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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    Motion to approve by Abneris, seconded by David M. Approved with 1 abstention.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
     Motion to approve by Kyle, seconded by David M. Approved unanimously.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
    a. President Phillip Saccone
       Sheila Nichols will be visiting the Board next week regarding student philanthropy, etc. Later this meeting we’ll be setting election.
    b. Vice President Chuky Mbagwu
       - new newsletter format
       - informal graduate student org
    c. Treasurer
       Current balance of our account is ~$35,000. A few new applications are forthcoming, will be sent out to the BC next week. Looking forward to more apps!

V. Preparing for President’s Visit
    Phil: We are happy to have the UM President visiting us this evening. Let’s engage him and forge relationships with his office for the future.

VI. Set Election Date
    Phil: The election date for CSG has been set, March 25-26th. We normally coincide with CSG’s elections and simply extend our voting windows.

    Motion by Kyle to set election for March 25-27th at midnight. Seconded by David M. Approved unanimously.
Phil: Now we need to appoint an elections director. The only caveat is that the director cannot be up for re-election (or their term is now up). I’d like to urge Nate, Buke or Brandon to take this up if they are willing. You will receive a lot of help.

Motion to nominate Buke H for elections director, seconded by Kyle L. Roll call vote: 10-0-1.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Academic Affairs Committee

Phil: Rackham building stuff is getting underway. We’ve received more concerns/complaints from constituents. Have a few solutions, including stationing people to check IDs and/or setting up the card swipe/lock system (could require infrastructure or door replacement). Before this large undertaking, we need to get a better idea of the problem, please have some reps monitor the reading room over the next few weeks to scope it out.

Katie: Which rooms are we looking at specifically?

Phil: Primarily the central reading room. It could be some of the peripheral rooms as well.

David M: Isn’t there a way that we can put placards around the rooms that say “Quiet Zone” or even “grad students only”? I feel like that could easily solve some issues.

Buke H: I would have to disagree because I personally witnessed last fall during finals where ample signs were posted, however they were completely disregarded etc.

Brandon: Another thing we can do is post more signage for who people can contact if there is a disturbance or a problem.

Phil: I’m not sure someone there exists now; one of the main complaints was that after 5pm there was no person of authority to handle things.

Buke H: What was the issue with the card reader?

Phil: The Dean’s concern was that there wasn’t a clear demarcation between undergrad and graduate students.

b. Budgetary Committee

Motion to approve minutes by Abneris, seconded by Kyle. Approved unanimously.

c. Elections Committee
d. Legislative Affairs Committee
Phil: SAGE is around the corner and preparations are being made. If you would like to come to SAGE please send the execs an email expressing your interest, etc.

Chuky: I’m spearheading the Taxation and Indebtedness white paper and have been in contact with some of the administrators here at UM and UTA for updates on applicable bills etc.

David M: SAGE is also overlapping for some of the days of the RSG election, will need to manage those closely.

Katie: Also, we are making a newsletter for the Michigan delegation that informs them on our stance on current grad issues that we can relay. Please forward any of these to myself or Myra.

e. Student Life Committee
- Event for Janet Weiss
- Event for the new Dean

Kyle: We have minutes and discussed some of the happy hour events and survey.

Motion to approve minutes by Kyle, seconded by Abneris. Approved unanimously.

i. Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION
Jingcheng: I have an international student in Aero that is interested in Co-op. There is a course (ENG 430) that has a co-op component. However grad students cannot do this, while the undergrads can. He went to the international center to get help but no solution. Wondering if we can get RSG help with that.

Phil: We can definitely take that up.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 6:43pm.