Agenda

- Quorum and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
- Approval of March 18th Meeting Minutes (5:32 PM)
- Introduction of New Faces (5:32-5:35 PM)
- Officer Elections (5:35-6:35 PM)
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- GSC Committee Updates (6:35 – 7:00 PM)
- Service Awards (7:00-7:05 PM)
- Old Business (7:05 – 7:15 PM)
  - 61.gsc.10.2 GSC OneMIT Board (5 minutes + Discussion + Majority Vote)
- New Business (7:15 – 7:20 PM)
  - 61.gsc.11.1 External Affairs Committee
- Open Floor (7:20 – 7:25 PM)
NEW FACES?
GSC ELECTION PROCEDURE
The Officers positions are voted in order. A candidate can run for more than one position.
Each candidate will give a 5 minutes speech.
Ten minutes of Q&A will follow (extendable).

IF YOU ASK ME QUESTIONS

THAT'D BE GREAT
The candidates will leave the room for a five minutes discussion (extendable).
We will move to vote.
Candidates who are not elected for one position can run for other positions.
OFFICERS’ ELECTIONS
Why would I want to be a GSC Officer?

Why me?
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- Is this the right year?
- Why me?
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- Is this the right year?
- Why me?
- How much free food do I get?
Why would I want to be a GSC Officer?

Is this the right year?

Why me?

How much free food do I get?

What do I get out of it?
OPENING NOMINATIONS
Secretary Position

- Set strategic vision for publicity and student outreach
- Manage content for publications such as the Anno
- Oversee $30K Publicity and Publications budget
- Take minutes at meetings
Treasurer Position

• Setting the budget at the beginning of the year with the rest of the Executive Committee
• Tracking the monthly expenses
• Running the all funding boards
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees

- Graduate Women at MIT
- Legislative Action

Institute

4/1/2015

Alina Rwei and John Yazbek
Advising Initiative Event

• Purpose is to present and discuss the results of the advising initiative
• Panel of professors
• Go through the rights and responsibilities document and talk about best practices
• End of April/Beginning of May
Subcommittees

- Grad Gala
- Ski Trip
- Outreach
- Coffee Hour
- Arts

Institute

April 1st, 2015
Jonas Helfer & Janille Maragh
Grad Gala on the Odyssey!

April 11th, boarding 6:30 PM
BGLO Spring Mixer

April 9th
8PM
BGLO Spring Mixer

NAGA

April 9th
8PM
Second sexy dictator/candy question?

April 14th, 5:30-7PM
Morss Hall
Taste of Russia

April 14th, 5:30-7PM
Morss Hall
Battle of the Bands

May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, signups still open!
Join the Activities Committee!

Wednesday, April 15\textsuperscript{th}
5PM in GSC office

Questions? Concerns? Ideas?

gsc-ac@mit.edu
## Subcommittees

- Sustainability
- Families
- Transportation
- Off-campus

## Institute

- DAPER Advisory board
- Family and Work Council
- Medical Consumers Advisory Council
- International Student Working Group
- Student Benefit Advisory Committee
- Committee on Student Life
- Transportation and Parking

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Boris Braverman and Andrea Dubin
March 4, 2015
Stipend Recommendations

• Stipend levels to increase 3.7% for next year.

• This represents ~$8 million additional support for graduate students.
On the horizon…

- Dental insurance re-visititation
- Mental health/wellness
- West Campus planning committee is underway

Get involved!

Next meeting **Monday, April 6th** at 5:30pm in the GSC office

- Email us at **gsc-hca@mit.edu**
- Consider running for an HCA co-chair position!
ORIENTATION (OC)

Subcommittees

Ina Kundu & Hector Fornes
April 1, 2015
Candy Question

How many events do we host during Orientation?
A: 20
B: 60
C: 200
Next Meeting: Elections!

Wednesday, April 8\textsuperscript{th}
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
GSC Office 50-220
Questions: gsc-oc@mit.edu
Association of Student Activities

4/1/2015
Jenny and Ben
Candy Question

• How much money does the ASA allocate every year?
  • $10,000
  • $45,000
  • $180,000
  • $825,000
ASA Elections

- 2 Graduate Members-at-Large
- 1 Student Member-at-Large
- Both positions:
  - Allocate LEF/ARCADE
  - Allocate student group office space
  - Advocate for student groups
  - Work on other ASA projects
- Email asa-elect@mit.edu
Reminders

- Complete your annual Anti-Hazing Acknowledgement and Membership Update!
- Check our website for reserved poster boards timeline
MUDDY CHARLES BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Subcommittees

- Activities
- Finance
- Renovations
- Governing Documents

Institute

Chair, Stephen Messenger
April 1, 2015
Muddy Grand Reopening
What did you think about the event?
Reopening Survey

Muddy Patron Survey

Please check the box that describes how you feel about each renovation item

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How often (# visits) do you normally visit the Muddy per month? ____________________________

What is your affiliation with MIT (e.g. UG, G, Alum, staff, etc)? _______________________

Other Comments?

Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Who Responded?

Response by Attendee Affiliation

- Alumni: 6
- Graduate Student: 32
- Staff: 5
- PostDoc: 5
- Visiting Student: 1
- Undergrad: 3
- Unidentified: 1
What did they think?

- I liked how the old muddy was: 1
- Doesn't really make a difference to me: 7
- This is much nicer than before: 45

Colors:
- Blue: Flooring
- Red: Paint
- Green: Lighting
Recruitment

• Muddy Board is recruiting
  Please email: muddy-recruiting@mit.edu

• Come see the new Muddy!!
GSC OLD BUSINESS
Voting Overview

• On a resolution or similar, to pass it must receive necessary (e.g., majority) support and enough people must vote to sustain quorum. If enough people abstain to not get quorum, it is tabled
  • 50 yea, 10 nay – pass
  • 10 yea, 50 nay – fail
  • 31 yea, 29 nay – pass
  • 29 yea, 27 nay, 4 abstain – tabled
  • 10 yea, 50 abstain -- tabled
Resolution 61.GSC.10.2
Resolution of GSC OneMIT Board Charge
(Posted Online: gsc.mit.edu/general-council/meetings)

GSC OneMIT Board
GSC NEW BUSINESS
Scope

- Ownership at the Federal and State Levels
- Collaboration at the local level with existing parts of the GSC
- Awareness for graduate students on external developments
- Engagement of MIT graduate students to policy makers
- Point contact for national advocacy
What is the impact and benefit?

- Professional Development
- Informed of the dynamic policy landscape
- Interaction with Policymakers
  - Emailing Congress
  - Calling Congress
  - Meeting Congress
Examples

• Domestic Renewal of F Visa’s
• ~2/3 of research funding at MIT originates from federal agencies [1]
• 41% graduate students are international students who often face legal challenges when it comes to securing and renewing visas [2]
• Having data-driven policy

How would a new committee arise?

In order to form a new committee in the GSC, a resolution to amend the Bylaws would need to pass in the General Council with 2/3 majority support. (GSC Bylaws Article II)