Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Graduate Student Council

General Council Meeting
May 6th, 2015, 5:30-7:30 PM in 32-144

Agenda

1. Quorum Check
   a. 58 present, 38 needed, quorum reached
2. Approval of Agenda
   a. Placard voting, passed
3. Approval of April GCM Minutes
   a. Placard voting, passed
4. Introduction of New Faces
5. GSC Committee Updates
   a. Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)
      i. Best Practices in Graduate Student Advising
         1. Promotion of student rights and responsibilities. May 7th, at 4 pm, in 3-270.
         2. Looking for co-chair for ARC!
      ii. Legislative Action Subcommittee (LASC)
         1. Immigration and entrepreneurship study.
         2. Next meeting Monday, May 11, 6 pm
   b. Activities Committee (AC)
      i. Election of new AC co-chairs, Levi and Astera
      ii. Acoustic BBQ May 15th
      iii. Next meeting Monday, May 11, 5 pm
   c. Housing & Community Affairs (HCA) Committee
      i. Elections of new HCA co-chair, George. Other position is currently vacant, and elections will be held at the next meeting.
      ii. Next meeting Monday, May 18, 5 pm
   d. Orientation Committee (OC)
      i. New OC co-chairs, Jenny and Ina
      ii. Looking for Orientation Coordinators
      iii. Next meeting Thursday, May 13, 5:30 pm
e. Muddy Charles Pub
   i. Ideas for improvements? Some ideas: availability of hard liquor, special
      programming over the summer, open air pub.
   ii. If you have other ideas, email gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu.
   iii. Recruiting for new Muddy Board members

6. Officer Updates and Reports
   a. Nominations Board
      i. Looking for new members of the Nominations Board!
      ii. Remember that representatives have money available to spend with
          their constituents.

7. GSC Service Awards
   a. Jiayin Ling
   b. Andy Miller
   c. Dan Congreve

8. Old Business
   a. 61.gsc.10.2 GSC OneMIT Board
      i. Comment: I’m from Course 15, and we often feel very isolated from
         the rest of the community. We’re very excited about the formation of
         this Board in order to promote these interactions.
      ii. Q: What will make this different from past attempts to integrate more
          closely with Sloan?
      iii. Kendall: In the past, we’ve never had a formal framework to integrate
           the different schools. We hope that this will create more sticking
           power for this initiative.
      iv. Comment: You said that the representatives for this committee were
          already chosen. Why wasn’t this more transparent? What will be the
          process for choosing representatives in the future?
      v. Kendall: This was originally announced at a General Council Meeting.
         It went through the Nominations Board process. We had several
         applicants from each school. One of the spots was filled at a previous
         General Council Meeting.
      vi. Q: Will you be working with faculty? For example, you can only leave
          your lab in Chemistry if you have permission from your advisor.
      vii. Kendall: One of the goals is to interface with the Deans from the
           different schools, which will then interface with faculty.
      viii. Q: How is this charge different from the charge of the Graduate
           Student Council?
ix. Kendall: This is just one framework for addressing this issue within the normal structure of the Graduate Student Council.

x. Vote on resolution:

1. Resolution passes, 49 in favor, 5 against, 8 abstain

b. Pros and cons of introducing the External Affairs Committee

i. Presentation by Francesco Bellei

c. 61.gsc.11.1 External Affairs Committee

i. Discussion

(Further Minutes will be available soon—a hard drive failure caused the current draft to be lost)