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## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

### **General Council Meeting** **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>
    - 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

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## 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](mailto: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?

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- 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)