I. Call to Order – 7:40 pm

II. Opening Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Motion to approve; seconded
   b. Objection, motion to add items c-n on the agenda packet; motion approved
   c. Objection, motion to add item o; Branden Shafer as LSA Rep
   d. Agenda approved

IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
   a. Minutes from 6th meeting on September 29th, 2015 (Sent via email)

V. Guest Speakers
   a. Bryan Baker – DPSS
      i. Good evening CSG government, I am the DPSS liaison to Student Life. Many of you may recognize me, I started this past January in the role. I do my best to mitigate concerns between students and DPSS. You can contact bribaker@umich.edu if you have any concerns. I’ve left my business cards out in the hallway as well. My co-speaker and guest is Justin Berent, one of the DPSS officers. Please take the information that you get here tonight back to your constituents, and be a resource regarding campus safety. I want to take a moment to give you an overview of campus safety and security; sometimes this is confusing to people. The first unit is the Police Department; they are certified officers, but are not Ann Arbor Police. I am not an officer in my role, and do not have arrest powers. There is also UM Hospital Security, UM Housing Security, and University Security Services, which covers museum security and events. There is also emergency services, which is an opt-in service that allows you to be made aware of things that might cause you harm, in a timely fashion. Again, it is opt-in, so please remind your constituents to do so. Visit dpss.umich.edu for further information. One of the main programs that we have on campus is based on the idea of “See Something, Say Something.” We are asking you as student leaders to speak up, call 911, when you see a situation that causes discomfort or is a safety concern. Anyone you talk to can get you help, and we also have a non-emergency number for dispatch, which is 734-763-1131. UM DPSS is on Twitter @umichdpss; we currently have about 1800 followers, which is not much on a campus of 40k students, and double that in terms of faculty and staff. We tweet on a daily basis, and also about the emergency alerts, and special events. Again our website is
dpss.umich.edu, and you can navigate to anything safety-concerned from there. Many of you got an email on October 1 which was a safety report; you may not have looked at it, but it is important and is also available on our website. I will also have paper copies available at the end of the month. There are three years of statistical data, from 2014, 2013, and 2012, regarding crime on campus. There is a second resource guide that is out as well, called the Our Community Matters Resource Guide, for matters related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; it provides resources and rights. Sexual assault initiatives and round tables are coming out of CSG, so I know that’s something that’s valuable here at CSG and that’s something you’re concerned about, and rightfully so. We have a newly created Special Victims Unit, which is dedicated to sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse; Officer Berent is on the unit, and I yield my remaining time to him.

ii. My name is Justin Berent, I am a police officer at U of M, and have been in 5 roles since the beginning of my time here. The SVU, which I currently serve on, is comprised of 5 officers, and we are totally focused on survivor-based stalking, child abuse, criminal sexual conduct, and domestic violence matters. We are also trauma-informed. If you are a part of a traumatic event, there are ways that your body and your memory react, and we understand that, and take you through that process when you come to us. We are also partnered with Washtenaw County Corrections, and on 10/24 at 9am on North Campus, we will be part of the 5k Purple Run. Proceeds from the run go to SafeHouse, and helps to bring awareness to domestic violence. My new role is going to be a part of student outreach, specifically around drug and alcohol abuse. I’ll be out in the neighborhood and at businesses, and you’ll see a lot more of me. The Stay in the Blue initiative is important as well as the Dining initiative in curbing abuse. We’ll be collaborating with AAPD, and each week before games, talking to students in the dorms to try and prevent abuse. Our biggest concern is overconsumption, and curbing that culture is my focus. I’m open to questions.

iii. Ben – Can you talk about the undercover initiative through AAPD and what the purpose is? A – That wasn’t undercover, it was plainclothes, and it was grant funded, so the grant was meant to assist with curbing underage drinking.

iv. Ben, follow up – What was the point of not identifying yourself, was the point entrapment? A – It’s not entrapment, it’s reducing underage drinking. That’s the point of the initiative.
v. Katie - If we use the companion app, does it go to AAPD or DPS? A – It’s still new, and doesn’t technically go to either. It’s geotracked so it may vary based on your location.

vi. David – Why is Crime Alert an opt-in option, and not an opt-out option? A – Good question, we’re trying to move into that direction, but part of the delay is due to legal issues surrounding making it required.

vii. Sierra – In terms of MIPs are you doing education, not just issuing citations? A – Absolutely, that’s my new role, education and speaking directly to students.

viii. Ben – So has UMPD received money to give students MIPs? Like was that the purpose of the grant? A – No. Prevention is the overall purpose of the grant, but part of what was a result was the issuing of MIPs.

ix. David – I actually just posed this question to one of your colleagues in another meeting and was unsatisfied with his answer, so hopefully you can give a better one. Sexual assault is very underreported, so what ways are you forming relationships with students before these things even occur? A – That was part of why we formed SVU; it’s only been a year, so not everyone knows. But we are survivor-centered, and things like Purple Run and other initiatives are part of the outreach to make our presence known.

x. Hanna – Is there an officer from the unit available all the time? A– Someone is available 24/7/365. We have detectives who come in at 3, 4 o’clock in the morning, and officers that are on an on-call basis.

xi. Erin – Is there a reason that Crime Alert emails have significantly decreased in the past few years? There is all this stuff happening and we’re not informed. A – There is specific criteria that warrants a Crime Alert, so not every crime is sent out to campus. If someone is still a danger to the community, that’s what makes a crime alert get sent out.

xii. Hannah- The phone number you gave us, what areas does that apply to mostly? A – It rings into the UMPD dispatch center. If you’re in a building that is directly affiliated with the University of Michigan, our units have primary jurisdiction. Calling 911 might send you to AAPD, but regardless you’ll get the help you need.

xiii. Eva – Could you provide your email? A – justinbe@umich.edu

xiv. David – If you’re intoxicated in housing and use medical amnesty, you’re ok, and get restorative measures through OSCR/Wolverine Wellness Network but what about if you’re just out on the Diag? How does the response change? A – The university is very connected; if there is an incident on the Diag, the university will report to that. There won’t be a citation under medical amnesty, but that follow-up may occur because the officer may report to OSCR to let them know what has occurred. When an
officer reports a conflict, OSCR is contacted. If long-term support is needed, those connections do exist, so we need to be made aware.

xv. Sean – Thank you for coming; I know there seems to be some lack of clarity here. Could you provide some literature to the assembly about your programs and initiatives? A – (Bryan) I have a meeting every other Monday at 10am with Cooper so you can take issues to him, but I will definitely follow up, thank you Sean.

xvi. Joe – What dorms will you be at on Saturdays? A – We’ll be out in the neighborhoods, dorms are Thursday and Friday.

xvii. Ben – Will you talk a little bit about what your interactions are like in the dorms? A – Being safe and legal, staying in the blue, making people aware of alcohol harm. It’s a time for students to make contact with officers and ask questions.

xviii. Ben (follow-up) – What does that dialogue look like? A – We have giveaways, varying literature, and conversations with students who have questions.

xix. Ben (follow-up) – Are the conversations more about staying in the blue, or about the fact that you should not drink under 21? A – We encourage safe and legal activity.

xx. Thomas – I’m concerned about the student who was given an MIP 3 weeks ago, but then was told to just stay in the blue by a different officer. What is the message? A – I wasn’t involved in either event, but the message we promote is to be safe and legal.

xxi. David – How do you engage in realistic conversations with students who are coming to campus for the first time? A – We acknowledge that students are going to take varying actions and approaches, but the message stays the same.

xxii. Motion to extend time, motion fails

VI. Community Concerns

a. BAMN will pool time: Lindsey Burnside, Keysha Wall, John Brodsley, Tyler Wood

i. I’m Lindsey Burnside, I’m a member of BAMN and also a member of this campus. This is a campus where there is dropping minority enrollment, issues with sexual assault, and a host of other problems. We will be hosting a tribunal to talk about the experiences of your fellow students, students that you are supposed to be representing. Our goal is to end racism and sexual assault, and to make UM a sanctuary for undocumented students. The tribunal will take place on Thursday, 10/8 at First Congregational Church on State Street.
ii. Keysha, BAMN – Part of a national movement to protect the rights of people of color and undocumented immigrants. This struggle for justice continues despite the attempts of powers to stomp it out. Campus does not have its students’ best interests in mind, whether it is covering up sexual assault, threatening revocation of student visas, or sicking police on protesters, like they did last March at the regents meeting where I was choked by an officer. He was so close to me that I could see the block M on his gun. This behavior is unacceptable and we will continue to fight against it.

iii. John – I’m currently a grad student here. President Schlissel has talked about diversity and modest increments toward diversity, which is an insult to students of color, especially black students. Protestors who demanded double minority enrollment and the exposure of rapists were met with phony charges and arrests. I was on CSG last year so I know that these meetings can get tedious; contribute to our efforts to show that you care about your constituents.

iv. Tyler – Organizer with BAMN. Regarding the charges, the administration has attacked the most important organization on campus right now. In 1970 the first Black Action Movement set the tone for fighting against inequality, and we still have not reached this. In regards to covering up rape and sexual assault, the University tells victims that their best bet is not to tell anyone. The administration is not willing to expel rapists. The only way to do it now—because they won’t do it, and the police won’t do it—is to build a student coalition. We worked with a student who was raped last year and she was told to remain silent because they didn’t want to punish the rapist or deal with a scandal. The student government is supposed to protect the student body, and that is not just regarding sexual assault, it’s also regarding deportation. We are looking to make UM a sanctuary campus; two of the people arrested at the regents meeting were undocumented students and have been threatened with revocation of their student visas. Still, we’re here to stay. Questions?

v. Lucky – With regards to minority involvement, I agree that this is a major issue, but what ways can we take actual action? What initiatives would you like to see? A – One of the initiatives that we’d like the university to put forward is the Texas 10% Plan; the top 10% of in-state students are offered admittance to UT. UM says this is not plausible, but UT had issues and was able to reel it back, so the fact of the matter is that UM administration is not willing to do the work. On-site admissions is also something that we can do that other schools are already doing. Black student enrollment was 3.84 in 2014, which was the same as 1970. More
students from Detroit are applying but they’re being met with excuses.
under their plan Texas has had a 10% increase grad rates, so we know it
works.
vi. Motion to increase time by 5 minutes, approved
vii. Lucky (follow-up) – Can you explain more about sanctuary campus? A –
We’ve been circulating a petition to make UM a sanctuary campus, and to
provide scholarships to undocumented students. The question of
immigration has become a greater issue in recent history, especially with
refugees fleeing from war and persecution, and conditions that make their
conditions unlivable. (Gives various examples) It’s important that UM is
on the right side of history. People who support immigrant rights need to
take a stand publicly, including the University of Michigan.

viii. Farah – Please talk about exactly what a sanctuary campus is? A –
Detroit and Ann Arbor are sanctuary cities, so profiling of immigrants is not
allowed, and people who get in trouble cannot be sent over to ICE.

b. Blaine Coleman – Boycott Israel
i. I agree, the University should make 10% black enrollment now. If Texas
can do it, the playground of George Bush, then we can do it. In case you
haven’t noticed, Israel is shooting Palestinians with abandon. This same
army 2200+ killed two years ago. Imagine that, and yet we have people
here today encouraging you to go to Israel, a place with what is really a
Nazi army at this point.
ii. Ben – Objection, equating the Israeli army to Nazis is blatantly
inappropriate.
iii. You’re entitled to your opinion. If we have trillions to kill Arabs, we have
trillions to rebuild Detroit. I am not a student, so I cannot submit a
resolution, but I’ve placed one before you, and I ask that you present it and
get it passed. I yield my remaining time to SAFE. (only 18 seconds
remaining)

c. Kate Stenvig – Immigration
i. There is legislation being proposed in Lansing now against sanctuary
cities, and trying to fine or sanction Detroit and Ann Arbor for being
sanctuaries. That is why we think the University should take a stand and
put rules in place to keep UMPD from cooperating.
ii. Farah – Are there schools in the country that have sanctuary campuses? A
– I know there are cities like Berkley and Oakland in CA that have
sanctuaries, and UCB has more undocumented students. With the
DREAM act being won, campuses in California are becoming friendlier
toward immigrant students.
iii. Joe – What time is the meeting Thursday going until, and would it be ok to show up late? A – It’s fine, goes until 9:30.

d. Daniel Pearlman – The David Project (pools time with Nathan Noveria, and Dylan Morpurgo)
   i. Daniel - The trip was already mentioned briefly, but I want to talk a little bit more about it though. We believe in positive change, dialogue, and finding common ground. The David Project is an apolitical student org; we take a trip during the winter semester to Israel. It is an almost-free trip and we take 20 student leaders each year. You hear from each side of the issue. Israel is unfortunately very divisive on campus; it comes with arguments and almost always results in debate. We don’t want it to be that way, and we know that Israel is not perfect, but we want you to experience it for yourself. The trip takes place Dec. 26 – Jan 5, so it doesn’t conflict with school.

   ii. Nathan – I’m a non-Jewish student who took the trip last year; I was on CSG and took it with other CSG leaders. Going into the trip I had a very open mind. The best thing I took from the trip was having a very open mind, and being open to having my opinions challenged. I also took away how to work toward a successful outcome despite disagreements. This tied in with my Greek Life experience, and helped me to deal with some of the issues there, and to make a more inclusive environment.

   iii. Motion to extend by 10 minutes, approved

   iv. Jacob – There will also be students from Michigan State, and other students from Michigan will be involved, so it will be a very unique experience. We will be traveling around all parts of the country, and going around learning new things. I had never visited the Christian and Muslim sites in the other times I visited Israel, and so going to those helped me to open my mind more, and also connected me to my Christian and Muslim peers. Questions?

   v. Steven Richards – Open to grad students? A – No

   vi. David – Open to people to all faiths, and regardless of if you’ve been to Israel you can go? A – Yes and no. It’s open mostly, but if you’ve already been on birthright, you cannot go.

   vii. Allie – Can you explain the importance of talking to Israeli soldiers? A – Yes, we talked to Israeli soldiers but also people who were part of a peace-seeking org from Palestine.

   viii. Farah- Where in the West Bank do you go, and who do you talk to? A – Last year, we were over by the green line; half were citizens of Palestine and half were citizens of Israel. We also visited Bartaha.

   e. Devin Jones – The David Project
i. I am the education chair of SAFE, hopefully you will be getting to know me more over the next couple months. I am Palestinian and also have dual citizenship. I’m very informed of the ins and outs of what we’re allowed to do. Every time SAFE wants to do something, we’re told to have a dialogue and be peaceful about this. So this trip seems to be in the same vein of not really addressing the issue. One question I have is that if you’re on the demarcation line, why don’t you go further in? To say you can go and see the Muslim and the Christian sites, that expresses a lot of privilege because that is more than Palestinians can even do. They are deemed a security threat and are unable to even visit those sites. You also say that you spoke to Israeli officers and asked challenging questions, but for others, there is a risk of harm or even death coming from that. So I ask you to consider the truth to what you’re not being told by the David Project before you make a decision to go on the trip.

VII. Executive Communications

a. Steven – Good evening, Cooper is not here; he is down in Florida for a conference. The first Union renovation meeting was last week; would love to see more of you there. We want to make it more active and student-friendly. Not sure if you saw the Daily article about CAPS having an after-hours line; the line will be open after CAPS’ business hours, and on holidays when CAPS is closed. Also, sexual misconduct round tables will take place on 10/21, 10/26, and 11/3.

b. Sean – Some of you may have seen that the issue of faculty course evaluation data is a hot topic. We are working with the faculty senate and LSA SG reps to make this more favorable to students. Also, the LSA R&E requirement committee met for the first time last week to work on changing the requirement. We are committed to this change moving forward, and to being on the forefront of promoting diversity, and establishing space for peer-to-peer racial dialogues.

c. Jacob – Thank you for the questions to DPSS. Cooper sent out 3 executive orders last night, so please take a look at those. We met with DPSS last week; if you have questions ask myself, Glinke, or Cooper. We also discussed sexual misconduct, and you heard the dates for that. Tomorrow 3-5 in WQ connector, we’ll have a round table on SRR. Elections dates have been set for 11/18 and 11/19; the assembly must pass changes to election code by 10/13. We also have over one dozen confirmations tonight. Thank you to the exec team, and I look forward to a swift and easy confirmation process.

d. Kevin – We passed our $400k budget recently; spend the money. Finance will meet Weds. 9pm at Ross. Bring ideas to the assembly.

e. Steven – If anyone has DPSS clarification questions talk to myself and Jacob.

VIII. Report of the Speaker
a. This past Friday, myself Cooper and Steven were at the Union renovation kickoff. It will be renovated starting in 2018 and the committee wants lots of student input. We heard some great input and they also had food. If you want an absence update, send an email to csg.speakers. Remember that 10/27 our meeting is in Pierpont Commons in the East Room; thank you to Erin Moore for helping us get that. Lastly, Community Concerns is picked up at every meeting at 7:30pm, and you must have your name down before then.

b. Catherine – Hey everyone, happy Tuesday.

IX. Representative Reports
a. Alexander Ziegler
   i. The Munger residence is new on campus this year, and has a lot of positive reviews. Everyone at Munger is well over 21, but they were told by Michigan Housing that they will have limitations on alcohol consumption. They would like to have support from us that they can have their own voice and decision about drinking in their public places. Last weekend there was supposed to be a med school event but at the last minute no alcohol allowed, and the students were forced into an apartment.
   ii. Lucky – What do they define as public places? A – Lounges, study rooms, meeting rooms, the movie theater. The game room is the only place that you can have it.
   iii. Steven Richards – Is there an assembly at Munger? A – Munger has fellows, but you may be not encouraged to return if you don’t meet standards, so there is some fear of speaking up.

X. Committee Reports
a. Rules Committee
   i. Ramon – Hey everyone, we’re the Rules Committee, like always. We have a resolution for you today. If you haven’t looked, look because we will be voting on it soon. I won’t be here next week, but come to rules.

b. Finance Committee
   i. Eva – I was unable to attend the committee meeting, and Jacob is not here, but I believe there is no new business because we approved the budget.

c. Communications Committee
   i. Taylor – Instagram has 20 followers, and there are more than 20 people in this room; please follow us. We will follow you back; also please share the link to the IG page on FB. Posting will start soon.

d. Executive Nominations Committee
   i. David – It was a busy weekend; there are 12-14 appointments before us today, so get ready.

e. Resolutions Committee
i. Lucky – As with finance committee, no new business, just had a fun time. Come with new ideas.
   1. Lamin – You’re not working on a permanent meeting place or time? A – No. We want to be able to accommodate everyone; 11am Sunday has been working, but I’ll still send the doodle poll out.
   2. Ramon – Can you update that on the calendar? A - Yes

XI. Election and Recall of Members

   a. Confirmation of Trevis Harrold as Rackham Representative
      i. Trevis – It’s going to be a long night so I’ll make it quick. I’m an MPP student in my first year, and was involved with SG at EMU as an undergrad. Excited to get started, Go Blue.
      ii. Motion to confirm, seconded; approved.

   b. Confirmation of the University Elections Commission
      i. Ben Reese - Elections Director
      ii. Ashley Connelly – University Council Member
      iii. Hugo Lawton
      iv. Cody Reaves
      v. Mallory Andrews
      vi. Joseph Celentino
      vii. Dylan Bennett
         1. Jacob – All appointments have been approved. Fulfilled requirement to have a UCM on the UEC. Confirm the body as a whole, do not scrutinize individuals.
         2. Jared – How did you manage more than the minimum number of people to get involved? A – Hard work. Really tried to get young folks involved so can continue, and law students for experience. Thank you for noticing.
         3. Motion to confirm, seconded; approved

   c. Confirmation Anushka Sarkar as Chief Programming Officer
      i. Steven – Sophomore studying PoliSci, very involved in student organizations.
      ii. Anushka – Very involved, looking forward to working with the assembly.
      iii. David – Very impressed with Anushka; bright and capable, wants to bring change, we endorse.
      iv. Motion to approve, seconded; approved

   d. Confirmation of Alex George as Communications Officer
      i. Junior in Ford and clerk for CSJ
      ii. Alex – worked for CSJ and UEC. Cool ideas for communications outreach and feet on the ground. Wants to make the university a better place.
iii. David - Very impressed with Alex
iv. Motion, seconded; approved
e. Confirmation of Brittney Williams as Chair of Student Engagement Commission
   i. Sean – Excited to have Brittney. Commission covers non-traditional students and Brittney is a non-traditional herself. Works with dean of students office, has met with president; relationships can help with progress of commission.
   ii. Brittney – Senior Sociology major. Away for 4 years, came back to see no support for non-traditional students. Connected with ONSP, DoS, etc. Fireside chat with President and VP Harper soon to discuss issues.
   iii. David – Has a class with Brittney; impressed by her passion for making change on campus.
iv. Motion, seconded; approved
f. Confirmation of Sarah Brenner as a graduate member of Student Relations Advisory Committee
   i. Jacob – We all know Sarah Brenner, she is the Law School Rep; excited to have her, especially with the changes we’re making SRR. Her input is invaluable.
   ii. Sarah – Want to make it short and sweet. Excited because I’d already planned to help Jacob as much as possible regardless of a confirmation.
   iii. David – Sarah is great and fantastic, and is in the law school; approve.
   iv. Motion to approve, seconded; approved
g. Confirmation of John Lin as a graduate member of Student Relations Advisory Committee
   i. Jacob – Most of you know my predecessor John; he has been part of this assembly since it was MSA. Is finishing up MPP and JD here. Works with a lot of administration and relationships can help commission.
   ii. John – Guess I’ve been called out of retirement. Thought I was done with yall but I’m not, and I’m very excited to help.
   iii. David – John’s been doing SG since I was in 8th and 9th grade; this is a no brainer
   iv. Motion, seconded, approved
h. Confirmation of Jacob Ruby as an undergraduate member of Student Relations Advisory Committee
   i. Jacob P. – Former rep, very familiar with SRR, brings great perspectives
   ii. Jacob R. – I was on assembly for 2 years, former chair of SOFC, looking forward to helping with the student voice
   iii. David – Met you an hour ago, and you had a nice firm handshake, sure you’ll do a nice job
iv. Motion to approve, seconded; approved

i. Confirmation of David Schafer as an undergraduate member of Student Relations Advisory Committee
   i. Jacob – We all know and love David Schafer. His connections with OSCR and Student Life give great perspective. He has great ideas. Someone else give the exec committee report please, for ethical reasons.
   ii. David – Thank you Jacob, you flatter me. I’m really excited; have done a lot of work with OSCR; believe in giving back to campus and getting involved as much as possible.
   iii. Joe – You seem to be a very involved student, are you going to have the time for this? A – How the tables have turned. Yes. I’m not very involved outside of CSG besides being a campus guide, and I don’t require as much sleep as much as a normal human being. I don’t express interest unless I’m certain I can give my all, so I’m confident.
   iv. Andrew – We endorse David.
   v. Motion to confirm, seconded, approved

j. Confirmation of Lisa Pomeranz to Food Advisory Committee
   i. Jacob – Lisa is very well-versed in this field and has done a lot of meeting with people in dining. Can appoint more than one so if you are on the assembly—preferably with a meal plan—please get involved.
   ii. Lisa – Latin, PoliSci major; lots of experience with food committees, worked for 6 years in hometown to help accommodate allergies/restrictions and provide healthy options to students in her district.
   iii. David – We didn’t know that this committee even existed, but we back Lisa fully; has great experience and background.
   iv. Motion, second; approved

k. Confirmation of Thomas Cansfield to Rec Sports Committee
   i. Sean – Thomas not able to be here tonight. Alumni Relations Committee, Club Lacrosse, avid facilities user, knowledgeable about debates surrounding facilities
   ii. David – Unanimous support
   iii. Motion, second; approved

l. Confirmation of Jason Colella to Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)
   i. Sean – As many of you know, Jason is the LSA SG student president. Knows ins and outs of student affairs better than most people right now. Great candidate, is working with CSG on a lot of initiatives.
   ii. Thomas – More than qualified, he’s over qualified, vote yes
   iii. Motion, second; approved

m. Confirmation of Alex George to General Counsel’s Advisory Committee (GCAC)
i. Jacob – Alex is a PP major, is on dean’s advisory board, worked on Hill this summer, highly recommend
ii. Alex – Hi again. This position goes hand in hand with communications; useful info can be gleaned by being on both.
iii. David – Positive recommendation
iv. Motion to confirm, second; approved
n. Confirmation of Ben Meisel to Michigan Union Board of Representatives (MUBR)
i. Jacob – Hopefully everyone knows Ben. MUBR has two spots, if you’re interested myself or cooper will entertain appointing you. They will have a major role in deciding what’s happening with Union renovations. A Pierpont and League board of reps also exists for those wanting to get involved.
ii. Ben – I’m just happy to be here; love the Union, want to make it better for students.
iii. Tristan – When is the next meeting? A – Meeting on Tuesday
iv. Thomas – Ben’s a good candidate, loud voice that will be heard on board
v. Motion to confirm, seconded, approved
o. Confirmation of Branden Shafer
i. Branden – LSA, Senior, ready to get started
ii. Motion to confirm, seconded; approved
XII. New Business
a. A.R. 5-006: A Resolution to Amend the Election Code
i. Ramon – We’re here to introduce AR 5-006. Basically it comes down to there being some issues with the election code, and we wanted to fix them. Wanted to change email policy that gives a demerit for every student on an email list that you send something to, that you don’t own. Previous guidelines: Less than 100, minor infraction, 1 demerit. 100-399, major infraction, 2-3 demerits. 400+, egregious infraction, 4+ demerits. 5+ demerits get you kicked off. We changed what it means to email a list you don’t own. So basically we’re saying that you must create an email list that is specifically for the election, and you must ask people if they want to be on it. There is also a definition of “harvesting” included, which is basically stealing from email lists, spamming, etc. Good faith clause assumes that you as a candidate will not purposefully do anything wrong. We’re assuming that you’re all genuinely good people. Next up is the resolved clause 68, toning down how violations are submitted. If you realize a violation has been made, you have 2 calendar days to submit it to the UEC. That prevents candidates from holding on to violations and using them at the last minute to attempt to sabotage. We also talked about write
in votes; there’s the idea that people get in on 1 or 2 write in votes for smaller schools, and do not want to serve or are unaware of being elected. So you need at least 3 write-ins. Both of us got our start with write-ins, so they are important. Finally, we changed stuff about the election director and being able to vote when issues come forward. The backup ED will be able to vote, and the ED will only vote in case of ties. Ties are uncommon, but we need something in place for when there are a low number of voting members.

ii. Thomas – Wrote this with Sarah and Alex, very helpful.

iii. Farah – Even if the candidate is the owner of the listserve they’re emailing, that’s still a demerit? A – That would not be allowed. Here’s an example: as the owner of an email list as a GSI, I could technically email my students under the old way. Thomas: Part of why people find CSG annoying during elections is because of these Sarah: Safety check; most of the litigation last time came because of emails. This is going to make people rely on their campaigning efforts.

iv. Wes – What if you’re not a candidate but are supporting someone else, can you send an email in support to a listserve? A – No.

v. David – Is this resolution addressing the fact that a whole party can be kicked out for 10 demerits? What if one demerit bumps the party up to 10, should all members be punished? A – For each demerit, you lose a percentage of your vote; there’s a different threshold. But if you’re already at 9 demerits, something very wrong is happening

vi. Ben – By not allowing emails, will we run the risk of lower voter turnout? A – There’s no way to really know; the number of people who are emailed and the low turnout show that there’s a low correlation. We had a 23% turnout this year even with lots of emailing. Campaigning is much more effective, and email blasts might have a negative effect actually. (Jacob) Everyone gets an email to let them know that elections are coming, so the early spam is unnecessary.

vii. Ben (follow-up): Do you think this is limiting the ability of student organizations in the elections, as the backbone of CSG? A – That’s assuming then, that they’re not getting in front of their constituents to actually campaign and do the work to get elected. (Jacob) I’m willing to make the ask to have President Schlissel to send the reminder email out, if that means more people will open it. It’s also still possible to send a “get out the vote” email; you just can’t tell people to vote for someone specific. I don’t see this as a barrier, I think it actually makes it more fair.
viii. Allie – If someone not on the party sends an email, who actually gets the demerit? A – That would be for the UEC to decide, that’s why we have them. It depends on if the email was in a support of a specific
   1. Comments on how to improve
      a. Ben – Look into how this can adversely affect voter turnout
      b. Jessy – I like the line about write-ins being scanned, and to take it further and say that if there are enough people to fill the slots, I don’t see why the write-in exists
      c. Alex – 5-6 years ago we had a lot of people running who weren’t the best or most representative, write ins helped
      d. Jacob – ED couldn’t be here; allowance for commission to issue advisory opinions to a candidate to get approval; non-binding advisory opinions; explicit authorization to adopt rules and procedures similar to CSJ; backup loses his or her vote if they have to step into ED vote
      e. Allie – 3 person write in rule is not enough people to justify; percentage rather than number. Rules don’t apply until the election starts, so that’s a bit questionable.

ix. Referred to rules committee
b. A.R. 5-007: A Resolution to Fund the Dining Hall Gameday Pilot Program
   i. Eva – This is an initiative that has been successful but costly. We want to look into allocating our resources to a cause that is very worthy of receiving them. Now that this has happened and has helped the community, don’t let it go to waste.
   ii. Kevin – I’ll let you read through the resolution later on. I undertook this because we launched it already and we want to give Michigan Dining a contribution from CSG to show our dedication. Safety of students and addressing campus drinking culture is important. Pilot program has been a success thus far; look at the net of students that wouldn’t have otherwise had the opportunity to come to a dining hall before the game. Stop by, it’s open to everyone, have a safe fun game day.
   iii. Jacob – This has been very costly for us but we find it to be a huge priority. SQ, Hill, and Bursley are opening at 9:30 for this week’s 3:30 game. The more swipes, the better it looks. IFC president has talked to us; I gave a personal ask to keep heavy drinking down until 10:30 so people can get to the dining hall.
   iv. Kevin - $3000 from assembly, $4000 from exec disc. Might not cover full cost but important start.
v. Zach – Touch on $7k for projected cost? A – Strictly to cover additional cost. We were initially asked to give 500-1000, so the current number is based on that original one.

vi. Follow up (Zach) – Is that on top of original projections? A – (Jacob) For the first three games, it cost about $3300/day, so about 10 grand, not including future game days. Talking to Dining and DoS about doing this for future games, and we pledged to do our part.

vii. Joe – What about what Cooper mentioned, $500/week? A – Talked to Jake Metzger about the rise in anticipated costs; we want to see this program continue, and if it’s just a measure of cost we don’t want this to be the reason it fails.

viii. Ramon – Requires students to swipe in, right? Is the $3300 a net loss, or is it what it costs to do it? A – It uses a swipe, but students without meal plans can use debit cards. Jacob: Students in the dorms have unlimited meal plans, so people coming early is pure loss.

ix. Allie – Since it’s a pilot program, if it goes well, will Dining pay completely next year? A – Not guaranteed, so we want to make this look like a positive investment.

1. Comments on how to improve
   a. Ramon – Budget on things that are financed through legis disc needs to be submitted.
   b. Sarah – If you think this needs more of a contribution, I personally would like to defer to your judgment on what to spend.
   c. Referred to finance committee

XIII. Old Business

XIV. Motions and Other Business
   a. Andrew – Going off of report from earlier, motion to advise Michigan Housing to not increase drinking Munger
      i. Jared – Best served as a resolution
   b. Ramon – Motion to have committee chairs fill out the Google account
      i. Approved, passes

XV. Announcements and Matters Arising
   a. Jared – Rules, tomorrow, 6:15 in Speaker’s room; if you can’t make it email me or Ramon with questions/comments
   b. Ramon – If you forget the time we’re meeting, check the Google Calendar
   c. David – Nice meeting everyone; Sierra and I have been working on meeting with people to talk about mental health on campus, met with UHS director today. This is bigger than us, though, so we really need all of your help. North campus, dining halls (eating disorders); if you think what you’re doing can relate to what we’re
doing, contact us. Meeting tomorrow night at the UgLi to work further; come at 5:30.

d. Lamin – Talked at first or second meeting about making campus a safe space for undocumented students; resolution has been written, want to hear from those interested. If you know anyone who would be directly affected, talk to them, connect them with me. Come to BAMN tribunal.

e. Sierra – David hit on most of what I wanted to say, but to reiterate, it’s getting beyond us. We’re getting 6-7 more people to meet with every time we have a meeting. Working tomorrow to get good wording for the syllabi. Tomorrow 5:30 Ugli

f. Katie – 300 responses in regards to North busing, still working on that

g. Ben – If people are working on big projects, add them to the Google Calendar (Noah – post to FB group also)

h. Thomas – Update from Cooper; better late night options being put in place; eating disorders dialogue, table talk as a means of getting the issue talked about; blue buck usage in the Big House; is underutilized by students and is over by student section; plug is about to be pulled, so use your blue bucks to show that this is necessary.

i. Joe – Friday, 7, Angell - improv show if you want something to do

j. Alex – Thanks for listening

k. Sarah – Come to rules tomorrow; we need to get resolutions passed next week and it’s best to work out the kinks in committee

l. Emma – Are we doing dining hall volunteers for this game? A – Yes, 9:30-10:30, spreadsheet will be sent out

m. Lucky – Please come to Resolutions

n. Jacob – DPSS oversight rep; Steven, Cooper Jacob and myself met last week with DPSS folks, will answer questions

o. Steven – Same faces at dining halls, do it if you haven’t; not going because my mom’s in town; thank you for your continued engagement throughout the meeting; anyone selling an MSU ticket, text me, it’s my birthday that day

p. Noah – Go to the committees to get your questions answered and give more comments to improve; committee is a good place to hash out these things so there aren’t tons of amendments during assembly

XVI. Closing Roll Call

XVII. Adjournment – 10:16 pm