I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:05pm.
   b. Members absent:
      i. Excused: Lily Mancour, Alex Toulouse, Anagha Kshirsagar, Nina White, Marisol Ramos, Grant Mandarino.
      ii. Unexcused: Kristy Figel.

II. Introductions

III. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. This is the general format of the meeting.
      ii. Today is a more administrative meeting than normal.
      iii. We will try to have a guest speaker at every meeting.
      iv. Please review the bylaws.
      v. Reviewed the funding guidelines.
      vi. MOU with MSU, please review.
      vii. Founding member of SAGE coalition, if you are interested in this aspect, please join the legislative committee.
      viii. To minimize costs and natural resources, please save and file agenda packets, to reference later. We will not be reprinting any information already distributed.
      ix. Northwood Community has switched to digital cable leading to concerns from Graduate student residents.
      x. Reallocation of housing from graduate students to undergraduates in Northwood.
      xi. Fee change will be decided at the June Meeting of the Board of Regents. This could potentially double our 2011-2012 budget.
      xii. Each representative is given an allotted amount of unexcused absences per elected term. So be warned they carry over from last term. You can appeal to the board if you feel that you have a valid excuse that the president does not mark as valid.
   b. Vice President
      i. We will talk about the committee slate later today.
      ii. Changing the way the communications committee works.
      iii. Bylaw ad hoc committee, please e-mail Josh if you would like to serve on the committee.
   c. Treasurer
      i. Reviewed roles of Treasurer found in the bylaws.
      ii. If you are the chair of a committee, I will meet with you to discuss your committee budgets.
      iii. We currently have about $16500 dollars in our account, however this amount will fluctuate a little due to some unpaid allocations
from last semester and some money collected from graduate students taking spring/summer classes.

IV. RSG Logistics
   a. RSG Overview
      i. Three Executives
      ii. Representatives depending on the number of students in the division.
      iii. We are not having food at all of the meetings. There will be snacks served, this is to help offset rising printing costs.
      iv. Please remember to E-mail Mike with your excuse if you are going to miss a meeting (before the meeting, preferably as soon as you know there is a conflict).
      v. If you do not want to have a paper copy of the agendas, e-mail Mike.
   b. Representative and Executive Office Hours
      i. Hold an office hour every week or two and these hours will be posted on the website.
      ii. Please hold in your constituencies’ buildings.
      iii. Before next meeting please have your time and locations of your Office Hours set and bring to the board meeting.
      iv. Executives hope to meet with each member to discuss and support your plans for RSG.
   c. RSG Email List Usage
      i. You are all part of the RSG list serves.
      ii. RSG-(Whatever) is the respective list serve for whatever constituency you are trying to contact.
      iii. Once you are a part of a committee you will be added to that list serve.
   d. Lansing Lugnuts.
      i. We have been invited to attend with the Lansing Council of Graduate Students.
      ii. Friday May 20th, leaving around 6pm.
      iii. Minor league baseball team.
      iv. This is free.
      v. Please E-mail Mike if you would like to go and how many people are going (if you would like to bring a significant other).

V. Committee Membership
   a. See attached slated committee membership
   b. Motion to Approve attached slate by Joshua Bow, seconded by Alex Emly, approved unanimously.
   c. Committees please meet, elect chairs, and discuss goals in the next two weeks before the board meeting.

VI. Spring/Summer 2011 Goal Setting
   a. Please come to the next meeting with at least three goals for the Academic, Financial, Legislative, Student-Life, Communication divisions.

VII. Individual Projects
a. Do as part of a committee.
b. Work with others to help achieve your projects.
c. Serve as a ‘project manager’ for an aspect of a committee project.
d. If you have an idea, propose it to the relevant committee or executive member.
e. If you need money please talk to the committee chair or an Executive member.

VIII. Funding Request
a. AWIS
   i. Serina Mazzoni from the Association for Women in Science, UM Chapter
   ii. National organization to advance women in the STEM fields.
   iii. New date will be on June 20th due to location concerns.
   iv. Post-docs and Graduate students are the executive.
   v. Trying to recruit more members including faculty.
   vi. These members could come from Dearborn, Flint, and UofM campuses.
   vii. Specifically targeting Faculty and Staff.
   viii. Networking is the major goal to foster professional development.
   ix. Reviewed Event Budget.
   x. Trying to manage who is invited through the different list serves being used.
   xi. PIBS 3rd year student.
   xii. In the Ehrlicher room, there is not a table and linen cost, it is included in the price.
   xiii. Trying to send printed invitations to Faculty women chairs in the STEM fields at all three campuses.
   xiv. About 60% graduate students at the event.
   xv. Continue targeting STEM fields for recruitment, but not excluding men or students from other disciplines, but not actively recruiting.
   xvi. Motion to extend Question and Answer time by Alex Emly, seconded by Mindy Waite. Approved unanimously.
   xvii. Posters will be distributed through the AWIS Executive Board.
   xviii. Primary goal is to make connections between more senior members and graduate students.
   xix. Overall, they target both academia and industry professionals.
   xx. Attendance is based off of an estimate between previous events, and double due to invitations to outside constituencies.
   xxi. The event would still happen even if the request was not fully supported.

b. Board Discussion
   i. The fact that is only about half graduate students does not seem really fair.
   ii. Not necessarily faculty members.
   iii. The professional development is targeted toward graduate students.
   iv. The request might be a little expensive.
v. WISE is available to graduate students and WISE could accommodate this as well.
vi. Each student pays $1.50 to our budget, so keep this in mind when making funding decisions.
vii. Recommendation to fund the 1st, 2nd, and 5th priority rankings in amount of $425.
viii. Food may be important.
ix. Can go to a cheaper room and can be done in a more effective manner, and the money is unallocated.
x. STEM fields do not include all science fields.
xi. Recommendation of $775, for $300 for food, $300 for room, $50 for invitations, $25 for posters/flyers, $50 for AV equipment
xii. Motion made to fund $400 (and co-sponsor) unrestricted by Alex Emly, seconded by Rahul Sakhamuri. Motion passes 11 - 2 - 0.

IX. Open Discussion
   a. Next meeting we will be presenting plans for the rest of the summer.
   b. Social Event, Alex Emly will be sending out e-mail about the internal social committee that she will be chairing.
   c. We will be talking about the $7.15 fee that MSA collects.

X. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,
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Vice President