Rackham Student Government
Board Meeting: February 4, 2015

Agenda

I. Call To Order
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Previous Minutes
IV. Officer Reports
   a. Graduate Student Body President, Phil
   b. Graduate Student Body Vice President, Chuky
   c. Graduate Student Body Treasurer, Abneris
V. Preparing for the President’s visit
VI. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Update on sexual expression resolution
   b. Budgetary
   c. Legislative Affairs
   d. Student Life
      i. Report on Pistons game
      ii. Report on Ice Skating
VII. Open Discussion
VIII. Adjourn
I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:04pm
   a. Present: Representatives David M, Nate H, Matt G, Brandon P, Katie F, Michael B, David B, Kyle L, President Saccone, Vice President Mbagwu, Treasurer Rodriguez
   b. Absent: 
   c. Excused: Myra L

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    Motion to approve agenda by Michael B, seconded by Katie F. Michael B objects with amendment, change order of line items. Approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
     Motion to approve minutes by Michael B, seconded by Abneris R. (Editorial change to include Myra as excused). Approved with 1 abstention.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS
    a. President Phillip Saccone
       Phil: Thanks to Chuky and Abneris for holding down the fort last week. Committees were very busy putting together budgets and outlines for the semester. Meetings with the general counsel have been pushed back to 1st week of Feb. Pistons game, Myra was able to attend as RSG chaperone. Will hear from her later. Ice skating event, Katie has volunteered to attend the event (first session), Nate and Abneris will also be able to attend. Aiming for 2-4 RSG reps in attendance.

       Phil: I had an opportunity to serve on a MLK day panel on Monday. I’m planning on inviting Ed Cellars (vice provost of equity and inclusion, chaired a committee on diversity/inclusion), will be able to discuss what he and our Board can do towards these. President Schlissel will be making an announcement regarding this topic on Feb 16th. Two weeks from today, Feb 7-8th, President Schlissel will be joining the Board. If you are a member of another organization outside of RSG, please let Phil know. At this event, we will be joined by SCOR and FEMMES and TBP. We are looking to get a few other groups in the room as well. We want to build a stronger relationship with the Presidents’ office, etc.
b. **Vice President Chuky Mbagwu**
   Website has been updated with current agendas and minutes. Working on getting the individual committee discussion up there. Set up a system.

c. **Treasurer**
   Abneris: Thank you for getting all the committee budgets in order. Our available budget right now is ~$23,000, and our proposed budget is ~$21,000. Please see the attached budget in the agenda packet for details. We have been getting lots of applications in, and the BC committee will be reviewing them shortly.

V. **Approval of the Committee Chairs**
   LAC- Phil Saccone and Michael Benson
   SLC- Kyle Lady and Nate Harada
   AAC- Chris Tom

   Motion by Brandon, seconded by Buke. Approved unanimously.

VI. **Budget**
   Abneris: Our current balance is $35,678.47. However, we still have about $9000 of encumbered funds from last year to pay out. Much of these funds are shared with Rackham and GSS (graduate student success). We may end up having more funds available to us after all.

   Phil: Working out details on how to spread out the funding if increased. Funding to student orgs is a priority, but also considering adding line items in the initial budget in partnership with specific orgs.

   Phil: Are there any things people would like to discuss?

   Michael B: I like the detailed budget, particularly for SLC.

   Phil: Within SLCs budget, if things need to be rearranged then that is fine, as long as it stays within initial budget.

   Chuky: What is the *SAGE $250 allocation?*

   Phil: It is funds for the congressional newsletter.

   Motion to approve by Michael B, seconded by Kyle. Roll call vote: 13-0-1. Budget is approved.

VII. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
   a. **Academic Affairs Committee**
      Motion to approve minutes by Chris T, seconded by Michael B. Approved unanimously.
Chris: We have one main financial event for the term, Lunch with the Deans. We’ve budgeted $1500, above what we’ll likely need. In the process of getting dates for the events.

See the minutes for the projects we’ll be taking up, please let me know if you’ll be interested in working on some of those.

Phil: I like that we have a full and excited Board, but I’ve already seen a few people that have not taken up what they’ve signed up for. For example, if you’re going to write a resolution for AAC, feel free to use the AAC meeting time as a study session writing time. Lastly, everyone should feel free to keep me posted based on your availability and workload this term, etc.

b. **Budgetary Committee**
Abneris: We have a lot of applications and will be going through them next week prior to the Board meeting. We need quorum for this meeting, so please attend.

c. **Elections Committee**

d. **Legislative Affairs Committee**
Phil: Shortly we will be putting forth a delegation for SAGE Day on the Hill. Secondly, we’ve been putting an effort on maintaining communication with the Michigan congressional delegation throughout the year (outside Day on the Hill). The congressional newsletter we are working on will be a great way for us to do this; the details are still being worked out. Katie and Myra are taking the lead on this.

Katie: Myra and I will be getting together to work on that tomorrow.

Motion to approve minutes by Michael B, seconded by Kyle. Approved with 1 abstention.

Michael B: I would like to recognize Dave M for his role on the committee and tracking State issues.

David M: The State department has not been as active or taken up any issues relevant to graduate students as of late. Within the next month or so, we may see further development on statewide issues.

Phil: Thanks Dave.

e. **Student Life Committee**
Kyle: The survey as absolutely going to happen. Nate is pushing forward on the Meet and Greet events. Abneris and others are working on the items detailed in the minutes. Our next meeting is next Thursday.
Motion to approve minutes by Kyle, with amendment adjournment time at 6:28pm, seconded by Michael B. Approved unanimously.

i. Community Outreach & Social Action subcommittee

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION
Abneris: Jingcheng and I were assigned to work on issues pertaining to Students with Disabilities. I contacted a colleague passionate about the issue, and she pointed me in the direction of student groups that tackle similar things. One of the groups is meeting this Friday.

Phil: Can we invite them to a Board meeting?

Abneris: They aren’t a formalized organization, but just advocate for this issues individually in their departments.

Phil: We can put them on the list for a future meeting.

Phil: Forgot to mention this in my officer’s report. Dennis Johnson contacted me over the weekend and said that his commitments were too large to serve effectively on the Board. He has resigned and I have accepted it, effective immediately.

Motion to adjourn by Kyle, seconded by Michal B. Approved unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 6:40pm.