RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2013
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:08pm
   a. Present: Representatives Mike Hand, Michael Lang, Julian Bahr, Yiting Zhang, David Malewski, Ryan Roberts, Brooke Hornton, Chris Tom, David Barton, Michael Benson, Vice President Flynn, Treasurer Mbagwu
   b. Absent: 
   c. Excused: Phil Saccone

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   Moved by Dave. Second by Julian. Approved Unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   Minutes of Sep 18th found on page 2 of the agenda. Approval moved by Michael B. seconded by Michael H. Approved Unanimously.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Saccone – Married on Friday. Honeymooning today.
   b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn – Would like to Recognize Kiridhika (kirirha) who has attended three consecutive Board members. Michael B. moves to appoint Kiridhika ___ to serve as an associate representative for the Fall term.
      Krithidika: Doing a masters program in applied econ. Wants to promote RSG within her masters program. According to her, RSG has done a pretty good job but there is room for improvement.
      The motion is approved unanimously.
   c. Treasurer Chuky – Both of my update will be later in the agenda. We have $28k in the account. After debits we will have $12k in the account.

MB asks about student group funding from the summer.

Chucky: 2 of the 4 funded groups have been completed. Another 2 have not hit their post-event deadline to submit their receipts and funding reports.
V. Fall 2013 Budget

Chuky: Budget is found on pg. 13. I hope you all had a chance to review it. The justification is found on the individual committee budget requests.

We have a surplus of ~ $1500 from the budget left over from the

Kaitlin: To be clear, we have $28k?

Chuky: We have $28k in the account. We have been given $11,800 in student fees for the Fall thus far. We allocated $10k for the summer. Of the summer fees, we allocated $1500 via the budgetary committee.

MB: So, Chuky, I think I’m clear but could you make sure that I have this right? We collect $1.50/student/term. We have ~ $25k in our account. Of that some amount is currently encumbered, from prior Board authorizations, and another amount is about to be encumbered pending the Board’s vote on the Fall 2013 budget.

MB continued to provide budget information to which Chuky agreed.

Committee Budgets:

Brooke (AAC): We have two separate types of events that AAC would like to host in the fall. We’ve requested $1200 for the annual lunches with the deans. We’re anticipating $500 for food for each event with an overall $200 buffer. The second event we’re looking to host is a forum on women’s issues. We’re requesting $200 for this coffee/tea.

Ram: How many people are you expecting?

Brooke: Town Halls ~ 100 apiece for North Campus and Central Campus.

Michael: Moves to approve Chris and Brooke to serve as co-chairs of the AAC for this term. Second by Ram. Approved unanimously.

Michael (LAC): Move to appoint myself as Phil’s LAC co-chair. Seconded by MH. Approved unanimously.

MH: Discussed the committee’s plans as they appear in the minutes.

MB: I move to confirm the Student Life Committee’s selection of Michael Hand to serve as the SLC chair for the current term. Seconded by ML. Approved with one abstention (MH).

General Admin (Kaitlin): There are $300 dollars allocated for general administration. $400 was allocated for the Munger forum and we spent $150. We’re also spending $100 for promoting facebook

Julian: How much is it per facebook status boost?
Brooke: The lowest cost is $5/day for a status and $20 per day for a page itself.

**Chuky:** On page 13 is the list of main events on each committee as well as top line budgets. Ignore the “approved” budget column. I’d ask for your approval. **Motion to approve the treasurers proposed budget and to authorize the committees to carryout the included events and activities.** Seconded by **Michael Benson.** Approved Unanimously.

VI. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. **Academic Affairs Committee**

Brooke: We meet biweekly. So we didn’t meet last week. We have the final set of edits to the GSBOR ready to present to the

Ram: We have other points too. We’re also working on course evaluations. I’ve emailed the committee. We’re expecting to go to the final version next week. One that goes to the committee it will also go to the Board for approval too. We’re also trying to make an experiment.

Michael: Is this ready for the Board?

Brooke: No, this is still an internal discussion in the committee… More to come shortly.

b. **Budgetary Committee**

Minutes from the last two electronic meetings from the BC are included in your packet. One is from the summer and the 2nd is from the fall. **Chuky:** Moves to approve both sets of BC minutes. Seconded by Dave M. Approved with one Abstention.

c. **Elections Committee**

d. **Legislative Affairs Committee**

MB: Lots going on. The committee met today at 6pm. We will have an election forum and lease signing fora. Check the minutes when they come out for more information and/or come to the next committee meeting (in 2 weeks). Also, Dave M. will be emailing you shortly asking for suggested questions for the candidates’ forum. Please send them in by Monday at 6pm.

e. **Student Life Committee**

**Kaitlin:** Last Thursday The president of the SPH graduate student government and I spoke at the Regents Meeting. President Coleman spoke first and spoke to
the attempts to keep the costs down for Munger. I spoke first and said essentially what Phil said in his letter; that the design was non-optimal, that the anticipated monthly cost was so high, and that students were excluded from the process. Later during the meeting the Regents announced that the fellows would be called the Coleman-Munger fellows after President Coleman. The diagrams of the proposed building were shown to the regents just before the design was approved Unanimously. We received a fair amount of press after the regents’ meeting including inside higher ed. This massive building is already under construction. For those that will be here in 2015, we should be able to take a tour.

A presidential search update. Michael Lang attended more of the recent meetings.

Michael Hand: All of you should have seen publicity for the event tomorrow. It’s a forum for people to go and interface with the regents and to explain what we’re looking to see in the next president. Michael Proppe, CSG President, will be introducing the representative comments that CSG received from its survey. Other people from the committee, myself included, will likely be speaking to other issues and themes from the survey results.

Brooke: Can I get some of that for facebook?

MH: Sure. Email me to remind me. Also, there will be an open mic time for people who have signed up in advance to give up to 1 min speech about what they want to see in the next President of the University of Michigan.

Julian: I’ll be attending and speaking tomorrow.

MH: I move to receive and approve the minutes from the student life committee. Seconded by MLB. Approved unanimously.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Erin: Engaging as diverse as possible the amount of graduate students.
Mike Hand: Making substantive progress on our ongoing issues.
Michael Benson:
Julian: The two previously approved AAC proposals. BOR and the Course Bank.
Ryne: Implementing the approved.
Ben:
Krithika: Promoting RSG more. None of my friends are
Ryan: Work as hard as we can to cooperate with other student orgs and governments. Particularly with regard to funding policies.
Alex: THE BOR!
Chuky: the GSBOR, and allocating more funds and using them!
David: Student Housing both on and off campus. And Secession
**Ram**: Work with the executive to make sure that passed resolutions are implemented. Also engage north campus more.

**Dave**: Keep involved with local community, and keep the student body abreast of how the university is working with the community to make things better (hopefully). Also to reiterate the course evaluations and getting everyone on board with that.

Brooke: I’d like to bring more womens’ issues into the Board and to create more fora on womens’ issues and to make more resources. Secondly,

**Kaitlin**: I agree with everyone. I think everyone’s priorities are great. I really want to see the BOR and the new website. And I want to continue to engage with students. Yiting had a great idea about having a lounge.

**Kaitlin**: We’re going to have a happy hour. IT will be soon. There will be more notice too. While we’re talking about the newsletter, there will be one next week. If you have something for a committee, please send it to Julian ASAP.

**Julian**: If you have a special interest item for the newsletter, please send it to me.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:09pm.