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GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

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Task Force on Housing and Graduate Residential Life

(INITIAL PRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING)

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Whereas, housing strategy and residential life of graduate students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the "Institute") are often of great interest and importance; and

Whereas, the Graduate Student Council does not have a coordinated program of future-oriented investigation on strategic issues relating to housing and graduate residential life of the Institute;

Be it resolved, by the Graduate Student Council:

That the GSC supports the President's action to create a Task Force on Housing and Residential Life, charged as follows (the "charge"):



Develop a broad vision for Housing and Graduate Residential Life that will:

- a. Blend academic and residential life, creating an ideal environment for living and learning, by means of the physical environment and residential life programming.
- b. Ensure that all students in on-campus residences have an excellent and well-equipped environment for personal and intellectual growth.
- c. Promote diversity and appreciation for people of different races, nationalities, cultural and ethnic groups, gender, and sexual orientations.
- d. Provide opportunities for personal and intellectual development that complement the academic experience, and that promote broad student participation and social support.



Apply the above principles and framework to the consideration of potential future residence halls, recommend creative concepts to guide the programming for new construction, and facilitate exploration of innovative ideas for fund-raising to support construction of physical infrastructures

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Produce a written report detailing the findings and experiences of the Task Force as well as recommendations for the administration of the Institute and future initiatives on graduate residential life.

It is so moved that the GSC vote to support the President's creation of a Task Force on Housing and Graduate Residential Life to commence work immediately and to present its findings at the March, 2009 GCM.

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