I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:36pm
   a. Present: Representatives: Chris Tom, Matt Waugh, Brandon Erickson, Eli Benchell Eisman, President Benson, Vice President Flynn, Treasurer Toulouse, Anna Belak, Haven Allen, Evan Arthur, Bernardo Orvananos, Andrew Crawford, Dan Trubman, Matthew Filter, Pete McGrath
   b. Absent: Dan Trubman, Ben Curtiss-Lusher, Vanessa Cruz, Heidi Pedini, Lauren Knapp, Anna Wagner
   c. Excused:

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. Motion by Chris, seconded by Eli. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   a. Motion by Alex T. and seconded by Chris. Approved.

IV. Community Input: Eugene Deshanvar. Eugene would like to address the board on issues of intellectual property, the minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting on February 1 2012, and an update on his accountability. Eugene invites everyone to check out his story on his website. Regarding the minutes, Eugene says that he feels very sensitive to any administrative pushback and was concerned when RSG was delayed in posting the minutes. Eugene has also recently heard from the OTT and Ken Nesbit and he believes Ken is part of the problem as he is overseeing Eugene’s situation. The summary email that Ken sent (and also CCed important administrators and Reagents on) implies “a false conclusion based on erroneous information” as a summary of Eugene’s issues (his words in quotes). Eugene feels that they have “intentionally skewed the issues in order to consider them resolved.” Eugene feels that the system is broken and has no oversight, and this puts him in a position in which he is forced to make a decision to either escalate the issue or let it lie. Eugene is interested in taking the issue forward and arguing ‘undisputable facts’.

V. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. Office hours will be posted online and sent out in the newsletter. Michael encourages board members to split up office hours. RSG has been contacted by residents in Northwood because playground equipment has been removed and Michael has checked into it and replacements are coming.
Contact Kaitlin about the Bylaw review committee. Michael will also be making speeches to incoming students soon as the summer orientations get started.

b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** Kaitlin has been helping Michael with the planning for the SAGE fall summit. Additionally Kaitlin will be holding a committee chair meeting next week with the aim of making committees more efficient.

c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** Budget for Spring Summer is included and the budgetary committee is working along approving proposals for summer student groups.

VI. **Approval of RSG Committee Chair Slate.** Motion to accept by Kaitlin and seconded by Alex T. Approved with one abstention.

VII. **RSG Spring/Summer 2012 Budget.** Alex T gives us a brief overview of the budget and events that are proposed by each committee. Additionally execs will be meeting with Natalie at Rackham later to fully disclose. Motion to approve the budget moved by Alex T and seconded by Chris. Dan voices concerns that the student life events have gone over in the past. Alex clarifies some line items. Dan asks what the backup plan is if we do go over, and Alex T says that sometimes we can cancel events in order to save money. Michael says that in the past we have gone over but the board has chosen to borrow against the Fall semester. Approved with one abstention.

VIII. **Conflict Resolution and Academic Integrity Discussion with Graduate Ombudsperson, Darlene Ray-Johnson.** Darlene starts out by discussing Rackham’s conflict resolution workshops for students and faculty but they have a hard time getting students to come to the workshops. The goal of the office is to pursue proactive, rather than reactive, skills and techniques to successfully manage the relationships we encounter during grad school. Darlene has questions for us. 1) is this a topic of interest for graduate students? If so, what kinds of things would Rackham have to think about in terms of getting students to participate in those activities. Eli discusses his seminar training that he received during welcome week during a first year. He asks Darlene what approaches she is particularly using to train students in these issues. She explains some of the techniques. Eli says that the seminar he went through was useful in that it allowed for prediction of situations that could grow out of control and also provided phrases that specifically allowed for a responsible and respectful response. Darlene says that there is not a specific training that faculty are required to go through. Andrew asks if the conflict resolution is specific to academic issues and Darlene says it generally is. Chris says that if the workshop focuses on life skills that might help too. Eugene says that it seems that the approach that is being taken is from the bottom up with the students but it’s important to educate from the top down as well, specifically with faculty members. Kaitlin says that she’s surprised that faculty members aren’t required to go through such training because they are in a situation in which they will be encountering a lot of conflict, including issues that might bleed into the integrity policy. Anna asks what sort of protection there is in the policy that protects students from retaliation. Darlene says that there is one
sentence in the policy that particularly protects students against this but the office is willing to work with students directly. Michael points out some issues between financial aid relationships between students and advisors. Darlene says that part of the training is to ask how do you avoid conflict, as well as how do you manage conflict once it arises? One part of this includes setting expectations from the start and how those expectations would be addressed. Chris asks if there are any situations in which getting into conflict is better than avoiding it, depending on the situation. Darlene says that she never recommends avoiding conflict as it can get out of control. Eugene says that he feels it should be mandatory for everyone to go through it. Darlene says that she likes the suggestion but doesn’t know how to make anything mandatory for students.

a. **Darlene asks about delivery of the workshop material:** some options are webinars, during the week, during the evening, and etc. We go around the table and share our opinions. Andrew asks specific questions about the outcomes and teaching of the seminars. **Many comments summarized:** using webinars, having delivery through programs, having food or meetings at lunch or dinner, using ItunesU, having a CTools site that has information on policies and conflict resolution, improving search engines, etc. Darlene likes a lot of our ideas.

b. **Darlene asks about workshop times:** General board consensus is 1-2 hours in length.

c. **Academic Integrity Policy discussion:** Eli points out a paragraph in section 3 about pointing out faculty being required to uphold high standards of academic integrity. He feels that this is underrepresented in the faculty and the record happens to be unfortunately stained with faculty who don’t have a care for academic integrity. Brandon seconds and says that in his departments there are faculty members who don’t care about cheating on assignments and might actually encourage it. Michael says that he feels that a mix of students and faculty making the decision on who would sit on the board if there was a concern of academic integrity, this is comprised of 12 faculty and 8 students. Eli asks if research integrity is addressed by this board and she says yes but by a different board.

**IX. Committee Updates**

a. **Approval of committee minutes.** Motion to approve AAC minutes by Chris and seconded by Haven. Approved with one abstention. Budgetary committee minutes. Moved by Kaitlin and seconded by Chris. Approved with 4 abstentions. CoSAC minutes: motion to approve by Eli and seconded by Haven. Approved with 5 abstentions. Legislative affairs did not meet last week. Student life committee minutes: motion to approve by Eli seconded by Matt W. Approved with two abstentions.

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION**

a. Kaitlin brings up having a social event for the board maybe after the meeting next week. Haven asks about the resolution he submitted last week.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT at 7:48pm.** Motion to adjourn by Pete and seconded by Eli.