Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: June 18, 2015
Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. June 4, 2015
IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Chuky
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Abneris
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, A. Buke
V. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
   b. Budgetary
   c. Legislative Affairs
   d. Student Life
      i. Bill’s happy hour recap
      ii. Karaoke Night
VI. Open Discussion
VII. Adjourn

Included in packet:
RSG Board Minutes June 4, 2014 (p. 2)
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BOARD MEETING
06/04/2015
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

I. Call To Order 6:40pm

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Buke
Seconded by Nathan
Friendly amendment by Michael to add bylaws under discussion
approved unanimously

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting by Michael
Seconded by Kyle

IV. Nomination for Treasurer

Chuky: I nominate Ayse Buke for the position of treasurer. I couldn't think of a better candidate for the position. Buke is the very fenomenal applicant we have had to this position and I feel confident in appointing her to this. Because of this I ask for a motion to appoint her as the new in term treasurer.

Michael moves that Buke be appointed to finish Abneris’ term as treasurer effective tonight (06/04) at midnight until December 31st.
Seconded by Kyle
Katherine: why until December 31st?
Michael: Because that is when the term would end

Roll call:
Lu T: Yes
MB: Yes
Dave B: yes
Nate: yes
Buke: Abstain
Sriram: yes
Dough: yes
Kyle: yes
Lindsay: yes
Abneris Yes
Chuky: yes

The motion passes 10-0-1

Chuky: Congratulations Buke!

V. Officer Reports

a. Graduate Student Body President, Chuky
President: Matt Gaidica has resigned from his position on the board

   i. Undocumented/DACA graduate students

Charley Connor assistant dean contacted me because her office is trying to put forward a policy for undocumented students or with undocumented parents that are covered under the dream act. They are trying to see if they can get any feedback from current students under the University of Michigan, particularly under Rackham, that fit this description. She said they would want to have some sort of structure by the fall term.

Katie: on campus there is the National Center for Institutional Diversity and in order to use the resources available I think we should have them look into what they already have.

Kyle: how does the center and the institution convince these people to come forward and how do they plan to help them?

Michael: DACA is an administrative directive and one thing we should keep in mind is that this might change come 2016. I believe the survey would be a great venue for that but we need to see how anonymous we want to make it. The state of Michigan recently reversed its course on the DACA act. I think, we should have the associate dean come to the board and bring these questions to her. There is also not a lot we can do in regards to this and we really should know what is is they would want us to help with.

Katie: Should we look into this a bit more and see how this same process has gone in the undergraduate community. Maybe we can see if the information is already out there.

b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Abneris

Abneris: No update as VP

c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Vacant
Abneris goes over budget. The current budget is about 24,000.

VI. Winter 2015 Budget Review
Abneris goes over Winter Budget.
Michael Benson motions that we table the approval of the budget until the full list of Student Organization Funding is disclosed.
Seconded by Sriram

VII. Summer 2015 Budget Proposal
Chuky: the proposed budget is attached to the final agenda packet.
Michael Benson motions that we change the movie night to $500. Also, listing $300 general admin and increasing the budgetary committee budget to 5,000 for summer.
seconded by sriram
approved unanimously
Abneris eris motions to approve the Summer 2015 budget
Seconded by Sriram
Roll call vote:
Lu: yes
MB: yes
Nate: yes
Buke: yes
DB; yes
Sriram yes
Kyle yes
Dough yes
Katie yes
Lindsay yes
Abneris yes
Chuky yes
passes unanimously

VIII. Priorities for RSG (con’t)
Chuky: Next item on agenda in the minutes from our last meeting you can find some of the ideas we came up with on that meeting however it was a smaller meeting so I wanted to give everyone a chance to share their ideas. Also we wanted to vote on the things that we are looking to take on.
Kyle: how do we build a good relationship with our new dean?
Chuky: welcome email and welcome event
Katie: Can we clarify the item that says “taxis and uber issue” from the previous minutes?
MB: Certainly, if you are working late there are hours the umich vehicles are not available. This is why this issue was brought up.
Kyle: I would like to see a bigger focus during the summer of centralization of student services. This could possibly fall under SLC.
Sriram: do the other departments have a carrier center?
Chuky: Not really
Sriram: suggest we focus on the coop for graduate students

DB moves that we table this until after committee reports

Kyle seconded

MB friendly amendment to table this to next board meeting.

seconded by Lindsay

IX. Student Survey

Chuky: I am looking for champions to get this survey on the floor. We really want to get this out on the fall. We need people who can tackle it and bring it to completion. We have been thinking about breaking it up into pieces. It is going to require a lot of leg work. If you are interested please let me know.

Sriram and Lu T. volunteer

X. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Committee:

motion to approve Abneris and Lindsay as chairs by Buke

seconded by Lu

Abneris and Lindsay abstain

motion passes unanimously

Abneris motion to approve

seconded by Kyle

Abneris: AAC sat down and set very clear goals for the summer and going into fall term. We are very excited to work on them. More to come soon.

Budgetary has not meet but we do have one Funding request.

b. Legislative Affairs Committee

Abneris motions to approve MB as a co-chair

seconded by Nate

approved with one abstention

MB moves to receive a and approve the previous minutes from LAC.

seconded by Dave B

Michael: we also talked about what we would like to look into. We will meet next week again and go over the bylaws.

c. Student Life Committee:

Michael B moves to approve Abneris and Nate approve as co-chairs

Seconded by chuky

nate gives a small summary the first meeting.
Nate: There are some social events coming up but let us know if you have any ideas not just social events or policy issues concerning Student Life.

XI. Open discussion
Chuky: Seeing no open discussion I will take a motion to adjourn.

Michael B moves to adjourn
Nate seconds

XII. Adjourn: 7:52pm