Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting
8-3-11

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:07pm.
   b. Members absent:
      ii. Quorum Present

II. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion by Tien-Huei Hsu, Seconded by Mindy Waite. Approved Unanimously

III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. We don’t have previous minutes from the last few meetings. We will look to approve all meeting minutes in the end block. Please read them over as Mike sends out the e-mail. Send any corrections to Joshua Bow

IV. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Two more meetings this month and then we will move to a weekly schedule at which attendance will be more enforced.
      ii. Our e-mail has been taken by someone with the username RSG. This has caused some problems with sending out e-mails, it will hopefully be solved soon. In the meantime it is rsg-board@umich.edu
      iii. Ann Arbor city primaries were yesterday and all three incumbents won. We will work with them in order to best represent Graduate students. There will be a Council meeting tomorrow, attend if interested.
      iv. Fall Picnic will be on Sept 2nd, everyone should be there if possible. It is needed that people volunteer.
   b. Vice President
      i. Committee Chairs please add events to the calendar.
      ii. SMART goals should be coming back to the committees at the next board meeting for committees’ evaluations.
   c. Treasurer
      i. About $14940 in the bank.

V. Bylaw Review Committee
   a. Has been created and will be chaired by Joshua Bow
      i. There will be one or two longer meetings than many short meetings.
      ii. E-mail Joshua Bow if you would like to serve on this committee.
   b. Items to be investigated
      i. Budgetary Practices
      ii. Presence of Alcohol at Funded Events
1. Certain events that we travel we do not allow Alcohol on the bus.

   iii. Connection with Rackham (including funding) checking for independence

VI. Continuous Enrollment Dispute Resolution Board
   a. For disputes on continuous enrollment, there is a board that works to review disputes. The board that was created was never used. This means that the concerns and grievances were resolved before arriving at the board level. We need to appoint people to serve on this board. The appointment is for a year long term. Please read over the information in the agenda packet, and decide if you would want to apply.
   b. In the next week or so, we will send out an e-mail asking for students to apply. These applications will be reviewed by the Communications Committee. Training will occur in the 2-3rd weekend in September.

VII. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Discussed Lunch with the Deans. Of the three Deans, there was not a single day that everyone could sit down for lunch.
      ii. Discussed GEO updates.
      iii. Discussed recent townhalls that has to do with GEO.
      iv. Dean Weiss has asked that we sponsor a GEO town hall for all grad students.
         1. Let's try to do a general town hall in Rackham about GSRA unionization.
         2. Advertise this large town hall, but we can help address concerns to the appropriate sources.
         3. Focus on departmental forums or a large format.
         4. Pass this to the AA and SL committees. Have them make a recommendation.
   b. Budgetary
      i. Had a request from NIMSA for 190. The budgetary committee decided to fund 100.
   c. Commutations
      i. There will not be a Communication Committee meeting next week.
   d. Elections
      i. No Report
   e. Legislative
      i. Two people showed up. Christine, a student at large, and Mindy chatted about PILT.
      ii. As part of the Budget Control Act, subsidized loans for graduate students have been cut.
   f. Student Life
      i. Did not meet last week.
      ii. Trying to get the pool event together.
      iii. Chaperones for the Tigers game have been decided
   g. Service Opportunities Committee
i. Face to face meeting with MS. Shrivers
ii. Try to come up with a plan to deal with the budget slashing.
iii. A way for graduate students with skills in a field to help with the Washtenaw education community

VIII. Open Discussion
   a. Please start attending committee meetings.

IX. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Bow
Rackham Student Government
Vice President