I. CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
   
a. Present: Representatives Pier Davis, Julian Bahr, David Barton, David W., Malcom Tariq, Erin Sullivan, Sidney Ellington, Ben Sweeney, President Saccone, Treasurer Mbagwu

   b. Absent:

   c. Excused:

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   Motion by Julian to approve agenda, seconded by Ben. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

   Motion to approve by Dave M., seconded by Ben. Approved unanimously.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

   a. President Phil Saccone

      This is our final meeting of the semester. Many of us will not be returning, you will be missed and your contributions have been appreciated. The rest will be continuing over the summer. Definitely want to get to a goals meeting that was intended for earlier in the term but got pushed back for too long. We'll make that a priority moving forward. Please fill out the end-of-year dinner poll! Especially if you are leaving.

      I want to make sure that you all feel that your input is taken seriously, feel free to talk to me or Chuky about any concerns.

   b. Vice President (Vacant)

   c. Treasurer Chuky Mbagwu

      $22,000 in the account. Organizations are submitting event reports/receipts and being reimbursed. Please get me any outstanding receipts.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES

   a. Academic Affairs Committee

      No update.
b. **Budgetary Committee**

Please stay after for a short meeting. Motion to approve and receive minutes, seconded by David M. Approved unanimously.

c. **Bylaw Review Committee**

d. **Communications Committee**

No update.

e. **Elections Committee**

Elections results are forthcoming, sorry for the delay.

f. **Legislative Affairs Committee**

SAGE took place on April 5-9 this year. Top tier research schools came together, shared best practices, and went to lobby on the hill.

Chuky: It was great to see the evolution from the fall to the spring. Michigan played a strong leadership role with SAGE. Lobbying was a great experiences.

Ben: Leading off of that, we definitely made ourselves a resource to the congressmen, senators, and their staff people for graduate student voices. I also appreciated the sharing of best practices. Phil was elected Vice-Chair of SAGE. Michigan introduced the VAWA resolution and it was adopted by SAGE and all of the other peer institutions.

Phil: It was good to share this, and we found that some of our peer institutions already had similar resolutions.

David M.: Not much to add, it was nice to see that the Michigan delegation caught on to all the lobbying and white papers very quickly. It was fairly eye-opening. One of the representatives we met with was very interested about the details about our white papers. He also had opposing views with us about the profit-business of student loans (supported it).

Phil: It was also great to see many other groups there as well (Snowmobile's association, etc.), all there to have their voices heard. The big thing is to stick with it and be a constant reminder to our leaders in Washington.

David W.: What do you think you would do differently next year?

David M.: There is a significant amount of work put into organizing the SAGE days on the hill. All the numbers are put together ahead of time, cross-checked with current bills, etc. Then, we pretty much put together a 5-minute elevator speech to present to the congresspeople/staffers. We always have an “ask” at the end of each pitch. For those that agree with us on certain topics, we thank them for support.

David W.: What types of follow-up opportunities are there?

Ben: We are going to have conversations on the white papers, what was good, and what was too much or can be cut out.

Phil: Every institutions' student government is under the same academic pressures coupled with
leadership responsibilities. The political director (of SAGE) is going to be in charge of the particular follow-ups with the congresspeople. For preparation, for some of the white papers we could have more bills to reference. We are also in the process of expanding and adding other top-tier universities (UVA, UCI, Wisconsin-Madison, etc). SAGE has a large enough presence to expand and have more top R1 schools. We compete somewhat with NAGPS (national association of graduate and professional students), who cover both public and private universities.

Phil: Our professional lobbyist is also a great help to us in putting together bills and organizing, so big thanks to them as well.

Student Life Committee

Phil: Red Wings game went very well, Adam Duran provided an event summary for us in the agenda. General consensus is that $45 is a bit high, would like to see how to subsidize more in the future.

Phil: Bowling event is taking place this Saturday. There was a bit of a confusion regarding funding for this event, but for clarification it was indeed included in the W14 budget. Confirmed by Chuky Mbagwu. If you are able to attend and help out, please do! It is Saturday from 7-9pm. Tomorrow we have the Happy hour event at Dominick's. Weather will be manageable. Lots of thanks to Julian for organizing!

Ben: We will also be looking at a poker/gambling night for the summer or fall.

Phil: Fill out the doodle poll, let's all go have some fun and relax!

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

David W.: There is an upcoming transit vote about the incorporating more areas in to the AATA routes (including Ypsilanti and others). This would essentially improve the public transport and bus service in Ann Arbor, Ypsi, as well as better transport on nights and weekends.

Phil: We are going to have a member of the org come to and speak with the LAC. After that time, RSG will take a stance on it. However, generally public transportation is valuable to grad students. It's likely that we (RSG) will remain neutral, but it's possible we may advocate. David will keep the Board abreast of this issue. Please have your own issues as well to bring before the Board for consideration.

David W.: I think we should take a stand on it, but it would be really good to have someone come and speak so that we have more information.

Phil: We should talk about it more in the coming days/weeks. Let's make it happen.

Pier: Has there been any progress on the Mayor's Town Hall? We haven't had a LAC meeting in quite a while.

Phil: I'm not sure, we'll touch base with Michael who is out sick and taking prelims.

David W.: I'm part of the Pierpont Committee on North Campus. A number of groups are closing on North (services such as CAPS, registrar, international student center, and others). They are located in the basement, not a lot of traffic, but also not very visible. We should look into that. Information comes from Michael Swannigan (?).

David M.: Is this part of the centralization of these types of services?
Phil: Kyle Lady, an incoming D2 rep, has expressed concern about the lack of services and/or awareness of CAPS on North Campus.

Phil: We've heard no word on the mandatory criminal background checks, it's not clear if it's been implemented yet. It will be done with our knowledge and “consent”, but we can't stop it.

Julian: It's important to also understand what kind of background check this entails. I'm sure that it will not be very extensive, sometimes it can be as simple as a google search, etc. As a result, consent may not always be “given”. It's also good to know what they do with that information once received.

Phil: There was not strong support from some of the Deans, so we'll see how this plays out.

Motion to adjourn by David M. Objection by Malcom Tariq!

Malcom: Can you please send an email about the RSG get-together.

Motion to adjourn by David M. Seconded by Julian.

Phil: We will resume later this summer.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:58PM.