a. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35pm

b. **Present:** Chris Tom, Matt Waugh, Eli Benschell Eisman, Michael Benson, Alex Toulouse, Alex Gutierrez, Anna Belak, Haven Allen, Phil Saccone, Evan Arthur, Lauren Knapp, Heidi Alvey, Vanessa Cruz, Pete McGrath, Alex Emly

c. **Absent:** Matt Filter

d. **Excused:** Kaitlin Flynn, Dan Trubman

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

a. Motion by Alex E, seconded by Haven. Approved unanimously.

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. Minutes from 10/18/12—Motion by Phil, seconded by Eli. Changes: to attendance: Lauren was excused. Kaitlin and Michael will fix this. Approved with one abstention.

IV. **OFFICER REPORTS**

a. **President Michael Benson.** Still working through all the appointment applications. Short meeting tonight because the meeting next week will be cancelled for the election forum so will be busy. We will have 3 guest speakers coming in 2 weeks, including the provost, the mayor, and the senior vice provost for institutional equity. Dean Weiss coming in December. Committee attendance needs to improve. Please go to committees where a lot of work gets done. Email going out advertising committees and another advertising election forum. All minutes approved by the board are online. Let Kaitlin know if there is a problem with minutes on the website.

b. **Vice President Kaitlin Flynn.** Absent

c. **Treasurer Alex Toulouse.** $22,000 in the account and the University. Michael and Alex met with Cindy Bank the Associate Director for the university’s federal congressional office. Among the issues discussed was the requesting of a score from Congressman Levin’s office on the taxation of graduate student stipends. She was very supportive of the SAGE fall summit and cannot attend but will be providing suggestions and helping as possible. She was also supportive of RSG’s secession from CSG.

V. **Election Forum – November 1, 2012**
a. **Advertising:** The flyer has been finalized. Some dissent about the ‘business’ of the flyer. Haven, Heidi, Vanessa, vote to make changes to the flyer. Michael will make changes and send out tomorrow.
   i. **Haven:** Shrink the last two lines because not related to this event
   ii. **Heidi:** Wants to see fewer words at the bottom, and the text color for time and date should be that of the RSG logo
   iii. **Vanessa:** Shrink or remove the Vote image.
   iv. **Eli:** Asks if we should have questions tweeted instead of on website. Website seems easier according to Michael.

b. **Logistics:** Everyone is expected to show up at 6:30 to help out with the forum. Attendance will be taken. Looking forward to a great event.

VI. **RSG Election – November 28 & 29th**
   a. Our elections need to be set. CSG appears to be choosing 11/28 to 11/29. Moved by Chris; second by Heidi.
   b. Michael suggests adding an extra day to the election to give people more time to vote. Motion to amend by Haven to add Tuesday 11/27 to the election, second Vanessa. Considered friendly motion.
   c. Initial motion passes unanimously.
   d. Kaitlin will hold first elections meeting next week and after will start soliciting for candidates.

VII. **Board Policy Discussion: Limited invitation events**
   a. COSAC has limited some events to specific participants. RSG’s policy has typically been to open to all Rackham students. Going forward what should be RSG’s policy? Eli says this has been only done by COSAC for small events, rather than soliciting the entire student body for a few students. Alex E says attendance is difficult and pooling from people that are more certain to show up for a small group is important. It’s difficult to build relations with groups in the committee when attendance is lacking. Michael: we are funded through public funds, so the policy has been that everyone should have an equal opportunity to participate in all events. Chris: Asks if this is in the bylaws. It is not, it’s just our standard operating procedure. Heidi: important for COSAC so we need to find a happy medium to satisfy COSACS’s needs while giving everyone opportunities. Haven: Asks for examples. Eli: event at a food shelter with 3 people occurring this weekend. Vanessa: is it possible to provide information on the website to sign up without advertising. Alex: no funds are being used from RSG so the event may not need to be advertised. Eli frequents RSG’s website 4 or 5 times DAILY! He’s not sure how many other people do. Michael suggests tabling this issue, but it’s something we need to think about. Committees will be asked to think about this as well and come up with a policy for their individual committees. Michael supports allowing it given it’s acceptable for the type of event. Phil: asks if anyone has complained. No complaints yet, but this is just a question of oversight. Alex E: COSAC is a relatively new committee, and trying to give people that are interested the opportunity to volunteer the option and can grow later.

VIII. **Town Halls/Lunches with the Deans**
   a. Michael: dates and times are set but we do not have rooms yet. Chris: last time it was done in Rackham with all the deans with a lunch portion. Attendance is
typically mandatory at one of the events but will discuss it with Academic Affairs. Will have North and Central Campus event only. Food will be purchased accordingly and will stay under budget. 11/15 and 11/19 from 12-1 on central and north respectively. It’s good to have questions prepared to help start the discussions.

IX. Committee Updates
   a. Academic Affairs: Nothing aside from Lunch with deans.
   b. Budgetary: Approved another request this week and next week the ad for funding will go out.
   c. Community Outreach and Social Action: H4H event this weekend that had 18 people. Hoping to make this a weekly event next year. People are signed up for the soup kitchen this weekend.
   d. Legislative Affairs: Motion to approve the minutes by Lauren and seconded by Anna. The date is wrong. Approved unanimously. Forum happening next week and committee is meeting next week at 8 pm. Questions will be selected at that point, anyone welcome to attend. SAGE and state issues will be discussed after forum.
   e. Student Life Committee: Happy hour last night that was successful at ABC, approx 150 people. Tango event next week. Hoping to have event at Conors with the SAGE summit. The RSG sponsored consulting event had approx 75 people. Organization solicited their event at the ABC event, and Alex E suggest putting in a policy such that you must notify us before soliciting anything at our events.
   f. Grad&Professional Student Assembly Steering Committee: postponed to next week.

X. Individual Projects—Update: Evan working on getting flight discounts for grad students.

XI. Open Discussion
   a. Haven: Asks about GPA. Deans council meeting next week and it will be discussed. The issue of taking classes pass/fail will also be discussed.
   b. Alex G: Issue with access to machining tools for his lab in computer science. Brings up issue of accessibility to university resources that are departmentally restrictive. Academic Affairs will look into it.
   c. Pete: Asks about insurance issue. Michael will ask SHIC to look at NAGPS health plan brought forward by RSG.
   d. Haven: Thanks board for supporting DPC. Election night event 11/6 will be at BWW.

XII. Adjournment- Motion by Chris at 7:25pm, second by Pete. No objections.