Board Meeting, begins 6:34PM
Absent: Excused: Michael, Marisol, Andrew, Alex Emly, Patrick. Unexcused: Nina

- Motion to approve agenda by Chris, seconded by Pete. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve minutes from March 8th Board meeting by Heidi seconded by Haven. Approved unanimously pending the following edit:
  o Haven would like “concerned” changed to “bringing up the issue” on top of page 4.
- Public hearing on resolution W12-01, introduced by Chris Tom
  o Kaitlyn opens resolution to discussion.
  o Haven motions to postpone until next week. Seconded by Pete. 9 approve, 1 abstention, 1 opposed
- Funding request
  o Guest from Thai student association.
  o Request submitted late but we are making an exception for considering request since we have already make exceptions.
  o Bam describes event: Annual event. On UM campus >20 years. “Than Night 2012”. Theme= Siam Love Story. Main performance is a skit reflecting different types of loves. Going to serve ~10 dishes of Thai food, drinks, dessert. They will write names in Thai on bookmarks for people, take photos of people dressed in Thai apparel, massages, literature on Thai tourism. Performance to follow of traditional Thai dance- slow with beautiful costume, then Thai modern dance with pop song, Thai kickboxing by professional boxer. Then spicy food eating contest.
    - Funding specifics: huge food budget since Thai food is all you can eat and 200-250 people coming. Ordering and making the food. Budget = $3000. Trying to save on everything else- putting most resources toward the food to make guests happy.
    - Great opportunity for Thai exposure.
    - Exhibitions very thought through and are very unique.
  o Requesting $100 for utensils & serving equip, $300 room rental, $800 for food.
  o Alex T confirms that food is top priority.
  o Ben asks “who else did you apply for funding for, specifically for food”. Bam says CSG, but they have history of not funding food. CSG gave
$850, which will cover equipment but cannot be used for food. Dan asks if applied anywhere else for funding. Center for Southeast Asian Study- application pending.

- **Girl sitting next to Chris-** asks about what other requests are pending. She asks about Thai restaurants. Bam clarifies that the restaurants would give discount for food purchase, not $ directly.

- Anna asks when they will start advertising. They are selling tickets already- already sold 50 and most tickets sell in the week prior to the event. Ticket is $15, $12 for buying greater than 1 week in advance. Very young people get in free. Anna clarifies that they need $3k on top of ticket sales.

- Haven asks where their money comes from usually. Bam says Thai Embassy in D.C. sent them $1k but it is already used up from events from last semester. Rackham, Michigan Student Assembly, CSEAS. She mentions those are all pay up front and reimbursement, which is a disadvantage.

- Haven asks about advertising strategies targeting non-students as well. Bam says they target students but non-students also come from word of mouth. Haven inquires about proportion of nonstudents 80% students. Kaitlyn inquires about number of grad students. 70% of the 80% are graduate students.

- Ben asks if there is anything in bylaws that specifically says we cannot fund food. Alex T says no.

- Alex T asks how many students of Thai student organization that are organizing the event are graduate students. Bam says 60 active although mailing list is larger. <10 Thai undergrads, so ~50 graduate students.

- Haven asks what all-inclusive cost per person is. Bam says ~$25 for food plus entertainment, supplies and exhibition.

- Kaitlyn asks if they have been funded by RSG in past. Bam says they got $800 from us last year.

- Alex T asks where we can buy Tickets. Bam says online. Event usually sells out before event so they usually do not sell tickets at event. Auditorium can hold up to 306 people but they cap it at 250 to allow for everyone to have enough food.

- Heidi asks if there is any extra food, what do you guys do with it? She says they distribute it amongst themselves.

*Closed discussion begins:

- Alex T addresses Ben’s inquiry about funding food. Alex says RSG has no problem funding food if it’s the top priority of the event and it is instrumental to the event.
  - Dan references Michael’s previous explanation of food funding relating to cultural events.
  - Haven brings up that ticket cost is equal to food. Haven recommends we fund $5 per graduate student to cover the
difference between the inclusive cost per person and ticket price for the percentage of graduate students projected to attend the event. $5*140 (70% of 250).

- Kaitlyn seconds the motion. Reaches lots of people.
- Dan brings up the point that they came to us slightly after the deadline and worries that we are granting an exception for this group as well as for the Pakistani group and expresses concern that we are not upholding our rules. Alex T mentions we have not had a lot of funding requests this semester, so it is in our best interest to try to distribute the money to as many funding requests as possible.

- Vote: 9-0-1

- Eli grants us with his presence 😊
- Next funding request: Pakistani Association
  - Late request but granted exception again
  - $2,408 for event this Saturday in Rackham 12-5:30. 5-6 speakers. Former ambassador, Wall Street Journal, Professor. Repeat event from 2010. Anticipate 150 participants, ~75 of which are graduate students.
  - $1k speaker travel & $1k speaker lodging. Would go to keynote speaker flying in from NY. Recommendation was to fund $500 for travel and lodging, along with idea that they applied late and did not give a lot of the information Michael would have liked to see. Application was very disorganized. They thought event wasn’t going to happen at one point, then they decided to have it. Application is carbon copy of a request sent to a different organization.
  - Girl sitting next to Chris asks if they were granted the $1k from the Multicultural Association. Alex T lists off funding they have received from other organizations. It is a few thousand dollars.
  - Heidi brings up that the breakdown of $300 for flight and $100 per night for 2 nights may not be enough. Haven says his school spends ~$140 per night. Alex T says if we are consistent with what we fund per graduate student, Alex says this is consistent.
  - Haven motions for $500 for travel and lodging. Pete seconds. Dan brings up that this group has not made nearly as much effort to apply and we are funding more per grad student than we did for the Thai group when the Thai group went above and beyond.
  - Anna brings up that this has not been advertised to her constituency so she cannot vote on funding something that has not been advertised to her constituency.
  - Kaitlyn brings up that we are trying to integrate the newsletter with events that apply for funding and groups that request to hold joint events.
  - Dan motions for $375. Kaitlyn seconds. Alex T is weary of formula funding.
- Voting for motion to fund $500 for lodging and travel. We did a waterfall vote, options were $500 or $350. 7 voted for $500. No more votes taken.

- Officer reports:
  - Kaitlyn highlights Michael's highlights. En route to SAGE conference in DC. Jackie Simpson from Spectrum Center is our guest next week.
  - First reading to adopt grad student bill of rights next week.
  - Guests coming up - see Michael's blurb.
  - RSG reps have obligations outside of board meetings- attend committee meetings, actively participate in 2 non-meeting activities each semester. Kaitlyn directs the Board to number of events people have attended this semester. Academic affairs committee is hosting town hall lunch with the deans and attendance at this event is Mandatory. April 3rd at noon. Vote in elections and reach out to grad students to vote. Dan mentions he was present at VDay event at Bar Louie. Ben asks when bowling event is. Katlyn says March 30th.
  - Kaitlyn's officer report: Going to SAGE conference. She is finalizing graduate academic conference. Bylaw amendments will be wrapped up and presented to the Board next week
  - Alex's officer report: Alex is working out SOAS putting HH fundraiser money in wrong account. $500 disbursement that was not ours was charged, which Alex is fixing. Lots of funding requests. 515 votes in divisional elections 418 voted in presidential election.

- Bill of Rights
  - With exception of Right 18, turning into resolution for board. Eli brings up section 6 needs to be cut. Alex motions to table, seconded by Dan. Ben brings up Rights paragraph 1, sexual practice is included. Ben is reticent to vote on this before sexual policy resolution is voted on. Chris said he talked to Michael about resolution taking less time. Bill of rights will take a lot of back and forth time between administration. Vote to table discussion about drafting resolution of the Bill of Rights until next week- approved unanimously.

- Elections
  - Polls close at midnight. Alex will send another email. Ben says Alex is doing a good job. Snaps.

- Resolution on sexual practices
  - Idea was to have a public hearing
  - Motion to table by Alex, seconded by ben. Approved 9-0-1

- Committee reports
  - Academic Affairs
    - Alex motions to approve minutes, seconded by Eli. Approved unanimously.
    - Next Friday GAC event at MSU.
• April 3rd town hall/lunch with deans
• Conflict resolution process flow chart is being created
• Tien says next meeting is next week
  o Budgetary Committee
    • Alex motions to approve minutes seconded by Chris. Approved unanimously.
    • IF you ever purchase anything RSG related, get itemized receipts to ensure reimbursement.
  o Communications Committee
    • Less errors
    • Newsletter went out at beginning of week
  o Elections Committee
    • Pete asks which division urban planning is part of. Alex will look into verify that its divisional placement is correct.
  o Academic Affairs
  o Legislative affairs
    • Motioned to approve minutes by Kaitlyn seconded by Alex T approved unanimously.

  SAGE meeting this weekend, pushing three issues:
  • 1. Increasing research funding
  • 2. Reducing graduate student load indebtedness
  • 3. Improving immigration policies for international students
  • M&T advocating with congress people and will be presenting summary after.
  • Haven asks if something specifically they are advocating. Alex says there is a specific list of white papers worked on by schools and their university legislative aids. Board would like to see the white papers.

  o Student life
    • Motion to approve minutes by Anna, Pete seconded approved unanimously.
    • Not having march madness event because getting venue would be difficult
    • Rock climbing postponed till summer
    • Bowling next Saturday
    • Chris says date for bowling in minutes is wrong.
    • All hands on deck for bowling.
  o Bylaw review committee
    • Suggestions from board for bylaws.
    • Compiling amendments while in DC.
  o CoSAC
- Eli motions to approve minutes, Ben seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Great CoSAC week.
- April 28th secured for Habitat for Humanity. Already have 9 of 12 people registered.
- Next event is DP day. 28 people volunteering- double that expected. Cosponsored by RSG and Ross Community Action group.
  - Open discussion
    - Haven asks when website will be updated. Kaitlin will do it. Alex T brings up that we are thinking about hiring someone to revamp it and include functionality for group registration.
    - Dan wonders what the hold up for revamp. Alex T says it takes time to find someone that fits the bill.
    - Haven asks when election results come out. Winners get notified then campus email gets sent. Alex says he will send winners to board one polls close.
  - Motion to adjourn by Haven seconded by Chris. Approved unanimously.
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:35.