I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:05pm

   a. **Present:** Representatives Matt G, Katie F, Nate H, Chris T, Kyle L, David B, Brandon P, Buke H, Michael B, President Saccone, Vice President Mbagwu, Treasurer Rodriguez

   b. **Absent:**

   c. **Excused:**

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

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**
Motion to approve by Kyle, seconded by Michael. Approved with editorial changes, unanimously.

IV. **OFFICER REPORTS**
   a. **President Phillip Saccone**
      I met with Steve Grafton, president of the UM Alumni Association. Lots of good things were discussed. We are looking to contact more graduate students with the faces of alumni and donors. We are also looking to put together grad student development with alumni and relevant resources.

      Looking to put an ad-hoc committee together for targeted graduate student development generally.

   b. **Vice President Chuky Mbagwu**
      I have returned from my travels safely.

   c. **Treasurer**
      Balance in the account is ~$35,000.

V. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
   a. **Academic Affairs Committee**

   b. **Budgetary Committee**
      We met and funded 2 more applications. 2 are pending.
c. **Elections Committee**
Buke: We have extended the deadline for nomination submission to this Friday, Mar 19.

We are also looking for more participation for Division IV and seeking ideas of how to do so.

Chris: We could contact people from GEO.

Michael: Another thing we can do is also scrape Maizepages for individual student orgs.

Brandon: Please forward us any contacts you have in those areas.

Buke: Because of timing and the SAGE trip, we do not think that the video recording will be possible.

Brandon: We also want to do a little more audio/visual with our stuff. Include video blurb introductions of the elected candidates.

Phil: Good job Buke, Brandon, and the committee for such good work.

d. **Legislative Affairs Committee**
Michael: Today is the last day that we can put a non-binding question on the election ballot. Let’s discuss what things we might want on there.

Board discusses questions to include in ballots.

Motion to approve 3 non-binding questions for inclusion in ballot in determined order by Michael, seconded by Buke. Roll call vote:

Matt: Yes
Katie: Yes
Brandon: Yes
Nate: Yes
Chris: Yes
Kyle: Yes
David: Yes
Abneris: Yes
Chuky: Yes
Buke: Yes
Michael: Yes

11-0-0 approved unanimously.
SAGE stuff:

Phil: Included in the packet are two of the four white papers for SAGE. Please read through them. Chuky did great work in putting together the Student Debt and Taxation paper. The Immigration white paper is in work but at the moment is approaching 3 pages in length.

One more thing that will be added to the Debt/Tax paper is the FICA exemptions.

There is one last white paper on Campus Climate, but that has not gained much traction in work. It’s primary talking points deal with the McCaskill bill.

The final versions of all documents will be forwarded to Board/committee once they have reached completion.

e. Student Life Committee

Nate: We had the bowling event and it went very well, people seem to enjoyed themselves.

Michael: Traditionally St. Patty’s is one of our more popular events, but this year we had about 75 people attend. We have T-shirts leftover. We are going to discuss more about why it may have been less attended this year (holiday timing, location/time, technical details and email spam).

Phil: Sometimes it goes up and down, Bowling went well so we’re happy with that. We have salsa night coming up, and a meet and greet.

Matt: I have also been working on meeting with CStar, regarding the value of the statistics we hope to get out of the survey. One of the concerns that we are trying to control for is ‘responder bias.’ Lastly, I’m not clear on how we are going to send this out, all at once for about 200 questions?

Phil: Ideally we would like to break this into smaller sections and get data from the different divisions. We could also add global questions (alumni association, career services, grad mentor/mentee support).

i. Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael: I would strike the career services question because of formatting questions, and potentially put it in a Gazette.
Motion by Michael to strike the question for logistical purposes, seconded by Buke. Approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 6:45pm.