Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: July 16, 2015
Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. June 18, 2015
IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Chuky
      i. IT Council Grad Representative
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Abneris
      i. Newsletter + Communications
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, A. Buke
V. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. GSI Training update
   b. Budgetary
   c. Legislative Affairs
   d. Student Life
      i. Movie screening
VI. Open Discussion
VII. Adjourn

Included in packet:

RSG Board Minutes June 18, 2014 (p. 2)
I. Call To Order 6:40pm
   a. Present: Katie, Nate, Buke, Lindsay, David B, Kyle, Michael B, Abneris, Chuky
   b. Absent:  
   c. Excused: Lu Tang, Sriram

II. Approval of Agenda
Moved By Katie F
seconded by Lindsay
approved unanimously

III. Approval of the previous minutes
Moved by Chuky
Seconded by Katie F
One abstention
Motion is approved

IV. Officer Reports
   a. President, Chuky Mbagwu
Chuky: Met with Sheila Nicholas from the um alumni assoc to work together on connecting graduate students with alumni.
Katie: Would it be that alumni can find graduate students or the other way around?
Chuky: Both. We are trying to bring this two together so that alumni can contact students or be mentors. I will bring the information from the association later. Any thoughts?
Kyle: If there is a database of alumni, what are we trying to get out of this database?
Abneris: I think it might just be a good networking opportunity for graduate students and to create connections between people with similar backgrounds.
Chuky: Yes, the database would allow students to connect.
Lindsay: would people have to opt in?
Chuky: it would be opt in, yes.
Lindsay: maybe if it’s opt in they can give their social media information.
Chuky: the alumni would have to indicate what they would be willing to do.
Katie: my alma mater did something like this and you could go to the website and I found it very helpful. I also think it would be cool if we hosted a networking session for alums (during homecoming: milestone reunion)
Lindsay: they already do one at the undergraduate level and I think that once we get this Rackham Alumni on the floor we can make something that’s basically the same.
Chuks: On another note, it's come to my attention that not everyone has been acquainted with the rsg bylaws. Please familiarize with that.

b. Vice-president, Abneris Rodriguez
Abneris: My only update as VP is that Rackham Graduate Student Success is trying to create a group for first generation graduate students. As a first gen student I will be part of a focus group and will report back what the committee does moving forward.

c. Treasurer, Buke Hiziroglu
Buke: The current budget is about ~24000 and I just sent out the first email for the Budgetary committee meeting.

V. Committee Reports
a. Academic Affairs:
Lindsay: AAC has done some preliminary research on doing a CV workshop on the fall and a patent workshops and we are trying to do something about startups and work with the postdoc association. We also really want to do a speed dating event for networking with industry people and/or non traditional PhD routes. We were talking about video taping rackham events so that people who can't attend can benefit from them. This research was done by Buke so maybe she can talk a bit more about it.
Buke: Rackham has an inhouse program who do this for individual events or we can eventually invest in buying the equipment and having someone from the board do it.
Lindsay and Abneris go over their sit down with the GEO president that morning.
Abneris: we are planning on inviting him to the board so that he can talk about the services GEO offer to its graduate students and so that this board can be more informed in order to cater to what our constituents might need.
Katie: should this invitation be for summer or for fall?
Kyle: maybe we would be better equipped for fall if we have it during the summer and maybe keep our position impartial.
Abneris: I think fall might be a good idea so we can have a full board.
Chuks: RSG is more a student perspective GEO is more a work perspective.
Nate: has RSG always been this way? (Division 1 and 2 heavy)
Chuks: historically it hasn't but we can figure out how to improve this.

b. Budgetary
Please familiarize yourselves with the bylaws. We will have our next meeting two weeks from now before boards meeting.

c. Legislative Affairs:
Michael B: LAC did not meet. There is no update for LAC. Next LAC meeting will be a bylaw review.
Katie: is there anything we need to read before the meeting?
Michael: Please read the bylaws and think about what we might want to change. There is nothing predetermined.

d. Student Life
Nate: we did not meet because we weren't able to meet quorum.
For future references Bill’s opens at 6:15pm. We are also looking at getting new tshirts for events.
Abneris: Karaoke night next week at 8pm wed Blue lerp.
Nate: we are working on a movie night
Lindsay: Maybe do a meet up at ann arbor summer fest or maybe a meet up before heading over there.
Chuky: assign dates to these events
Lindsay: Northwood housing is non inclusive for people without a domestic partnership or a marriage licence in the state of michigan.

i. Bill’s Beer Garden recap
ii. Karaoke Night

IV. Open Discussion:
Lindsay: is board meeting going to stay on the second (july)?
Chuky: yes.

IV. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn by Kyle
Seconded by Nate