Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: October 15, 2014

Agenda

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. October 1, 2014

IV. Appointment of new RSG representative

V. Election Committee- Chair and members

VI. Committee Slates

VII. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Phil
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Chuky
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Benson

VIII. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Lunch with Deans
   b. Budgetary
   c. Elections Committee
   d. Legislative Affairs
   e. Student Life
      i. Bar night
      ii. Apple Orchard

IX. Open Discussion

X. Adjourn

Included in packet:
RSG Board Minutes October 8
BC Minutes
LAC Minutes October 8 SAGE Fall Summit Agenda
SLC Minutes October 8
I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:16pm
   a. Present: Representatives David M, Mike H, Pat P, Malcom T, Sidney E, David B, David W, President Saccone, Vice President Mbagwu, Treasurer Benson
   b. Absent: Yang Z
   c. Excused: Pier Davis, Kyle L

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   Motion to approve by Benson, seconded by David W. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

   Motion to approve by Dave M, seconded by Pat P. Approved with 2 abstentions.

IV. Appointment of New RSG Representatives

   Phil: Chuky and I sent out applications for the Board. Over 50 applicants, and have selected those we feel are the best for the job. Go around for introductions of new reps.

   New reps:
   Nathan Harada (Div II), Chris Tom (Div I), Abneris Rodriguez (Div I), Katie Forsythe (Div IV), Myra Lee (Div III)

   Phil: Reads list of nominees and term lengths.

   Motion by Benson to confirm the President’s appointment of the representative sans Katie F. Seconded by Chuky. Roll call vote, Approved 10-0-1.

   Motion by Chris to confirm the President’s appointment of Katie Forsythe to Board as Div IV rep (home department is Div III). Seconded by Benson. Required 2/3 vote. Approved 14-0-0.

   Phil: Let’s welcome our new reps! Round of introductions for current reps.

   Motion to include Kate in quorum by unanimous consent. Approved unanimously.
Motion, by Chuky, to approve Committee Assignments w/ amendment for addition of Katie and Chris to AAC. Seconded by Pat. Approved unanimously.

V. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President Phillip Saccone

   Thank you for attending last week’s meeting with Holly, sorry for my absence but I am glad it went well.

   We have reviewed all applications for the SACUA committees. They have not yet been notified but those are forthcoming.

   Regarding the publishing of instructor evaluations, I have followed up with James Halloway and been assured that this will be brought up within SACUA. Should we not see motion we will continue to press on this.

   I’ve received an email from CSG regarding the appointment of a grad student member to the CSG Safety Committee, which tackles areas of campus safety. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, come forward and let me know.

   Events: Student Life will be meeting after the Board, but one of the closer events is Apple Orchard on Oct 18th. More info to follow.

   b. Vice President Chuky Mbagwu

   Gazette is coming out early next week. Includes happy hour, Orchard trip, request for funding apps, joint Rackham events. Please email me any other information you would like disseminated to the student body!

   c. Treasurer Benson

   We still have $29,700 in the account. There are a few outstanding expenses to be taken care of. Bring all receipts to me to get them reimbursed.

   We collect $1.50 per student per term, and a large portion of that we give back to student organization and events.

   Budgetary committee will also be reviewing the funding application for any changes that can be made for ease and clarity.

VI. SAGE Fall Summit

Phil: Many of you now are familiar with the mission of SAGE. Two major annual events, Fall Summit and Spring Day on the Hill. Coming up is the Fall Summit, mainly discussion of best practices and preparation of items for the spring.
Would anyone like to bring up any issues for covering at summit or at the university?

Michael: LAC has talked about this and nothing immediate came up but encourage the board to provide feedback as it arises.

Chris: Reminder to cover our recent developments with the non-discrimination policies here at Michigan.

David W: Inclusion of sexual assault practices across the universities.

Phil: Much of that has already been adopted, etc.

Phil: I ask that the Board approve the SAGE delegation of the RSG executives (Phil, ChuKy, Michael).

Motion by Pat P, seconded by David W. Approved with 2 abstentions.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Phil: We’ve had quite a bit of trouble this term scheduling committee meetings, but finalized schedule is as follows

INPUT SCHEDULE HERE

a. Academic Affairs Committee

Stefan: We are working on putting together the Lunch with the Deans. Will be communicating with Chris Tom for help on this.

b. Budgetary Committee

Chuky: Minutes are forthcoming. We have reviewed two additional applications and awarded the organizations funds.

c. Elections Committee

d. Legislative Affairs Committee

Michael: One thing we want to do is send two newsletters to the Michigan Delegation and Michigan Legislature. The one for the Delegation is aimed to be disseminated in the next few weeks, for the Legislature time period is early December.

David W: We are holding a Regents Forum, working together with SCOR to put it together. Opportunity for students to ask the candidates any relevant questions
they may have. 4 potential dates for the forum, determining which ones work best for the candidates. Exploring the possibility of combining the event with LWV (League of Women Voters).

e. **Student Life Committee**
We haven’t been able to meet yet, but convening after the Board. We’ll be discussing event planning, including Apple Orchard, and putting together survey for the graduate student body. Survey will solicit issues pertaining and relevant to grad students currently.

i. **Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee**

VIII. **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Michael: Welcome to Board, new reps! I would like to recommend we plan a welcome event for them, I’ll happily take the lead on that.

Motion to adjourn by Michael B, seconded by Mike H. Approved unanimously.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** at 7:52pm.
I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:58 pm
   a. **Present:** Representatives Sydney, Malcom, Mike Hand, Nate, President Saccone, Vice President Mbagwu, Treasurer Benson,
   b. **Absent:** Yang
   c. **Excused:** Pier, Kyle

II. **RSG – Rackham Joint Events**
   Phil: October 18th orchard trip
   October 31st red wings and kings
   Currently in planning are a pinball petes and bowling.
   I’m also pushing for a non cosponsored event which would be a happy hour next week. I’ve also removed from SLC’s agenda the meet and greet with coffee and have given that to AAC.

III. **Bar Night Week of October 13th 6 – 8pm**
   Thursday 6 – 8pm At the Blue Lep. Abneris has volunteered to contact the venue for this event.

IV. **T-Shirt Design**
   Benson: Talks about the process. Students will submit designs and the committee will cull it down to the top X. The student body will vote on the winner during the fall election.

V. **Community Service**
   We need a COSAC sub committee chair. Talk to Mike / Kyle if you’d like to help with a service event.

VI. **Student Body Survey**
   Mike: We’re going to pull out our minutes from the last time we discussed this. We can hold off on discussing this, we will put a draft together and then discuss it.
Some of the genesis of this comes from the individual project program wherein each rep picks a project to run heard on. Unfortunately, the set of projects that we selected in the summer stalled out and we need significant feedback from the student body.

Phil: This also stems from the 2010 GSRA survey.

Nate: Can we talk about the history?
Michael: fills in the history of this

Nate: I’d be happy to help. My research has to do with data mining.

Phil: Great! When we do decide to meet, I’ll email the committee so anyone can come.

VII.  
TOPIC 3

VIII.  
OPEN DISCUSSION

IX.  
ADJOURNMENT at 8:23pm.