I. Call to Order – 7:40pm
II. Opening Roll Call
III. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Motion to approve, seconded
   b. Add AR 5-010 to the agenda under new business
   c. Motion to approve, seconded, approved
   d. Motion to add AR 5-008 to old business, before AR 5-009, seconded approved
   e. Motion to approved amended agenda; seconded, approved
IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
   a. Minutes from 9th meeting on October 27th, 2015 (Sent via email)
      i. Motion to approve; seconded, approved
V. Guest Speakers
   a. Zikra Hussain – Expect Respect/Beyond the Diag
      i. Beyond the Diag
         1. Good evening everyone, thank you for having me. My name is Zekra and I’m the Dean of Students Office (DoS) Bias Incident Response Coordinator. I work with OSCR and other offices on campus to mitigate bias incidents. Just wanted you to know that before going into Expect Respect. Sorry Molly could not be here, she is very sick; she’s given me some talking points. Beyond the Diag started off as an idea in MSA after a few off-campus safety concerns occurred in 2011. Clyde can provide you further info. Neighbor Ambassador Program: monthly newsletter, housing fairs, programming; one just happened today on North. Take time before you sign workshops. Assistance for landlord/roommate leasing issues. Off-campus housing search is available, and a roommate finder is as well, is limited to UM students; has had over 4 million views. We do not own or operate any off-campus housing, we just provide resources. Off-campus living guide provides as much information as possible and we do our best to get that into the hands of every student. Hosted a law enforcement thank-you program last year, spearheaded by CSG, and hope to do that again. Looking to incorporate landlord rating system, and change ordinance around breaking a lease early. Questions/ideas for Molly?
2. Alex – How can I find information about tomorrow’s housing fair?
   A – In the Union, usually in Pendleton, check in with our office.

ii. Expect Respect

   1. Started back in 2007, due to a strong need for it that was partially based in hate being directed toward the student body president at that time. The buttons, bookmarks and pledge are a major part of getting the word out about the campaign; explained during orientation. Educational initiative centered around fostering a campus climate where people are treated with civility and respect. Many members from around campus have worked together to strengthen the framework of this initiative; that collaboration has extended to things like Greek Life, off-campus housing, and health and wellness. Expect Respect sort of speaks for itself just because of the wording. Halloween just passed, and we did a lot around cultural appropriation, and “We Are A Culture, Not A Costume.” Worked with Ohio University to get materials for this. We will continue to promote the campaign, and build an inclusive environment. Would love to work with you further. Thank you for having me; I’m in the DoS office and my business card was passed around.

b. Jacob Pearlman – Amendments to SRR

   i. Most of you know that I’ve played an integral role in the SRR amendment process. I know it’s confusing and a lot of information, but CSG’s name is on it, so you need to know these things if you’re approached for info. Most of you have seen me talk about SRR, which is the code of conduct for non-academic behavior on our campus. This covers things like drinking, fighting, roommate issues, etc; things that happen outside of the classroom. It also states the penalties for breaking the outlined rules. In addition to that, there are student rights, such as protecting you from capricious… There are codes for each school, but the SRR applies to the entire student body. The amendment process is important to keep the SRR up to date; it happens every three years. Example: 2011 cyber-bullying, not relevant in 70s when SRR was created. Anyone can propose an amendment, but only certain people can approve them. Yesterday was 11/2, which was the deadline, and we got all of the amendments in on time. We sent them to SRAC so they can figure out what should and shouldn’t be included in this new statement. Recommendations will be sent to Harper and eventually to Schlissel to final review. Approved amendments go into place in July. We’ve proposed a total of 7 amendments to SRR as a governing body, and if you look at the handout
in front of you, you can follow along as I explain them to you. Proposed amendments:

1. Increase transparency and student voice in the amendment process;
2. inserting an honor pledge that reminds students what the university stands for, and think about that before taking actions; multiple universities have implemented this successfully
3. Add a provision to SRR that allows students to learn about SRR during student orientation; the penalties that occur when people break the rules of SRR have long-lasting effects and so it’s important that students know the document even exists
4. Stating more clearly that the SRR will only be amended every 3 years
5. Specifying to students that the penalties for actions will be based on when the incident occurred, not when it was reported
6. Formalizing the accept/reject process for the President, so that it occurs while students are still on campus and not during spring/summer
7. Updating outdated language in the SRR around CSG’s role

ii. Questions

1. Could inserting the honor pledge open up a backdoor that creates more penalties? A – We’ve made sure that the language is non-binding, and it is not a violation to violate the honor pledge
3. Thomas (follow-up) – Have you talked to ONSP about how that would work? They’re very particular about orientation content. A – I’ve thought a lot about that and I’d like it to be integrated, but that’s something we’re still working on.
4. Trevis – How are you getting these things passed? A – I’ve sent everything to SRAC, and some will be recommended over others, but all of them will eventually land on President Schlissel’s desk. And from there he’ll decide what to accept or reject.
5. Wes – So let’s say SRAC doesn’t like one; will Schlissel still see it? A – It is implied that all amendments will be seen, and I’ve also added language that will compel the President to see everything regardless of SRAC recommendation

VI. Community Concerns

a. Blaine Coleman – Boycott Israel
   i. I expect respect for 2205 Palestinians who were killed by Israel one summer ago. So I expect you to vote on the resolution that has been before
your assembly for weeks now. Is it “that bad” that all these people were killed? I say yes. 2205 Palestinians. Your tax dollars pay for that. And right now Obama is working on increasing funding to Israel, which will continue to support that killing. We are in the middle of an Arab Holocaust; we are seeing thousands of Arab people being killed. If you’re wondering why Arab students are not coming in here protesting, maybe they’re scared of you.

ii. Sierra – Do you respect Zionist students and their beliefs? A – I don’t respect Nazis, I don’t respect KKK members…

iii. Jacob – Motion to add a second offense to Mr. Coleman’s Community Concerns offenses (explains hate speech clause); Seconded, approved by a 2/3 vote

b. Pooled time by BAMN (Kate Stenvig, Keysha Wall, John Brodsk, Shandria, Tyler Wood, Semeneh) – Sanctuary Campus Resolution

i. Kate – I don’t know if people who have been to the Statue of Liberty, but there is a poem there that was written by the daughter of Jewish immigrants. (Reads poem in full) That was written after the civil war, which redefined what citizenship was; it wasn’t based on race or property ownership. There have been continued struggles since then around what it means to be a citizen in this country, including the Civil Rights Movement. In 2006, the largest protests in civil rights history occurred, many of them with regards to immigrant rights. There have been gains since then, like the DREAM act, but there have also been setbacks, like the treatment of undocumented students. We stand with the poem, which essentially says that if you live here, work here, and contribute to this community, you are a citizen already. People are going to continue to immigrate to the states; it will not stop. So are we going to have a growing number of people who are treated as a second class? We shouldn’t, and it is up to an institution like the University of Michigan to take a stand. Furthermore, immigrant communities are continuing to grow even as people leave the state. So the university needs to also incorporate those communities in the student body. This needs to be a place where everybody has the full freedom to live and learn and study without being in fear of deportation or anti-immigrant attacks. The University has made a lot of public statements about diversity and its commitment to improving the campus climate, but they need to take action. We can’t have any more years of having students who’ve been here for nearly their entire lives being kept from attending college because of a citizenship technicality.

ii. Shandra – I’m going to read a statement from Hosea Alvarega, who cannot be here because the University banned him from campus after last
year’s regents meeting. “I’m an undocumented student from Honduras, one the 18 students who was arrested at the April regents meeting. I am currently facing charges, and deportation back to the murder capital of the world. There is a necessity for urgent action and intervention on this campus; to combat racism, expel rapists, and fight injustice. It is bad enough to ignore the issues, but even worse to say that it cannot be done. We want to see a society in which we can all live, and in which we can receive the respect we all deserve. Tonight’s resolution is part of that. It is a fact that there is an immigrant crisis, and hostility toward immigrants. Look at the Trump campaign; this type of scapegoating of a single group led to the Holocaust. Immigrant students have helped shape this institution and more will continue to come. We are a lead institution and a model to follow, and voting in favor of this resolution will aid in that.”

iii. Keysha – Reading a statement from David Douglas, who was also arrested and given a no trespass warning. Criticized racist policies of Regents and was punished accordingly. This student government voted down the resolution with regards to Ferguson, and the need for help there. Syrian refugees have been forced to leave their homelands; Germany, Brussels building up borders more fully, and the same thing is happening here at home. Thousands of unaccompanied minors. Full social equality with all undocumented immigrants is what we need to end this crisis.

iv. Tyler – Though demands call for opening up campus to undocumented students, the reality is that undocumented students are here already. As you saw last week, an undocumented student lost her scholarship and in-state tuition status after becoming a grad student. You are obligated to represent and defend the students you represent as an assembly.

v. University connection to the problem: TIAA-Cref is one of the biggest investors in Correction Corporation of America, which constructs the majority of prisons which contribute to the prison-industrial complex. Non-white, poor, and undocumented bodies are overly represented in these prisons. The University also contracts Newberger-Burman to help deal with its endowments, and this company is also connected to CCA. What it comes down to is that the University cares more about its bottom line than the students on its campus.

vi. Kate – Just wanted to add that we’ve been circulating a petition that also has the demands listed in the resolution, and we’ve collected almost 2,000 signatures on campus. Questions?

1. Joe – Did you have the resolution available to the students who signed the petition? A – Yes, we had it there for them to look at.
2. Joe (follow-up) – And they were receptive to it? A – Yes. (Joe: Ok thank you, good to know.)

3. Ramon – What do you mean by sanctuary school? A – Meaning that the campus is one where campus police do not cooperate with ICE, and where things can’t happen like authorities coming in and removing people from the dorm rooms.

VII. Executive Communications
   a. Cooper – Passing along an apology from Steven that he can’t be here; he has the flu. The conversation around course evaluations is still happening, and that conversation is two-pronged; firstly, for immediate release, and secondly, for future release and the creation of a committee chaired by faculty and students only. Please reach out of you would like more clarity. Innovate Blue is also going through a process where they are questioning how well they’re doing their job with regards to students. We want to have more info available about innovation. Louisa appointed to Athletics…Stand By Blue is making a comeback, we’re pumping a lot of support into it, and I highly encourage you to be in touch with me, Will Royster, and Jibran from Music Matters. I’d also like to give Jacob a nod, because this amendment process was gruesome, and had a lot of long nights
   b. Sean – Thank you Prebay and Joe for coming to the Student Health and Safety Commission meeting, and we Inclusive Campus Environment changed to Campus Inclusion Commission… Monday 11/16 4-6 in Chambers, 11/19 5:30-7 in LSA SG; students will talk about amendments to the R&E requirement. The R&E requirement was created in 1991 after protests due to racial actions toward black students and…
   c. Anushka – Mental Health Summit happening 11/14; mission statement is “action-based coordination” so that we do not have repetitive events and we stay on message together. Quick shoutout to the External Relations Sub-commission; they will be hosting D-Congress again, this time with better inclusion of Detroit-based resources and opportunities.
   d. Jacob – The final sexual misconduct policy roundtable was earlier tonight… can still submit suggestions to SAPAC, and also see Sarah, who is advocating with me. ED cannot be present, so verbal report: (Listing of applicants for party status and for open seats)

VIII. Report of the Speaker
   a. Noah – A lot of you have absences that are starting to pile up, and in the coming week, I will send you an email sharing with you the number of absences that you have. If you feel there is a discrepancy, please let me know. Backpack tags are in, and there is a pile of unclaimed ones at the back of the room. If there have been any mistakes, please let us know ASAP so that we can get them printed all together. Please cut the corners of them, because they are sharp. During meetings,
please keep your phone away out of your respect for peers and the members of the community here. If you need to take an important call or handle an emergency, step out into the hall.

IX. Representative Reports
X. Committee Reports
  a. Rules Committee
    i. Jared – We didn’t really talk about much, there were just two of us. The main thing we talked about was absences, and the compromise between wanting people to be involved and needing to follow the rules.
      1. Cooper – What is the rule for absences? A – Once you reach 6 you’re done. But some absences can be excused.
      2. Cooper (follow-up) – At whose discretion do we decide what’s excusable? A – The speaker’s.
      3. Lucky – The speaker email is sometimes finicky/issue with listserv, so make sure it was received when you send in requests to have an absence excused.
  b. Finance Committee
    i. Jake - Not much going on right now, but please bear in mind that we are getting to the end of the semester and haven’t spent much money. Meeting Wednesday 9:15pm
  c. Communications Committee
    i. Pay attention to the Facebook posts
    ii. Looking at getting shoutouts on official social media
    iii. Meets at 7pm before Assembly meeting
  d. Resolutions Committee (Report attached)
    i. Swathi – Had a great meeting, and made recommendations about changes to various resolutions. Resolutions are action statements, so any statement you make before the “whereas” should be connected to your conclusion. They must be facts and not just personal opinion.

XI. Election and Recall of Members
XII. New Business
  a. A.R. 5-010: A Resolution to Recognize our Veterans and Freedom Fighters
    i. Lucky – Grant Stroble is the person who sent me the resolution, so I will yield my time to him
    ii. Grant – Good evening. I’m proposing this resolution on behalf of not only myself, but for all student veterans on this campus. There is no official recognition by the University of Veteran’s Day or World Freedom day; both are national holidays. Questions
      1. Zach – As I check the date, it’s November 3, and it usually takes about 2 weeks for a resolution to get passed, so we wouldn’t be
able to recognize November 9? A – No matter what, it would be important, but it is at your discretion as to whether or not you want to suspend the rules and vote on it today.

2. Wes – Is there a specific way that you want these days recognized; just through CSG, or by the University as a whole? A – For now, it’s CSG; we want CSG to take the lead and have the university follow suit

3. Ramon – What exactly do you mean by recognize; is it a day off, are there specific actions? A – Really, just a simple recognition that the date exists, and due to that, having it added to the academic calendar.

4. Swathi – It seems that you really want to have these dates added to the academic calendar; do you agree that your resolution should be amended to show that? A – Yes.

iii. Comments on how to improve
1. Wes - Add the academic calendar
2. Tristan – Add language about VA hospitals and how we treat our veterans
3. Zach – Add language about by whom these dates should be recognized
4. Dan – Reword lines 4-9 to sound more like a whereas
5. Ben – Besides being added to the academic calendar, you said schools across the country
6. Swathi – November 11 is already recognized in the current UM planner
7. Ben – Lots of dates are listed in the planner that aren’t…

iv. Referred to resolutions committee

XIII. Old Business
a. A.R. 5-008
i. Lamin – Hello everyone, my name is Lamin. We introduced this resolution a few weeks ago, and you heard many of my friends talk about this. I don’t think I can add very much to what was said, but I can hopefully help you to better understand it. We are not here to change federal immigration law, but rather to change the way we treat undocumented students. There is a state of xenophobia, fear, and maltreatment in this country, and the University should not be a part of that. Who do we want to be? Do we want to be the people who shut people out, or the people who redefine what we consider to be citizenship, and include those who have been here their entire lives. I think John Rawls’ The Veil of Ignorance is relevant here. If you were to be stripped of
everything you were already taught, how would you define citizenship, especially for those who came here by means that they did not choose? Justice is about providing an equal opportunity for the most vulnerable among us to succeed. Ultimately, people are going to keep coming here. And we need to decide how we are going to respond to those people, how we plan to include those people. This University is supposed to be a part of envisioning and creating a better society, and standing on the side of this resolution is part of that.

1. Zach – You talked about providing in-state tuition status to undergrads and grads, is that for all undocumented students, or just undocumented students from Michigan? A – Just Michigan

2. Branden – AA is a sanctuary city, so is UM not a sanctuary campus by default? A – The law exists, but there are legislators working toward defunding right now because of that, so us establishing ourselves separately is important

3. Farah – Line 50 whereas clause you list precedent of other Universities supporting undocumented students; have they actually declared themselves specifically as sanctuary campuses A – yes

4. Jacob – In the final resolved clause, how are we supposed to send copies of the resolution out; mail, email? A – We kind of forgot to fix that, but we need to make some changes regarding that

5. Jacob (follow-up) – Do you want to do snail mail, or email? There’s a difference in resources there A – Email

6. Ben – You talk about a $450,000 scholarship; where does that money come from? A – This is a university pilot program, so I’m not fully sure of where exactly the source is. But it’s through the university.

7. Ben (follow-up) – So it’s definitely not from a donor, though, it’s from the University’s budget? A – I can’t say that with certainty.

8. Anushka – Is there any language that will address the role of CSG in dealing with the legislation coming from the state government, besides the phone call listed? A – As I envision our role, it is to push the administration and stand on the side of undocumented students

9. Anushka (follow-up) – Is there any specific lobbying effort that is going to be made? A – I don’t think we can lobby through the resolution; the goal is really to create awareness and show support.

10. Sarah – What is the cooperation/lack of cooperation you’re looking for with ICE? One of the ways in which the University currently works with ICE is to help students who are dealing with human
trafficking; so how do you prevent breaking up that relationship? A – There are certain procedures and steps that need to occur before ICE can come in, that’s more of what we want.

11. Thomas – Are undocumented students able to access Student Legal Services? A – It really depends on your status. To give an example, I have a friend who has been living here since she was 4 and had serious issues with financial aid and she fears using resources like that because they may cause her to be deported.

12. Allie – What was the purpose of keeping lines 68-76? I support this resolution, but I have a problem with the language. A – We want to see it talked about more, but we’re not tied down to it.

13. Erin – In line 50, you state a number of schools are sanctuary campuses, but the article you have doesn’t support that; why? A – They are basically sanctuary campuses, they’ve openly given statements of support.

14. Erin (follow-up) – Are you going to amend the language to represent that? A – For me, the open statement means sanctuary.

15. Ben – Do you believe that we should admit students based on undocumented status? A – No.

16. Ben (follow-up) – So why does the language seem to reflect that? A – We don’t want to convey that, we’re just saying that the university should reduce the barriers to admission.

17. Zach – This is a resolution that I’d like to vote for, and a lot of constructive criticism was given; why haven’t you included it? A – Well that’s why we’re here, to bring it to you.

18. Swathi – We’ve had this conversation over and over again in resolutions; we want to past the best resolution, not just what it means in theory, and that includes language. Would you be opposed to referring this to committee, so that there is a better resolution to vote on next time? A – When we say we want this debated upon, we are keeping things in because we agree

ii. Motion to refer to resolutions committee, objected; will gather speakers for a debate on whether or not to refer to committee

1. For (Branden): I just think that this resolution is great, and there are ways to change it without watering it down. It needs to be better presented; there are members who want to vote yes but cannot yet because it needs to be a better-written and more succinct document.

2. Against (Jared): We’ve had this in committee for 2 weeks. The point is not to keep sending it back to resolutions to get it
smoothed out, it’s to work some things out in committee and bring larger differences to the body.

3. For (Swathi): In resolutions committee we looked thoroughly at this, and I’m not opposed, but we’ve looked at almost an identical resolution each time. I want to know why things weren’t changed or even addressed. If we have this many amendments to deal with, I think it’s more fair to the assembly and everyone’s time.

4. Against (Lucky): I’ve seen this resolution at committee twice. And some of the people who have the most strong voices on issues with this resolution never even come to committee to give criticism. We can make as many suggestions as we’d like, but it’s not going to change what the authors would like to see brought to the assembly.

5. Sarah (For): There is a lot of potential with this resolution, but some of the intent doesn’t show up in the language. Lamin, what you opened up with was extremely compelling, but it isn’t reflected here. So there are things that are better worked out in committee.

6. Ramon (Against): I agree with a lot of the things being said here. I think that ultimately, the resolution needs to go back to committee, just not right now. We need to look at the 5 proposed amendments here in assembly, and then refer the resolution back to committee afterward.

iii. Motion to call the previous question (Hannah); seconded, approved

iv. Motion to refer back to committee is approved

v. Ben – POI, can a doodle be sent out so people can better arrange their schedules to come to resolutions and talk about this? A – Yes

vi. Erin – POI so is this now not second reads? A – No, it goes back and when it’s brought back again it’s second reads

b. A.R. 5-009: A Resolution to Support Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

Syllabus Language

i. Gabe - There isn’t much of a big difference, except adding a line about drug and alcohol abuse; we went back and forth because…. Fixed grammar… cleared up confusion around 24/7 nature of the CAPS hotline.

Questions?

1. Branden – Someone brought up last week that some sexual assault language wasn’t included, so what makes this more compelling? A – We have a significant amount of support, and we also have two different addition options, whereas the SA language only allowed one. GSI’s are also being put in the loop, which can increase the
push to include. GSIs can mandate inclusion, whereas the process for faculty members is more difficult.

ii. Proposed amendments – none

iii. Vote – Yes: 34 No: 0

1. motion passes unanimously

XIV. Motions and Other Business

XV. Announcements and Matters Arising

a. Brittney – Diversity Summit 9-11am on Nov. 10, Rackham Auditorium; IGR facilitation this Sunday 4-5pm in conference room G

b. Cooper – Don’t be humble when you do something really well; I think it’s important to articulate the great work you’re doing to Katie and Alex in Communications. When you don’t share those things, the students can’t be aware of what you’re doing for them, and that takes away from building trust

c. Sean – Know that commissions are doing similar work in similar fields, so be in communication with them to collaborate

d. Alex – The feedback event didn’t work out because of weather, so we’re rescheduling; also, get your name out for re-election by helping with that

e. Allie – gobluwewearpink is selling shirts this week in Mason and Chem, and outside Zaragon

f. Thomas – Hit up your local Twigs for sandwiches, granola, and a smile. Also starting a campaign about prescription drug misuse; brought up by Wolverine Wellness. Want to make a video

g. Cam – Took a first step toward getting a lecturer here, haven’t heard back, so if you have ideas let me know

h. Wes – March 23, Neil DeGrasse Tyson will be at Hill; I am stoked. Tickets start at $45.

i. Joe – Meredith Stark has been rehearsing from 6-8 as part of a production, but is still very invested; Angell Hall Aud B on Friday, free show; Alex’s is afterward and $2

j. Hannah – Pharmacy has a diabetes event on Friday, blood sugar screening

k. Ramon – It’s November, which means there are two movements you need to know about: No Shave November, and Movember. No Shave November is about prostate cancer awareness and Movember is about cancer awareness in general

XVI. Closing Roll Call

XVII. Adjournment – 9:50pm