I. Call to Order – 7:41pm
II. Opening Roll Call
III. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Motion to approve
   b. Motion objected, motion to move the guest speaker below VIII
   c. Seconded, approved
   d. New agenda approved

IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
   a. Minutes from 3rd meeting on September 8th, 2015 (Sent via email)
   b. Minutes approved

V. Community Concerns
   a. Blaine – You may remember when your fellow students came in here demanding divestment, 400 of them. (shows corresponding video) This was the city council a year ago. (video depicts students protesting at a city council meeting) You may not know that 100 University students came to a city council meeting demanding a total divestment from Israel. But you may remember students demanding divestment here on campus. (shows another corresponding video) I hope you remember it. You should vote in this room to divest from Israel to the fullest extent of the law. (Gives extensive list of statistics, and historical context regarding Israel’s human rights violations)
   b. Mozghan – Last week when I came here, I expected these photographs I was showing to impact you, and to see something in this room. I expected your faces to change a little. I expected you to ask me “What is this?” I saw a very cold response in this room, and I asked myself “Why is that?” Don’t get me wrong, there are people who are aligned with divestment and who see the wrong here. But to stand in a group of 40 young people and get no reaction is upsetting. I wonder if these were pictures of dogs being bombed or killed, instead of children, if I would get a reaction. Great people are people who do things when things are really really hard. (walks around room to share contact information on whiteboard) We need to find a committee of likeminded people to boycott Israel. It’s way too late already.
   c. Motion to extend time by one minute (Hannah Ward); motion approved.
   d. Mozghan reads out email address, objects to rule that applause is out of order.

VI. Executive Communications
   a. Cooper – I have phenomenal news from the weekend: our dining initiative was a success. We got dining to open up at 7am at South Quad. From 7:15-10:30am we swiped in 1,394 students. Normally there are only 514. There was also an hour and a half early open on the Hill, during which 890 students were swiped in, 400
in just the first half hour. At Bursley, 351 students were swiped in from 9-10:30am. The reasoning behind this was to curb drinking culture, and to get food in the stomachs of the students in order to offset the effects of alcohol. (asks volunteers in this effort to stand and be acknowledged, they stand) Also, North campus students have needed extra help getting down to game days, so we are continuing to work on an initiative to make this happen by having the buses run more often. With regards to external appointments: I will be detailing these roles in an email, and please reach out hastily if you are interested; we are giving first dibs to the assembly, but after that, other communities will be contacted. Additionally, mental health is a very important issue on campus, and we can be leaders in resolving it, so reach out to help. I’d like to find a more streamlined, strategic way to disseminate information, so we’re working on that. The Regents meeting is on Thursday, and we will be discussing a multitude of issues. Lastly, we’d like to increase student voices in education by way of diverse accreditations, so we are working on that.

b. Steven – Hope everyone had a great first game day and it was safe and fun. The It’s On Us Campaign is very important, and needs to be run by the assembly because more people can be reached that way; if you would like to head this, come see me after. Also, CPL is having interviews next week.

c. Motion by Cooper to nominate Jackie to become one of the authorized signers, as well as the COO for CSG.

d. Motion seconded, motion approved; vote in favor.

e. Jacob – CSG is the gatekeeper to proposing amendments from students, and we can also propose amendments. If you are interested please let me know. We only get the chance to do this every three years, so please let me know. OSCR will be shepherding us in this process. The sexual assault policy is also being changed, so Holly Rider-Malcovich from SAPAC will join us in a few weeks, but please reach out. These are separate processes that need a great deal of help and input

VII. Report of the Speaker

a. Noah - Thank you to everyone who came out the retreat, we had 40 people there. Also, thank you to Clyde, who did a lot of work to make it happen. There will be one meeting per semester on north campus, and we will let you know about that. There will also be one community service event, so let me know if you would like to help. Committee chairs and vice chairs, please let me know your consistent meeting places and times so that we can make them public on the website, particularly rules, regulations, finance, communications. We have also had a couple of resignations: Montana from SNRE, Julia from the Medical School, and Hannah from the Ford School; additionally, Shawn vacated to become Chief of Staff. So all of those positions are open.
b. Catherine – Remember to send in your committee attendance every week before the meeting.

c. Question: Do we have to fill out attendance forms for CSG-sponsored events?

d. Noah – Yes. The key is that no matter what, you fill out the form so that we know you were there, and you are not being charged for absences that you did not accrue.

VIII. Guest Speaker

a. Dean of Students Laura Blake Jones

i. 30 minutes allotted

ii. Good evening. I want to thank you for allowing me to be here with you this evening. This is something I look forward to doing each year with CSG. I’m not going to use the full 30 minutes, so that should relieve you. I want to thank you for taking on these roles because you are busy and have a lot of responsibilities: you have had to work very hard. I am going into my 7th year as the Dean of Students (DoS) which is mind-boggling because it feels like just yesterday I was interviewing in front of a group of students. My office is here on the third floor, over by CAPS. I am here to help you, and am 100% here to serve the needs of the student body here at the University of Michigan. I want to be a resource person and connect you to people on campus who do the same work as you do. Some of you who are doing your jobs will not be able to meet with me which is why it was important to come here. I meet weekly with Steven and Cooper and also often with Clyde, so you can send concerns with them. However, I also have an open door policy, and it is very easy to get on my calendar. I am also here past 5pm very often so feel free to come knock. I am now going to pass around a one page summary of the services of the DoS office. I want you to know what we do, so that we can better serve you. Although we are open 8am-5pm, the work of the DoS office is 24/7. We have a staff member on call 24/7 in order to handle critical incidents outside of office hours, and we also have a staff member come in for one shift per week to handle critical incidents. We go visit students in the hospital, we visit with frantic roommates, and we even help students who may have had a house fire off campus and have lost their place to stay and belongings. We have the following four core areas of work: Promote a safe, respectful, healthy and inclusive campus community; Enhance students’ Michigan experience; Provide support services and manage critical incidents impacting students and the campus community; Respond to emerging needs within the student population. We have our eyes on the horizon thinking about “What do students need that does not yet exist?” We used to not have programs to support students who are veterans, who
are student parents, or students who are living off-campus. Programs and services from the DoS office are listed on the handout; I’m not going to talk about all of them because I would take up the entire 30 minutes and bum you out. I’m going to pass around some more materials, on Expect Respect, and Beyond the Diag (BYD). I want to talk about BYD specifically. Some years ago I worked with what was then the Michigan Student Assembly to help create the programs and services that you see in this off-campus living guide. We wanted to have information to help students once they were living off campus and did not have ResHall staff to provide resources. This program continues to evolve and change, and I want to remind you that you made that. We used to not have an off-campus housing listing, and now we have one and it is a resource that gets thousands of hits, and is highly used by students at the University. Personal safety education is also a resource that we provide – educating about boundary setting has been very important. Verbal coercion and alcohol are major factors in assaults, and we currently have a 3-day workshop available to students to learn skills to defend themselves, and in a final ceremony, fight off an attacker. The workshop is resource intensive because we can only put small groups of students through at a time. It is a pilot program, and we hope to put more students through this year. Individuals who are targeted by micro and macroaggressions can also be helped by the bias committee, and Greek Life and Services for Students with Disabilities report directly to me as well. I’m happy to take some questions, but what was most important to me is letting you know what I do and that I am here to serve you. Pleased to be here, and happy to come back and any point during the year.

iii. Questions:

1. Britney: When you talked about the DoS office always looking on the horizon to see what does not yet exist, I thought about myself. I’m a non-traditional student, coming back to the University after being away for four years. One thing that has been frustrating is that there are basically no services or specific supports for non-trads. I am partnering with the CEW to start an organization, and also doing some work with ONSP but there seems to be nothing else available. Have you or has your office thought at all about how to help non-traditionals?

   a. There isn’t much on that right now but we do have services that help specific sets of non-traditional students. For instance, we help students who are parents that are undergraduates, because they tend to not have the same
amount of resources available as graduate students who are parents. There are also non-traditional students who are veterans that are able to receive support. But yes, that is very important and something that we will continue to work on, and I am open to meeting with you about it.

2. With regards to amendments to students’ rights and responsibilities; what changes would you like to see?
   a. I’ll do this off the cuff, but if you want a more thoughtful response from me, I can definitely do that later. The model of a complaint-driven process is something that people have talked a lot about. There has been the question of how can we make it easier for someone to stand in and be a complainant when someone else is not available. I’ve also been up to my eyeballs in revisions to the sexual misconduct code, so I haven’t had much time to think about it. Is there anything specific you’re thinking of?
      i. I’ve been here about as long as you have, so I’ve observed a lot. For instance, when a large amount of students fail an exam, it’s taken up by higher authorities very often, and the findings tend to be in the favor of the faculty instead of the students.
         1. Jones: That doesn’t really fall under what we’re talking about, but when you’re dealing with a sort of monolithic response, the Ombuds office and my office are people that you can contact. Due to our decentralized approach at Michigan, though, academics would not fall under students’ rights.
      iv. Noah – Thank you for joining us, Dean Jones.

IX. Representative Reports
X. Committee Reports
   a. Rules Committee
      i. Jared: Our permanent meeting will be on Wednesdays at 6 on the couches out here in the lobby.
      ii. Ramon: We’ve made changes to A.R. 5-002, so please consult your handout about that. We wanted to make some changes to opening and closing roll call, but decided not to since it’s an important part of decorum.
iii. Jared: Commission and committee attendance can be acquired by volunteering at CSG-sponsored events.

b. Resolutions Committee
   i. We met Thursday, and 2 people came.
   ii. We’re working on a lot of things, including a coffee cart for students.
   iii. People emailed me resolutions which is good; it’s important for other people to share resolutions and not just me.
   iv. If you don’t have an initiative you’re working on, get to work. It frustrates us that every year we make a lot of promises during election season and we don’t follow through on them.

c. Finance Committee
   i. We didn’t have any new business come our way, but since it was our first meeting we wanted to have a productive one. We wanted to set goals and a purpose. The primary goal is to empower the assembly to use our budget and come up with ideas of your own. We also have the goal of making sure that people are up to date on the status of the budget, and that transparency exists. We also want to work with all areas of campus and not just put all of our money in one place.
   ii. Criteria: Legislation discretionary budget should be primarily used for us. We also want to make sure that everything that gets passed has a budget attached. We also need to know that all funding is ethical. We have some more things on the agenda next week, but in the meantime, feel free to stop by.
   iii. Q: Do you have a set meeting time? A: We will be figuring that out tonight, because our current schedules do not coincide.

d. Communications Committee
   i. Culver – We met right after the retreat on Sunday. Our Instagram has been around for ~100 weeks but hasn’t really been used. We should personalize it and add pictures of reps and events. We also should share our weekly newsletter on Facebook so that more people can read it. We’re also looking at adding CSG-related events to the TV screens in the UgLi and in similar spaces on North. We’re going to reconvene again soon, but we’re unsure of our permanent meeting time.

XI. Election and Recall of Members
XII. New Business
XIII. Old Business
   a. A.R. 5-002: A Resolution to Make Several Amendments to the Operating Procedures of the Assembly
      i. Included in the packet
ii. Jared: The main thing we’re doing is fixing up the timing of things, mainly giving the executives more timing than the current 5 minutes that they already have. We will be doubling it to 10 minutes. We also want to increase the committee report from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. The other timing we are changing is voting on a resolution yes/no with rights, the opportunity to speak on your vote; doubling to 1 minute. We will also motion to end debate when there is only one side of the debate.

iii. Questions (18 minutes remaining): None

iv. Amendments
   1. Ramon – Line 16: short amount of time, Line 17: strike all of line three and add “whereas it is the opinion of the authors that volunteering at CSG-sponsored events would encourage volunteering…” (has exact wording for the speaker), Line 25: Timing for ‘yes with rights and no with rights’, Also some typos
   2. Thomas – Line 14: “only” gives three minutes [technically typos don’t have to be amendments]
   3. Wes – Reiterated Ramon’s change to Line 25

v. Noah – Clarification of voting rights
   1. Abstain
   2. Pass
   3. Yes/No
   4. Yes with rights/No with rights – option to speak on why you voted the way you did if the vote does not go in your favor

vi. Vote
   1. Yes – 39, No – 0
   2. Resolution passes

XIV. Motions and Other Business

XV. Announcements and Matters Arising
   a. Cooper – I just want to give a shoutout to the finance committee; great work.
   b. Steven – It’s On Us! Come see me if you’re interested.
   c. Working on an initiative because lots of students on campus need microwaves to heat up lunches.
   d. David – Exec nominations committee; waiting on final recommendations, and Steven and Cooper are in the final stages. In the last week or so students and RAs have approached me about making spaces available to help students on North campus who have mental health issues, so see me if you want to help with that.
   e. Katie – Working on ASAP game day bussing and weekend study group bussing. Check out Camp Kessom (look at her Facebook cover photo)
   f. Adam - Composting on campus.
g. Zigler – We have a great microwave system at the dental school so I can help; freshmen floss
h. Thomas – Lack of quality healthy alternatives at late night dining
i. Joe – Affirmation is important to me; could we snap for each other. I wanted to snap but I was nervous.

j. Noah – We are going to keep applause only to announcements and matters arising in order to respect our guests and our accomplishments
k. Jared – Operations only bans applause during community concerns and debate, and if it distracts members of the assembly, so snapping to affirm during the appropriate times is ok.

l. Meredith – Researching food waste on campus; looking at places in the community that take food donations. Basement Arts has its first meeting this weekend if you would like to attend, and will also be having free shows all semester.
m. Lucky – Heated bus stands are important, especially given the weather here in Michigan. Get involved with GlobeMed; it is a public health global advocacy group, based in Detroit and El Salvador. They plant vegetable gardens, build health clinics, etc. We have 3 mass meetings this week, and you don’t have to be a health or pre-med student to get involved.

n. Working on the date you have to change a class to pass/fail when involved in a 2-year program

o. Swathi – To better coordinate, we should utilize the whiteboard in the hall. Write your name, your initiative, and your uniqname

p. Q. Is there a CSG google calendar? A. Yes.

q. Ramon – Thanks for passing the resolution, come to Rules tomorrow at 6:30. Jared will probably say the same thing.

XVI. Closing Roll Call
XVII. Adjournment – 8:51pm