I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:16pm
   b. Absent:
   c. Excused: Dennis J

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    Motion to approve by Kyle, seconded by Abneris. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
     Motion to approve, with amendment for Buke’s attendance by Michael, seconded by Kyle. Approved unanimously.

IV. Nomination for Treasurer
    Phil: The term for Treasurer ended last semester and Michael was able to fill in the interim. I would like to nominate Abneris for Treasurer. She has been very active and brought excitement to the Board, as well as organized a number of events last term.

    Motion to confirm nomination by Michael B, seconded by Chris T. Approved 13-0-1. Congratulations Abneris!

V. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Phillip Saccone
      Great to see all of you again! We have a busy semester ahead of us, lots of things on the burner that will be brought to completion. Student Survey is a large one, getting a poll on the student body from academic to social to campus atmosphere, etc. We have help and templates from our peers at other institutions. We also have 2 resolutions that are in work: amendment/change in the NDP to include sexual expression. It has passed the RSG Board years ago, and Chris and I are meeting with Tim Lynch at the University to help move forward with adoption. Chris has been a big part of this effort and lots of grassroots support. The second resolution is for instructor evaluations. After a bit of a slow start, the administration is coming around. There will be instructor evaluations posted very soon, just the content is still being determined. One of the biggest complaints is that the data
collected would be biased since a low percentage of students fill them out. Ideas for incentivizing students to respond includes delayed release of grades.

SAGE will be holding its spring Day on the Hill on March 20-25th. University of Michigan is still playing a large role in putting together the Taxation and Indebtedness white paper. Looking forward to our work there.

I want to emphasize the importance of the individual committees, where ideas are born and followed through. We will also be brainstorming on different ideas for the semester.

b. **Vice President Chuky Mbagwu**

Revamping our communication apparatus and making the newsletter relevant. Improve the formatting of the newsletter. Becoming more active on our social media platforms.

c. **Treasurer**

See the templates for the committee budget request forms and put a general (and generous) budget request items.

VI. **Approval of Committee Slates**

Motion to approve committee slates by Michael, seconded by Chuky. Approved unanimously.

Feel free to involve yourself in more than just your slated committees. Simply attend the meetings. If you have any issues or questions or new ideas to pursue, feel free to discuss them in committee and/or forward to Phil or Chuky.

VII. **Priorities for RSG**

This is an opportunity to form some big ideas for the term. We’re going to break into groups and come up with ideas. BREAK!

Community Service Ideas

Matt G: We could have a group go to the Ronald McDonalds house for service.
Buke: We did something called “hashtag lunchbag” where we prepared meals for homeless in brown bags. However, sometimes we have weather issues.
Brandon: If we do something with the homeless and food, we should partner with Food Gatherers. They also do food and coat drives.
Buke: I have experience initiating coat drives for people in Africa. Something like that would also be relevant here in this cold climate.
Katie: We live in Ann Arbor, and we could do something to plant trees for Arbor day.
Brandon: There are a lot of murals around campus, and we can also get funding for things like that. An example is the mural by Argo pond.
Katie: That could get some of the humanities students involved.
Communications

Make the Gazette more mobile friendly.
“Letters to the Editor” type section on the Gazette.
Student spotlight in the Gazette or website.
Lunch with the Deans unanswered questions.
Quarterly funding “orientation” regarding funding guidelines.
Online ranking system for professors (could be tied to instructor evaluations). Need to improve access to that information.
Can RSG do an event for graduation?

VIII. **Student Survey**
This will and MUST get done. It is currently in SLC committee, may be moved to an ad-hoc committee. Aiming to disseminate in the next month or so.

IX. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
Committees need to decide on meeting times and sit down to put together a budget. Highlighted/identified individuals will be taking charge to get these first steps done.

a. Academic Affairs Committee

b. Budgetary Committee

c. Elections Committee

d. Legislative Affairs Committee

e. Student Life Committee

i. Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee

Phil: We will have many meeting guests this term, most notably the university president. We will have other student organization representatives join us at this meeting. One of the main goals of this is to inform and represent the value of graduate students to the campus community, etc.

X. **OPEN DISCUSSION**
Motion to adjourn by Michael B, seconded by Chris T. Approved unanimously.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT** at 7:03pm.