget.

**Mike Hand:** Question on the student poll. Do we have the old one that we can look at and what are we looking to get out of this?

**Phil:** Yes, we do and let’s talk about this offline. In broad strokes, what does our constituency want from their student government, what is lacking, and how can we help fill in those voids.

### V. INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

I apologize for not printing this out but we’re going to put this into the minutes. I’ve asked every member of this board to come up with a project that they’re passionate about and to take the lead or co-lead on it until the end of the fall term. This is something that I’d like to hear updates from you on at every meeting or every other meeting; even if the update is “no update.” We all need to be more accountable as to moving the student body forward.

**Alex G:** I’ve been working on a project for about a year now which is addressing the issue of *Machine shop training and access*. The main source is secure in the physics area. This serves most graduate students. I’ve talked to the lab and have found out that graduate students from all over go there for their machine shop needs. It turns out that its largely a problem that could be solved by providing the access to college of engineering students as they represent the largest majority. **Next Step(s):** Dean Tillbery in Engineering has setup a task force and has presented to Dean Munson (ENGINEERING)
as to providing college of engineering students machine shop access within 5 years with new buildings coming on line. The deans are working to help us come up with a short term solution on the time-span of 1 – 2 years. They seem reluctant. Rackham associate dean Mike Solomon will be advising me on next steps.

**Pat P:** I wanted to work on a Farmers Market. Last year, they put a farmers market on campus twice, once during the fall and once during the winter term. I’d like to work to make this more regular. It seemed like there was a lot of buying from the local community. I have a business card from one of the guys in food services.

**Kyle L:** I’m currently working on improving awareness of library academic resources as well as providing resources for if someone wants to improve / ask for something new e.g. who to talk to. The information is all there, but it isn’t easy to access or in a central place. I’m also working on a number of other projects. Stay tuned.

**Pier D:** I’d be interested in helping to get RSG more on the map for other masters and graduate students. E.g. Reaching out to other graduate student organizations for co-sponsorship. Ideally to create more turnover. For the fall picnic, we’re the only ones that are emailing the student body. I would reach out to administration in each department to see if there is a president of a student council to be in touch with.

**Phil:** By early September, lets put a list together of organizations in Divisions 4 and 1 to coordinate events and ideas.

**Dave W:** What if each rep suggested a list serv?

**Dave M:** I’m interested in seeing us bring more attention to developing soft skills for graduate students. The college of pharmacy is working on this; from the time you come in to the time you leave including skills like how to interview for a job or how to write a resume. I think that this might be something that we could roll out and or establish as a program with Rackham to help expand the horizons of students. I’d need to know who in Rackham would be the right person to talk with.

**Phil:** Paula Wishart is the person that you want to talk with, I’m emailing you her contact information now.

**Dave W:** Lets see, one project that I am kind of in the midst of right now is trying to build a partnership between the Detroit connector service and the Michigan flyer service. I’m working with some people in the regional transit authority. We met last week with some folks from the Detroit Transit Center (Greg) we’re looking to put a meeting together for mid-September that would have people from the University as well as AAATA. It might be a long shot, but we’re looking to make the Detroit connector a more permanent service.
Phil: That’s a rather large undertaking. Is there something else that you’re also passionate about that you might be able to make an ongoing priority?

Dave W: Sure, in general, I’m not sure about the info side of things, but I’d say better bus service to north campus would be helpful. The location of the bus stops is an issue that we discussed previously that I think is a good idea.

Mike H: I guess there are two that I’d be picking from. Regarding the instructor evals, is that beyond us at this point?

Phil: As far as I know, yes. It’s in the hands of the provosts’ office. I don’t think that there is much use for us to host a temporary one at this point... it’s imminent that the registrar and provosts office will get this done quickly, if they don’t we can re-visit.

Mike H: Given that, I’d like to look at 24-hour busing on campus. This is slightly bigger, but some of the first steps would be getting in initial contact with PTS to see what would be involved as well as talking with CSG to partner.

Malcolm T: I think I need to find a new project. I was going to work on getting the busses to run later and to move the north campus stops.

Phil: Think of something else that could be independent but also work with Dave W and Mike.

Michael B: It looks like busing is an issue. Talks about old

Sidney E: I think what would be interesting would be organizing a graduate student wide / RSG wide intramural sports league. This would allow people to play ball with people from out side of their department.

Phil: To clarify, would this be an RSG sponsored team?

Sidney: Yes, we’d send an email out to the student body to signup on our team to play for X sports.

Phil: I’m wondering if Intramural Sports doesn’t already do this?

Sidney: You can be an individual agent but there is no affinity.

Phil: I think this is a good idea. What are we going to know about come September?

Sidney: I think we’re going to take for granted that there will be interest in this.

Phil: Agreed, figure out which teams we want to form a team in.
David B: So, from our discussion last time is something that I want to work on. The campus plan that we have for all of our campuses. I’d like to find out what the current plans are and then try to make them available to students. I’d also like to get more student input as those plans develop and make that institutional.

Michael B: Alumni, Election Forum, Masters Student Study Space

Phil: Great! This all sounds great. Please stay on top of it and ask us for help when needed!

VI. STUDENT BODY POLL

Phil: There will be a student body poll. The charge is to ask the student body what they need; what will make their experience fuller in terms of a variety of factors. It can be as broad or as narrow as is necessary. The student life committee will be doing much of the legwork.

Dave W: Going off of the comment before relating to transportation to off-campus locations, perhaps we could include transportation on and off campus in the survey?

Phil: Yes.

Kyle: It might be valid to / interesting to in regards to the alumni to poll recent graduates (a few years out) as to what should or shouldn’t have been. SLC can take on creating a dual survey to recent alumni.

Phil: Great idea. If you think of something please send me an email or email kyle or mike hand.

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR STUDENTS

a. STUDENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE

A committee is being formed by Rackham. If you would like to be on the committee please let me know. I’d like to open the floor to see if there are issues that I and the Board need to be made aware particularly as relates

Michael B: I would ask that the issues raised by Eugene D. a few years ago as regards research conflict of interest be considered by the committee and ideally that the resultant policy address said issues.

Phil: As background, a conflict of interest policy would cover preserved as well as actual conflicts of interest. For example, if you work in a lab and you want to do personal work in the lab. Also, amorous relationships with students and/or faculty to ensure that that doesn’t have an undue influence. For students this could also take the form of Intellectual Property issues as well as advisors that spilt time
between a private company and their University mentoring responsibilities. It will also cover the issue of people enrolling in graduate school and then advertising themselves as consultants for that program.

Again, if your interested in participating in this, please let me know. Depending on how this develops, we might want to look into passing a sense of the Board.

VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. **Academic Affairs Committee**
   
   **David**: We don’t have any minutes for our last meeting. We’re continuing to look at issues that we want to focus on going forward.

b. **Budgetary Committee**

   **Phil**: The BC will be meeting at 7pm on Thursday in this room.

c. **Elections Committee**

d. **Legislative Affairs Committee**

   **Michael**: LAC had a productive meeting two weeks ago, our minutes are attached. We will be meeting again tonight briefly. The bylaw review is being punted to next meeting.

   I move that the Board Receive and Approve the LAC minutes. Seconded by Kyle Lady. Approved Unanimously.

   **Phil**: As an aside, Dave W and Pier, did you get the email that I sent to SCOR as we discussed at the last meeting? (Both indicate yes) Please follow-up with them.

e. **Student Life Committee**

   **Mike H**: We met last week. We discussed one more happy hour in August. We talked about other potential venues. We will be looking into that and figuring out when to do it juxtaposing with the other events. We also talked about the different individual projects and what we as a committee should be prioritized. The top four were:
   
   - Local student councils (in programs)
   - Later / night buses
   - Gym and rec facilities
   - Bus frequency

   That was the majority of the discussion. With that I move that the board receive and approve the minutes from the SLC meeting. Seconded by Dave M. Approved unanimously.
i. Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

Phil: Fall picnic, August 29th. Please clear your schedules from 2 – 9 pm. The event runs from 5 – 8.

Sidney: A lot of the things that we discussed in the SLC meeting last week had a lot of overlap with CSG. How do we go about facilitating those relationships.

Phil: The ones that I’m aware of that are immediate are transportation and rec facilities. I know that CSG has already started to move on some of these things. The best thing to do would be to contact the CSG President if it’s your individual project to see what they’re doing on it. Remember, when in attendance, if an opportunity arises where we can make

Kyle: I’m already in contact with Bobby regarding rec facilities.

Sidney: Doesn’t CSG elect Rackham students?

Phil: Yes but honestly it’s a bit different. When graduate students come up in the university, RSG is approached. CSG has generally been an undergraduate focused organization.

Michael: Speaks to RSG and CSG and the role that RSG plays in the university. Also, please remember to cc rsg-exec@umich.edu on your emails such that the execs will know what’s going on.

Phil: And as a follow on, please remember that representatives can’t speak officially for the graduate student body; save for positions that have been articulated by the President (myself) or through a Board resolution.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 8:04pm.