I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:07pm
   a. Present: Representatives Mike Hand, Alex Gutierrez, Michael Lang, Julian Bahr, Yiting Zhang, David Malewski, Julian, Michael Benson, President Benson, Vice President Flynn, Treasurer Mbagwu, Erin
   b. Absent: Rynne, Ben Sweeny
   c. Excused: Chris Tom, David Barton, Ram, Vice President Kaitlin Flynn

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Phil: I’d like to incorporate 2 new items. First, appointment of a new rep as the new item five and then an allocation for website funding as a new item 6.

Motion by MH, seconded by MB. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
The minutes were approved as presented under a motion by MH and a second by Dave M. Approved with two abstentions.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Phil Saccone
   First, I’d like to thank Michael Benson for all of his hard work in getting the website prepared. With that said, we’ve gotten pretty busy and we need to make progress on this. As such, we’re going to hire someone to put the finishing touches on the website. I’m going to be asking the board to allocate up to $500 for the purpose of hiring a professional web designer. I’d like to point out that we’ve allocated up to $1,000 in the past and this is really important.

   The newsletter went out again this week, this was a re-publishing of last week’s edition. We made a number of editorial changes including the new lease signing forum’s date. Also, the communications team will be meeting after this Board meeting briefly to go over a few upcoming communication items. We’re looking to find ways to streamline the process. Kaitlin and I had a very good discussion on how to ensure that this happens each time we need a newsletter.

   The lease signing forum and lunches with the deans are coming up. These are both on the agenda later, but it is really important that we get more rsg reps to
show up at our events. All types of events, this includes social events, academic events, as well as other events. Also, I’m going to start enforcing our absense policy a bit more fully. Everyone knows what its like to be under the gun and to have responsibility. This is a volunteer activity. That said, simply sending an email week after week to say that you can’t come isn’t acceptable. If it happens infrequently, than so be it, but I’m going to be a bit more strict with the absense policy.

I received a few announcements from members of the Administration:

From Darlene Ray-Johnson and Holly M-Rider: regarding the campus save act. This is about sexual activities as they pertain to college campuses. This is a part of the Violence against Women act. This is something that requires campuses to go above and beyond the normal reporting requirements for instances of sexual assault. Also, that Universities are required to provide legal counsel as well as other services for victims of sexual assault. I’ll be sending this solicitation out to the Board. The events will be Nov. 5th and Nov. 7th from 7 – 8pm. The 5th will be on North Campus in Pierpont Commons and the event on the 7th will be held on Central Campus in the CSG chambers in the Michigan Union . If you’re going, please let me know in advance via email. If you’re going in an RSG capacity (If you’re going to say “I’m an RSG rep”) lets touch base in advance.

In terms of our funding, we have $28,422.35 in the account. We are on budget. The amount that we still owe Rackham is encumbered but hasn’t been settled just yet. For events that have just happened, if you have receipts, please submit them to Chuky asap so we can get you reimbursed.

Questions:

Benson: We allocated $1,000 in the past for web work was this ever spent?

Phil: No, this was never spent.

Julian: Will this $500 also cover a new machine for the listserv?

Phil: No, that will come out of exec discretionary, and shouldn’t exceed $50. We’re going to pickup a computer from property disposition.

V. Appointment of a representative to an open Division 3 seat

Phil: As many of you remember, there was an email that was sent out to the Student Body. All of these appointments have been made except for SBAC. The final appointments to the RSG Board are the last to go. We have had someone in our midst that approached former president Benson as well as myself during the Rackham information fair back in August. Krithika. I’m pleased to nominate Krithika to a half term seat.
Michael: What is Krithika’s home program?

Phil: Division 3…

Michael: Ok than per the bylaws we only need a simple majority.

Phil: Peachy. Krithika, would you like to say anything?

Krithika as recognized by Phil: I’ve been watching for a while, I realize how tough this can be. It’s a lot of good work.

Roll call vote:
Lang – Pass / Yes
Brooke – Yes
Dave M – Yes
Julian – Yes
Yiting – Yes
Alex – Yes
David B – Yes
Michael B – Yes
Michael H – Yes
Ryan – Yes
Erin – Yes
Phil – Abs.

Motion carries. 11 – 0 – 1.

VI. Motion to appropriate funds for the website.

Michael Benson: Moves to allocate up to $500 to the exec discretionary and to allow the executive to set such employment criteria as he feels is appropriate. Seconded by Michael Hand.

Mike Hand: Notes that student orgs have had some trouble in the past with paying for websites. He notes CSG’s nearly $9,000 loss a few years back.

Phil: Agrees and thanks both Michaels for their comments regarding the history. Again, the overall website will be overseen by our vice president who also serves as our communications director so I think we’re in good hands.

Julian: Is there a timeline for this?

Phil: Kaitlin is meeting with Julie on Thursday and we will have a good handle on it from that point. The website will be finished as quickly as possible. Also, if anyone has
suggestions relating to what they’d like to see on the website, like features or content, please email them to rsg-exec@umich.edu

Krithika: Will this be done interally or externally to the University?

Phil: Internal to the University. I’d like to give this a spin first, and we can see where we go from there.

Michael B: Move that we call the question. Seconded by Mike Hand. Approved unanimously.

Phil: On the allocation, approved with one abstention.

VII. Binding resolution on instructor reports (first reading)

Moved by Mike Lang, seconded by Julian. Michael Benson Objects.

Phil: Provides background on the resolution. We need to have two readings of this before we can vote on this, as it is a board resolution. It is possible that this can be amended without having it need ot be pulled. Also, much of this has already started. We have been extremely efficient on how we execute this. This is something that the Central Student Government has been running along for a while. Ram brought it up, something that started before I was president. He wanted to write a resolution. We jumped the process and started conversations with the Registrar. We’re marching along with this. That said, we’re a democratic and deliberative body. That is not to say that we should rush. But also, if we …

Brooke: I agree, some of the language in the resolved clauses is a bit harsh. Also we need to add references

Hand: The officially hosted and disseminated by the registrar is too restrictive too. It doesn’t matter who hosts it so long as it gets linked from the right places.

Brooke: That was intentional as we don’t want to have what happened before (CSG was hosting it and then dropped the ball).

Phil: CSG dropped the ball on this. We almost couldn’t pick it up because the

Benson: Says stuff.

Lang: The purpose of this resolution is to make available GSI and professor evalutions to the student body? If that is the case, that isn’t clear to me. I oringally thought that this resolution would help GSIs to get feedback about their teaching experiences. If that is the case, this is also really unclear.
Phil: That’s something that is completely different. The board already passed a resolution that stated that the registrar should hold grades for a period of time until students submit their grades. This was mainly for GSIs. To the extent that GSIs will be affected by anything that is here. There is a supreme court ruling that has to do with school records, protected school records in particular. There is also a federal law, FERPA (1974). To be a GSI you must be a student, thus your evaluations are actually protected under FERPA because they’re a part of your educational record.

Lang: Than I’d follow this up with why does this matter for graduates students?

Phil: This would matter to graduate and undergraduate students. We want to have an informed student body when it comes to selecting courses and course instructors. Having this information out there would be a big help. We have ~ 50% masters students (and all phd students also take some classes) that always take classes.

Hand: Having this information out there is an additional accountability measure.

Brooke: This is also on SACUA ‘s agenda too. They’re developing tools to better predict evaluations.

Dave: have we put whether or not this would be available within the U community or beyond?

Michael B: Makes a number of motions to amend:

1. **Motion to grant the authors and execs editorial authority.** Approved.

2. **Moved by benson seconded by hand.** Brooke moves to move the amendments one at a time. Seconded by Michael Benson. Approved with two abstentions

3. **The Office of the Registrar in conjunction with the Rackham Student Government will institute a policy to ensure that the Instructor Reports are available to all students, except as it serves to protect the identity and privacy of the reporter.** Approved 8 – 1 – 3.

4. Modify the 2nd resolved clause to read “That the university administration will communicate this policy to all students enrolled prior to the 3rd week of each academic term following the adoption of this policy.” Approved 11 – 1 – 0

5. Striking the 3rd operative clause. Moved by MB. Seconded by MH. Approved, 10 – 1 – 0

6. Striking the final operative clause Moved by MH seconded by MB. Approved with 1 abstention.
Note: The Chair asked Michael Benson to move for all of the amendments to be considered at once. After all the amendments were enumerated, a motion was made by Brooke to sever the amendments and vote on them individually. This motion carried.

Chair’s ruling: Substantive changes.

MH: Move that we send this back to the AAC. Seconded by Ryan Roberts. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Graduate student bill of rights
Postponed by Phil.

IX. Potential ballot questions
We’d like to include some non-binding ballot questions on the November ballot. Please think of some questions that you might want to ask. Please think of questions and send them to rsg-exec@umich.edu Committees should think about these too.

X. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Academic Affairs Committee

We met with SACUA’s AAAC. We talked about the GSBOR. From the faculty point of view it would have a better chance of being adopted if it was a best practices document. The Nondiscrimination policy also received a lukewarm reception.

LWD are good to go, we hope to see you there! The style of the forum is setup into four sections. We’re working to devise a best practices document that Phil is spreadsheet to accompany the GSBOR.

Phil: We’re looking to have Phil speak with the office of the general counsel to get their feedback on the Nondiscrimination clause.

Brooke: Motion to receive and approve the minutes. Seconded by Dave M. Approved unanimously.

b. Budgetary Committee

Phil: there are some things out there. The BC was asked about a reapplication. They’re going to be considering that shortly. Chuky is working on this.

c. Elections Committee
d. Legislative Affairs Committee

**Phil:** Dividing the best practices oriented questions for SAGE. Sage delegation was approved. There is an email that we will be sending by the end of the week that will be soliciting information from the student body to gather information about how students have been directly affected.

**Michael:** Move to receive and approve with editorial changes as proposed by Dave M. Seconded by David B. Approved unanimously.

e. Student Life Committee

**Hand:** Good number of people showed up at the game watch. Thanks to Julian, David B, Mike Lang, and Michael B for coming out.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:33pm. Moved by Hand seconded by Ryan Roberts.