Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: June 4, 2015
Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. May 21, 2015
IV. Nomination for Treasurer
V. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Chuky
      i. Undocumented/DACA graduate students
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Abneris
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Vacant
VI. Winter 2015 Budget Review
VII. Summer 2015 Budget Proposal
VIII. Priorities for RSG (con’t)
IX. Student Survey
X. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Approval of the minutes
   b. Budgetary
   c. Legislative Affairs
      i. Approval of the minutes
   d. Student Life
      i. Approval of the minutes
XI. Open Discussion
XII. Adjourn

Included in packet:
I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:51pm  
   a. **Present:** Representatives Lu, Buke, Sriram, Dough, Katie, Benson, President Mbagwu, Vice President Rodriguez  
   b. **Absent:**  
   c. **Excused:** Nate

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
   Approval of agenda with change of the budget review to next week moved by Benson seconded by Buke.

III. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**  
   Approval of the previous minutes with an editorial correction of adding Benson to the attendees moved by Benson. Seconded by Abneris.

IV. **OFFICER REPORTS**  
   a. **President Chuky Mbagwu:** Congratulations to the new board members! We have a lot we want to accomplish this summer and this term. Also, there are a couple of things we are trying to bring to completion for example partnering with the UMich Alumni. We are also trying to do a survey to see what are the main issues that we can help our constituents on.

   b. **Vice President Abneris Rodriguez:** No update as VP.

   c. **Treasurer Vacant (Abneris Rodriguez):** update on the budgetary report next week. The executive chair of treasurer is currently vacant and we are looking for a new treasurer. Also, we will be tasking each committee with creating a budget proposal for the new term

V. **Approval of the committee slates:** The president will receive a motion to approve the committee slates as they were presented in the agenda packet with the reservation that the “bold” representatives are in charge with assembling the first meeting of said committee. Moved by Katie. Seconded by Buke. Roll call vote called by MB.

Lou: yes  
Michael: yes
Buke: yes
Sriram: yes
Doug: yes
Abneris: yes
Chuky: yes
The motion passes unanimously.

VI. GROUP DISCUSSION

Academic Issues
- study/office spaces for masters students
- working with new Rackham Dean, maintain relationship there

Local Issues
- City is down to 42 taxis (?), Uber/Lyft are operating legally

State/Federal Issues
- Increasing the H1B visa
- continue SAGE
- Follow through on the Michigan newsletter high priority for the summer
- lower income students on federal aid

Student Services
- There isn’t a centralized career service center. Sometimes there is a runaround when seeking out services varying by department. Perhaps provide a list of university services, and who is eligible, etc
- Alumni Association, career services
- ensure equal representation for graduate students, parity with CSG counterpart
- Office space for masters students for the summer
- Cain labs access and where to go (monitors) Facebook updates

Social Events
** Make sure tickets during the summer are available in both campuses
- Joint grad and professional school events (med, law, business)
- Tigers game, Cedar Point
- Fall Picnic (biggest event)
- Community service events and partnerships
- Kayaking down huron river
- weekend Chicago
- happy hours
- make sure to sell Rackham ticket events on North Campus
- reach out to community service events on campus and collaborate (perhaps specifically fund comm service)
- discount UMS events
- karaoke
- beer garden bar night
- Outdoor movies (top of the park)

COSAC
- join forces with Rackham volunteer core

Improving our twitter/facebook/online presence, perhaps bring back the communications committee?
global RSG accessible to graduate students (communications committee)

Funding
- RSG facilitate partnerships between department/school events
- fund masters students for professional development events (?)
- better advertise how the grant and awarding system works (money to department vs labs)

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION
Buke: The Dearborn and Flint campuses are they represented by RSG?
Michael: Yes. They however don’t always turn out to our events.
Buke: Well maybe we should add to the list of things to work on a way to think about how to get them (Dearborn/Flint students) here for our events and such.
Chuky: Since we lost quorum we are not able to approve this list however I feel comfortable bringing this

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:36pm.
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RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE HERE
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

I- CALL TO ORDER: 6:11pm

Present: Kyle, Lu Tang, Buke, Lindsay, Vice-president Rodriguez, President Mbagwu
Absent:
Excused: Caitlin H.

II- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III- ELECTION OF CHAIR
Kyle: moves to nominates Abneris as chair and Lindsay as co-chair
Abneris and Lindsay accept the nomination
Called to vote: Approved unanimously

IV- AAC BUSINESS
Next meetings: 6:30 pm same week as the board meetings
Place: Rackham North Alcove unless stated otherwise
Chuky and Abneris give small introduction on what AAC does

a. Ideas for AAC to take on:
   1. Book publishing events
   2. Lunch with the Deans
   3. CV workshop/webinar (sweetland and the library)
   4. Speed reading/webinar
   5. GSI training
   6. Online citations and open access
   7. Patent workshop
   8. Women’s issues workshop

Buke: I believe we can reach most of our graduate students by improving our web presence. One way I have proposed in the past that we can look into during the summer is livestreaming our events if they are in the evening or recording them for students who are not able to attend.
Chuky: maybe ask Natalie if she has any idea how we could do this.
Lindsay: I could look into this. I believe there is a group on campus that comes and records events. I’ll see what I can find out.
Kyle: It would be nice to make a CV workshop.
Buke: Maybe we can also do a speed reading seminar
Chuky: Another issue that I have come across is providing better services for graduate students that are part of the dream act. Thinking about how to support them.

Lindsay: I have also come across students with issues on this same scale. Like for example when conference travel is involved they might have issues with their visas.

Chuky: GSI training would be good for AAC to take on and since Kyle has shown that he is interested in this subject maybe he can talk a little more about his concerns.

Kyle: I do have some concerns especially when it comes to training GSI’s on how to deal with issues that are not necessarily academic. Also, I am concerned that the Chemistry department seems to have a resistance on providing a “global” GSI training for their students. I will be looking into why that is. Once I have that information I will engage it by either writing a resolution or looking into the policies involved.

Lu: I believe one good issue this committee can look into is online citations and open access. Maybe we can give a workshop on how to cite online journals or general citations. Also, I would like this committee to engage open access as a priority and see what the UMich is doing to address this issue and how we can inform our grad students on how they can post their papers or collaborations online without breaking the terms of agreement of the journal they are publishing on if they are interested in doing so.

Buke: I think the University of Michigan has a server called deep blue that gives access to some dissertations on there but I am not sure if they have papers.

Abneris says she will look into deep blue and open access at the university of michigan.

Chuky: Another concern of mine would be finding a way of informing people of their options and the ownership issues when publishing.

Abneris: Also, and along those lines, a patent workshop for students that develop things outside of the university might be helpful and something we might want to look into.

Buke: From what I am aware the center of entrepreneurship gives a course on patent law and how to develop patents.

Abneris: we can work with them and develop a workshop.

Chuky: In the past AAC has had a forum on women's issues at the University of Michigan and that might be something we might want to take on again.

Abneris: for this workshop we could partner with FEMMES or AWIS or WISE or MUSES or CEW

Lindsay: going back to the CV workshop we might want to look into having people bring their CV and have someone work with them individually.

V- AAC BUDGET

Abneris: it seems to me that the easiest task to tackle for the summer and where we can learn how to continue doing these type of seminars is the CV workshop. I will look into how to get this done but I would propose we only budget for this workshop.

Chuky: proposes $200 for the CV workshop. Motions $250 for the summer.

Buke Second

Passes unanimously
OPEN DISCUSSION
Seeing no discussion the chair asks for a motion to adjourn.
Kyle: motion to adjourn
Chuks: seconds

ADJOURNMENT at 6:58pm.
I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:40pm

a. Present: Representatives Montjoy, Vaidyanathan, President Emeritus Benson, Vice President Rodriguez, President Mbagwu

b. Absent: -

c. Excused: Representatives Barton, Blackwell, and Forsyth

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Moved by Abneris seconed by Sriram. Approved Unanimously.

III. Overview of current and prior LAC initiatives

a. Local Issues
   i. Transportation (Buses, Taxis, Limos, and Trains)
   ii. Housing (On and Off campus)
   iii. A2 Services Satisfaction Discussion
   iv. RSG - Washtenaw County Collaboration

b. State Issues
   i. Issue Tracking
   ii. Summer Visit to Lansing with Michigan State COGS

c. Federal Issues
   i. Review Spring 2015 White Papers
   ii. Health Care and other issues on the horizon
   iii. MI-14, New Representative

Michael provided an overview of the above listed items.
Chuky provided an overview of the SAGE Coalition and its activities both in regard to shared governance and federal advocacy.

IV. Election / confirmation of co-chair

V. Election of Liasians:
   a. Local - Lindsay

   b. State - Doug

   c. Federal - Sriram

VI. State Legislature – Grad Intro
VII. **SAGE Summer Research**
As a committee, we often use the summer to review the current SAGE issues and also to look to see if there are other issues that we might want to bring to the Coalition or to the attention of the Federal Government on our own.

Chuky: We all read what we have for our last year agenda and then update it accordingly.

Michael: Notes that RSG and LAC research all issues and that we aren’t limited to just the SAGE issues.

Abneris: Could we use the MI only issues on State day.

VIII. **BUDGET**
Michael proposes that the committee request $0 budget for the spring / summer term. Chuky provides the example of a forum as an item that might need funding.

IX. **New Issues**
X. **Local Transportation**
XI. **A2 Leases**
XII. **Congressional Newsletter Update**
What is the congressional newsletter: It is a semi-regular update to our congressional delegation and perhaps to members of the executive branch.

XIII. **Future Meeting Schedule**
a. Biweekly on Thursdays at 7pm starting next week.

XIV. **Budget**

XV. **OPEN FLOOR**

Douglas asks about how to make things happen. Michael explains the resolution process. Chuky explains the informal process.

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT** at 7:18pm.
Lindsay moved and seconded by Douglas. Approved Unanimously
RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday June 3, 2015
RACKHAM GRADUATE BUILDING
2ND FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH ALCOVE
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 pm
   a. Present: Lu Tang, Sriram, Nate, President Mbagwu, Vice President Rodriguez
   b. Absent:
   c. Excused: Buke, Caitlin

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. WHAT IS SLC? A small overview by both Nate and Chuky

Nate: Aside from event planning we work with anything that pertains to students. Like child care and we are looking into doing a survey.

IV. CHAIR ELECTIONS:
Nate: I nominate Abneris as Chair
Abneris accepts and nominates Nate as co-chair.
Call to vote: passes unanimously

V. SLC SUMMER PLANS:

Social events:
   a. Bar nights
      Abneris: coming up we have a Bar Night at Bill’s Beer Garden. This event will take place on Wed June 10th. We will be providing food from Simply Spanish next door.
   b. Cedar point
      Chuky: This event will take place this Saturday and we are going as Chaperons to help Natalie in whatever they might need. Same with the Tigers game.
   c. Tigers game
   d. Band Night
   e. Karaoke Night
   f. Huron River Kayaking
   g. Movie Night
   h. Fuller Pool
   i. Fall welcome picnic

Student issues:
   a. Nothwood family housing (Lindsay):
      Abneris: Lindsay brought to our attention that family/couple housing in Northwood is restricted to couples that are legally married or under legal partnership. This restricts housing for people who are in a long relationship that are not necessarily interested or permitted to enter into one of these agreements. Our goal for the summer is to look into why this restrictions are in place and see what can be done about it. Also see how many people are affected by these restrictions at the University of Michigan.
   b. Mental health and Grad Care:
Sriram: Some students seem to have a hard time with including mental health as part of their insurance. The university does not cover this and apparently CAPS only helps with issues related to academics not previously diagnosed issues or cases. This is another issue we will be researching this summer.

c. North Campus Rec Building:
Sriram: the building doesn't hold normal hours and students are forced to go to Central Campus if they want to use the facilities. This is one of the reasons why we believe that students don't want to live in North Campus because the services available to them are less and they still need to go to Central Campus for many things that we could make available for both campuses.

d. Spring break/ Winter break bus services:
Sriram: Again for students that live on North Campus transportation is limited on these breaks to a bus every hour. Keeping in mind that most graduate students stay in campus for breaks to work limiting the buses schedules affects the ability for students to go to work or go anywhere they need to go.

e. Master’s students:
Lu: It has come to my attention that during the summer if a Master’s student is not studying they cannot benefit from the rec center. If they want to use it they must pay for the whole summer. (Nate specifies that the amount for the summer is $120). Also, master’s students aren’t covered to use UMHS if they are not registered for summer classes. Regardless of if they have a GSRA position.

For fall:

a. Band night on North Campus
b. Sports activity: Introduction to American sports (Football/Baseball)
c. Trivia/Game day

Survey:
Chuky: SLC has been working on a survey in the past months and our goal for the summer is to have is ready to send out by fall.

COSAC:
Abneris: Our community outreach program will be partnering with Rackham Volunteer Corps for the fall term and we will be providing some student leaders to make this a great experience for our graduate volunteers.

V. BUDGET FOR SUMMER

a. Bar nights $900
b. Cedar Point $ -
c. Tigers Game $ -
d. Karaoke Night $200
e. Huron River Kayaking $600
f. Movie Night $200
g. Fuller Pool $600
h. Fall Welcome Picnic $3,000

TOTAL: $5,500

Nate: I move that we approve the summer budget of $5,500
Chuky seconds.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Abneris: Seeing no open discussion do we have a motion to adjourn?
Sriram: So moved
Chuky: Seconded
Abneris: We are adjourned.
ADJOURN at 7:13pm