Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: September 29, 2011
Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Josh
   b. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Mindy
V. Second Reading of Amended Board Resolution F-01-11: Creating Student Advisory Committees for the Rackham Associate Deans
VI. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
   b. Budgetary
   c. Communications
   d. Legislative Affairs
   e. Student Life
   f. Bylaw Review
   g. Service Opportunities
   h. Career Opportunities
VII. Future Events Overview (Social, Academic, & Legislative)
VIII. Brief RSG T-shirt Overview
IX. Open Discussion
X. Adjournment

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Board Meeting
9-29-11

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting Called to Order at 7:12pm. Quorum not present.
   b. Members absent:
      i. Excused: Lily Mancour, Serge Farinas, Nina White, David Cottrell, Rob Gillezeau, Grant Mandarino,
      ii. Unexcused: William Hutchinson, Kristy Figiel, Heidi Pedini, AMH Patel, Eli Eisman
   c. Quorum present at 7:23
II. Agenda
   a. Motion to approve agenda by Alex Toulouse, Seconded by Rahul Sakhuur: approved: 10-0-1.
III. Minutes
   a. Motion to approve previous minutes by Alex Emily, Seconded by Kaitlin Flynn: approved.
    9-0-2.
IV. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Will be out of town for next weekend.
      ii. There is a resolution in the packet that may be read if quorum is achieved tonight.
      iii. Final reading will occur next week.
   b. Vice President
      i. Disseminate information to the student body.
      ii. Working with the University Council in delineating rules.
   c. Treasurer
      i. Have been working on a number of projects.
      ii. Specifically working on the Newsletter and Apple Orchard trip.
      iii. There is roughly 21380 in the bank account.
V. Funding
   i. There was an advertisement for funding sent out and this has created some confusion.
   ii. Mainly organizations wanting money for multiple events that may be relatively similar.
   iii. Example: Michigan Consulting Club, having several consulting speakers. This amount of money would be going to one type of event, though would have multiple components.
   iv. We could set a cap to limit how much money could be allocated to a group in a given semester.
   v. Need to consider the impact of the group.
   vi. Sending this to the bylaw committee.
VI. Public Safety Preview
   a. Police
i. There will be police sergeants here in the next week or week after.

b. Transportation
   i. There are serious transportation issues.
   ii. The ratio of Northwood buses to other buses is not equal to other buses.
   iii. There is a poor job of snow removal.

c. Fire
   i. There will be the fire chief in the next month.
   ii. Check what constituent concerns there may be about all of these and bring them to the meeting next week.

VII. Board Resolution F-01-11: Creating Student Advisory Committees for the Rackham Associate Deans.
   a. The pertinent part of the bylaws to this resolution is included in your packets.
   b. This is considered the first reading of this Resolution.
   c. The oversight of this is non-existent in the current resolution.
   d. Maybe increasing the reporting to semestery report.
   e. It does not have to be the Dean
   f. Motion to amend Board Resolution F-11-01: strike lines 33-35. And insert the following language “That the chair of each advisory committee or their designee will transmit to board a report of his or her committee’s discussion on or before the last day of the fall and winter terms.” By Alex Emily, Seconded by Kaitlin Flynn: approved 9-0-2.

VIII. Planning for the Semester (breakout part 2)
   a. Would like to add GSRA FAQ’s to the list under Academic Affairs.
   b. Would like to look at the rules and global policies of Prelim.
   c. These shall be tasked to the committees appropriately.
   d. Ask the Student Life Committee to hold a Graduate Student Formal.

IX. Committees
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Motion to receive committee minutes by Tien-Huei Hsu, seconded by Mindy Waite.
      ii. Committee Member expectations
      iii. Townhall moderators please send Tien information
      iv. GSBOR will be talked about at the next meeting.
   b. Budgetary
      i. Sent out an advertisement and have received 2 submissions.
      ii. Discussions shall happen online, please respond to Mindy’s email.
   c. Communications
      i. Motion to receive minutes by Josh Bow, seconded by Tien-Huei Hsu.
      ii. Activity outline in the minutes.
   d. Elections
      i. Applications for the Elections Director.
   e. Legislative
      i. Motion to receive both sets of minutes in the packet by Mike Benson, seconded by Marcel Ramos.
      ii. Non-board members have dominated attendance.
      iii. It seems that all 4 that applied to go to the SAGE conference will be able to go if it works out with the current budget.
   f. Student Life
      i. Met on Tuesday.
      ii. Discussed Apple Picking, Octoberfest, and our on Maize page for Graduate students.
      iii. There will be more concrete plans about these events.

g. Bylaw Review Committee
   i. Has not met yet. Wednesday October 12th at 6pm, in the West Study Lounge.
      There will be Pizza.

h. COSAC
   i. Motion to receive the minutes by Tien-Huei Hsu, seconded by Alex Emily.
   ii. Eli is not here.
   iii. There is a great semester planned.
   iv. Delay the Graduate student classroom outreach.
   v. Ann Arbor Parks clean up.
   vi. Wolverines for Life.
   vii. International Graduate Student Peer Mentorship.
   viii. Set up a monthly event for Graduate students can go help serve.
   ix. The next meeting will be Monday the 5th

i. Career Opportunities
   i. Motion to receive the minute by Patrick Rooney, Seconded by Tien-Huei Hsu.
   ii. Meetings are at Wednesdays at 8pm.
   iii. Brainstorming.
   v. Looking at three speakers. Figuring out a way to prioritize who would have the most draw.
   vi. Email Patrick any ideas.
   vii. Next meeting is in two weeks on Wednesday.

X. Open Discussion
   a. None.

XI. Adjournment
   a. Motion to Adjourn by Rahul Sakhamuri, seconded by Patrick Rooney, approved unanimously.
   b. Adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Bow

Rackham Student Government

Vice President
A RESOLUTION CREATING STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR THE RACKHAM ASSOCIATE DEANS

WHEREAS, The Rackham Student Government (RSG) serves as the conduit between the graduate student body and the university at large, including the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Students; AND

WHEREAS, RSG recently hosted a set of four lunches with the deans for the student body; AND

WHEREAS, It became apparent during these lunches that regular contact between Rackham’s associate deans for programs and initiatives and students in their divisions would be mutually beneficial; AND

WHEREAS, RSG appoints graduate students to a number of school and university wide committees and workgroups; AND

WHEREAS, The associate deans for programs and initiatives have each voiced support for the creation of a student advisory panel; NOW ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL, BE IT

RESOLVED, That a student advisory committee for the associate dean be created for each of the Rackham Graduate School’s four associate deans; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That each associate dean shall serve as the chairperson of his or her advisory committee; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That each committee shall meet at least once in the Fall semester and once in the Winter semester, at times and locations determined by the chair; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the membership of the advisory boards shall be appointed by the RSG Board for a term of one year; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the chair of each committee may appoint additional members to the committee for a specified term; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the size of each committee will be determined by the chair and communicated to the RSG Board on an annual basis; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That vacancies will be filled by the RSG Board under the advice of appropriate advisory committee’s chair; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, That the chair of each advisory committee or their designee will transmit to board a report of his or her committee’s discussions on or before the last day of the fall and winter terms.

AUTHORS

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Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

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ATTEST

By signing below I certify that this resolution was dispatched by the RSG Board under the rules as prescribed in section IX of the bylaws and that the vote count appearing at the top of this resolution is accurate.

Joshua Bow
Vice President, Rackham Student Government

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION

I, Michael Benson, President of the Rackham Student Body, do hereby approve / veto this resolution on this the day of , 2011.

Michael L. Benson
President, Rackham Student Government