RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
3/26/13
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
7:34 P.M.

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:34pm

b. **Present:** Michael Lang, Dan Trubman, Matt Filter, Chris Tom, Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Phil Saccone, Ram Balachandran, Alex Gutierrez, Eugene Daneshvar, Matt Waugh, Pete McGrath, Ryan Roberts, David Barton

c. **Absent:**

d. **Excused:** Lauren Knapp, Anna Belak, Ryne Peterson, Yiting Zhang

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

a. Motion to approve the agenda by Pete, seconded by Dan. Approved with one abstention.

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 3/19/13**

a. Motion by Michael Lang seconded by Ryan to approve the minutes from 3/19. Approved with 4 abstentions.

IV. **Guest Speaker/Discussion (Student Safety)**

a. **Beyond the Diag program manager Benjamin Rosebrock and assistant Matt Lonnerstater** give an overview of the Beyond the Diag program. (the following minutes were recorded by Treasurer Phil Saccone)

In 2011 were some violent crimes and sexual assaults that sparked the interest of students. Parent donor made a donation to start the program. 14 neighborhood ambassadors in total. 11 on central campus, and one on north campus. Goal of beyond the diag is to provide safety information and to promote safety and build community and foster relationships with the city and neighbors around campus.

Matt—build safety by building community. Ambassador set up events, canvas and disseminate information. In canvassing, they go out to each house in the neighborhood and do a meet and greet. They distribute the U of M annual safety report. Goal of neighborhood events to get people out to meet one another. Pot-luck, tail gate. Partnerships: several student organizations. Let people know that they are out to help.

Kaitlin: where does the budget come from for each group? Student affairs
Kaitlin: What type of students are at most events?
Matt: Mostly undergrads, could make more of an effort to reach out to graduate students in the future.
Kaitlin: Where can we get theses off campus housing booklets?
Ben: Posted on the website. They can give advice to students as to where to live on campus.

Pete: Grad students come in much later? So, they face a different set of problems how can we help them pick housing when everything is gone. Will it extend outside of Ann Arbor? Working on it. They passed out AATA booklets.

Michael: Graduate students are equally likely to be a victim of an assault. Create a floating neighborhood ambassadors. We can help you get graduate student ambassadors. Send info to Kaitlin and we’ll put it out in the newsletter.

Rham: Do you have any specific plans of action for graduate safety?

Matt: Yes, biggest issue is transport through and from campus. Working with safe ride. Focusing on trip from campus facilities from home. Conduct personal safety workshops.

Kaitlin: Do you work with the student safety working group.

Ben: they are no longer in commission—holly could speak more to this. Would rather have another colleague speak more to.

Kaitlin: Asked about self-defense class. We got a good feedback on this grad students wanted this.

Ben: Spoke with someone in student affairs and there is already a 3 credit course being offered next Fall through the school of Kinesiology.

Ben: Dean Blake Jones mentioned that even though the deadline has passed, they still have room on the advisory board. You can look in the dean of students website. (end PC transmission)

V. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Michael Benson. Committee attendance has been low lately. Please go to meetings, this is where we get a lot of work done. Dean Weiss and John Godfrey will be joining us next week to discuss the conflict of interest policy among many other things. Please come prepared with questions. Elections are this week and the ability to change your platform ends soon. Oversight of the election now falls in the hands of the elections committee as all execs are running for a position.

b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Newsletter is going out this week, let me know of other items. Kaitlin has had a conversation about entrepreneurship and how to engage graduate students in student groups such as MPowered, CFE ambassadors, Michigan Hackers, and so on.

c. Treasurer Phil Saccone. $21,193 in the account—finally got our fees deposited. If you have any receipts outstanding please get them to Phil ASAP. There will be a student group appealing their funding decision at next week’s board meeting. Please look at the funding documents when they are sent out.
VI. Director Report
   a. **Elections Director, Dan Trubman:** Elections are this week! Advertisements will be going out every day from now until Friday. We have candidates for all of the divisions except division IV.
   
   b. **Events Director, Ryan Roberts:** Masquerade ball is moving forward for 4/20. There will be a bar event 6-9 and then 9-11 at the league. $5 will likely be the ticket price. Maximum occupancy will be 300 people.

VII. Committee Updates
   a. **Academics:** Chris motions to approve his minutes and it’s seconded by Dan. Town halls are coming up soon, one on North campus and one on Central campus. Come to the meeting tomorrow to hear more and to hear more about the resolutions.
   
   b. **Budgetary:** funding lots of events. Motion by Phil to receive and approve the minutes from the 2 previous budgetary committee meetings. Motion is seconded by Chris.
   
   c. **COSAC:** FOCUS Hope event didn’t actually have room for us after all. Still some money left in the budget to do a bigger event so they’re thinking about doing a big event soon. The Ronald McDonald House also has an opening for COSAC to make dinner on May 8.
   
   d. **Elections:** see above.
   
   e. **Legislative Affairs:** Motion by Ram and seconded by Matt F. Spring Day on the Hill is coming up, the flights are being purchased. Town halls for leasing/landlord ordinance will be coming up soon in April.
   
   f. **Student Life:** March madness event is going well. The committee is also looking to work on graduate student group registration also looking to have a graduate version of festifall next year. Motion by Ryan and seconded by Matt to receive and approve the minutes. Approved with three abstentions.
   
   g. **GPC:** See Ryan’s report above.
   
   h. **JCOM:** Not met.

VIII. SB Resolution: W-13-03: *Regarding the Academic Calendar*
   a. Sense of the board resolution regarding the academic calendar. Matt F introduces another option. Lots of informal discussion ensues. Chris and John introduce their own options. Kaitlin reads out an email from a graduate student. Dan suggests that as we do not have a consensus we perhaps should just have no recommendation. We go around the table and each rep says their opinion. No consensus is reached overall. Postponing and commit to AAC, motion by Matt and seconded by Ram.

IX. SB Resolution: W-13-05: *Responsible Investment*
   a. Motion by Phil to postpone until next week, Kaitlin makes the point that this will likely not get discussed until two weeks from now.

X. **Open Discussion:** Vote! Polls open in 3 hours. Questions for the survey get to Chris.

XI. **Adjournment:** Motion by Pete and seconded by Dan. Adjourned!