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

b. **Present:** Kaitlin Flynn, Michael Benson, Dan Trubman, Ryan Roberts, Ryne Peterson, Pete McGrath, David Barton, Anna Belak, Chris Tom, Evan Arthur, Lauren Knapp, Phil Saccone, Janakiraman Balachandran, Yiting Zhang, John Forrest, Matt Filter

c. **Absent:**

d. **Excused:** Eugene Daneshvar, Michael Lang, Alex Gutierrez

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**


III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, 3/12/13**

a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Ryne. Changes to attendance. Approved with two abstentions.

IV. **PUBLIC HEARING: SENSE OF THE BOARD W-13-01**

a. Regarding the academic calendar for the 2015-2016 year. A student says that he “always found it odd” that we get a large chunk of the year off (winter break) but don’t get time off where we might actually need it, like fall break. Michael mentions that the execs also got an email from a graduate student parent expressing concerns about the UM and AAPS Spring Breaks being off from each other. This makes it difficult for graduate student parents to find babysitting or spend time with their children.

V. **GUEST SPEAKER: LOUIS MIRANTE, CO-CHAIR, BUILDING A BETTER MICHIGAN**

a. Louis mentions that the BBM has been working for 2 years with the Division of Student Affairs to poll hundreds of students regarding the condition of the unions and the recreational facilities. They and the VP of student affairs (E. Royster Harper) feel that they are very close to getting the Reagents to consider a variety of proposals. Chris asks about how BBM proposes to pay for this. Louis responds that it would probably be a combination of $65 per student as well as taking out a Bond for the U. Currently it would cost $80 million just to keep all of the buildings prepared for the future. The number could go to $550 million—this would be a complete overhaul. Louis estimates it would likely cost somewhere in the middle of this range. Michael Lang asks about the proposals for each building.
Louis mentions that their proposal would begin with the Union and the CCRB, starting in 2015.

VI. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION W-13-03: Building a Better Michigan Campaign
   a. Moved by Phil and seconded by Chris. John points out a few grammatical errors in the text provided by the BBM campaign. John moves these changes. Seconded by Ryan. The board asks a variety of questions of Louis including budgetary and fee questions. Michael Lang says that he would support an initiative to make these gyms far more ‘green’ and energy efficient than they currently are. Generally many members of the board are supportive but are hesitant to increase student fees for their constituents. Michael Benson introduces a proposed amendment that adds that in order to have the graduate student body support a majority vote of graduate students would need to be in support of increasing the student fees. This is moved by Chris and seconded by John. Kaitlin objects because it’s highly likely graduate students are going to vote against a fee increase so why include this caveat in the support resolution. Matt speaks in favor of the resolution because UM already has incredibly high tuition rates and by not polling the students on this it’s doing a disservice. Ryne suggests that this be a majority vote based on the amount of graduate students that vote during a regularly scheduled election, motion by Ryne and seconded by Chris. It’s approved. Back to the normal amendment from Michael 8-4-2 the motion is approved. Matt asks if he can hear more about the peer schools BBM has visited and their fees. Louis responds that most students pay ~$350/semester for this kind of work. Approved 11-2-1.

VII. Sense of the Board Resolution: W-13-01: Regarding the Academic Calendar for AY16 (Representatives Filter, Peterson, and Tom)
   a. Matt F motions to open this resolution for discussion and it’s seconded by Chris. There are three options for how we might handle the issue of Fall Break in 2015. There is much discussion on how we could change the calendar. Chris asks about Master’s students and their workload. Matt F mentions that the fall break is incredibly important for the Master’s students who are taking many classes and have a lot of obligations. Motion by Matt F to postpone discussion of this until next week, seconded by Dan, and it’s approved.

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Michael Benson. Texas A+M will be releasing their report that looked at student interactions with their graduate student governments (including UM respondents). 500-600 students were reached in last week’s events, covering about 5% of the student body. Next week we will have a variety of visitors including those from the Student Safety Workgroup, Beyond the Diag and John Godfrey.

   b. Vice President Kaitlin Flynn. Election update: elections are coming up soon, the email announcement to solicit for candidates, elections on March 27, 28, 29.
c. **Treasurer Phil Saccone.** $21,193 in the account—finally got our fees deposited.

IX. **Director Report**
   a. **Elections Director, Dan Trubman:** No candidates have submitted information thus far.
   
   b. **Events Director, Ryan Roberts:** Full steam ahead with the gala!

X. **Committee Updates**
   a. **Academics:** Town hall dates have been set, 4/11 for central campus, 4/22 for north campus. A resolution will be going into first readings next week.
   
   b. **Budgetary:** Lots of business to get through tonight, many groups applying for funding.
   
   c. **COSAC:**
   
   d. **Elections:** Elections coming up, get your friends to run.
   
   e. **Legislative Affairs:**
   
   f. **Student Life:** many student life updates, look for the minutes next week. Moving towards figuring out how to
   
   g. **GPC:** the execs made a reservation for the Michigan Union Ballroom on 4/20 for the gala.
   
   h. **JCOM:** Not met.

XI. **FOCUS:Hope Detroit Partnership – Event Proposal**
   a. This event would be great but it was planned too late and it’s the general sense of many members of the board that this is a great event but there are not any reps who can run the event. Michael Lang says that it’s a great event and he would like to keep pursuing the goal of 1000 hours of community service. Motion by Kaitlin not to hold the event and seconded by Phil. It’s approved with four abstentions.

XII. **Open Discussion:**
   a. Need more ideas for COSAC events. Motion by Dan and seconded by Phil to add Alex Toulouse to SAGE. Approved with three abstentions. Chris mentions that there has been work in the committee aiming at requiring students to fill out their evaluations on GSI performance. Matt F brings up the issue of library fines.

XIII. **Adjournment:** Motion by Chris and seconded by Ryan. Adjourned at 8:50pm.