Agenda

- Quorum and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes (5:32 PM)
- Introduction of New Faces (5:32-5:35 PM)
- GSC Committee Updates (5:35 – 6:05 PM)
- Officer Updates and Reports (6:05 – 6:10 PM)
- Service Awards (6:10-6:15 PM)
- Old Business (6:15 – 6:40 PM)
  - 61.gsc.10.2 GSC OneMIT Board (5 minutes for Discussion + Majority Vote)
  - Pros and cons of introducing the External Affairs Committee (10 min)
  - 61.gsc.11.1 External Affairs Committee (20 min Discussion + 2/3 Majority)
- Transition to the Incoming Officers (6:40 - 6:50 PM)
- New Business (6:50 – 7:00 PM)
  - 62.gsc.1.1 (a) GSC FY 16 Budget
- Open Floor (7:00 – 7:10 PM)
NEW FACES?
GSC COMMITTEE UPDATE
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees

- Graduate Women at MIT
- Legislative Action

Institute

5/6/2015
Alina Rwei and John Yazbek
Best Practices on Graduate Student Advising

- 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
- Thursday (tomorrow!) @ 4-5pm in 3-270
Legislative Action Subcommittee
May 2015 Updates

Arolyn Conwill, Yuqing Cui
Are you a foreign entrepreneur or someone who has worked with one? Have you encountered obstacles starting a company due to US immigration policies?

Share your experience with us!

http://tinyurl.com/mit-startup-immigration-survey
Next LASC Meeting

Monday May 11th at 6pm
GSC Office (50-220)
ACTIVITIES (AC)
WE DO THINGS SO YOU CAN TOO

Subcommittees

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

Institute

May 2015
Jonas Helfer & Janille Maragh
The new AC-co chairs are ...
The new AC-co chairs are ...

Astera Tang and Levi Lentz!
Upcoming Event:

May 15th
Join the Activities Committee!

Monday, May 11th
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
May 2015
Off-Campus Housing

• Sidney-Pacific renovations project will significantly affect on-campus housing availability

• Additional resources at http://housing.mit.edu/off_campus/off_campus_housing
Elections

• New HCA co-chair: George Chao + ???

If Interested in running, contact gsc-hca@mit.edu
On the horizon…

• Collaboration with LASC on studying graduate student debt
• Dental insurance revisitation
• West Campus planning
• Parental leave

Get involved!

Next meeting **Monday, May 18th** 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

Institute

Ina Kundu & Hector Fornes
May, 2015
New Co-Chairs!

Guess Who?

Jenny Wang
Looking for Coordinators

Help make orientation memorable!

- Boat Cruise
- Presidential Welcome
- Techlink Banquet
- Pub Crawl
- GS101/102/103
- And so much more!

Orientation Coordinator!

Join us for the Coordinator Info Session
May 13th • 5:30 PM • 50-220

Questions? Contact gsc-oc@mit.edu

Coordinators take the lead on each of orientation’s events - the boat cruise, presidential welcome, and the list goes on!
Next Meeting: Coordinator Info Session!

Wednesday, May 13th
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
GSC Office 50-220
Questions: gsc-oc@mit.edu
Association of Student Activities

May 2015
Jiwon (Jenny)
MUDDY CHARLES BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Subcommittees**
- Activities
- Finance
- Renovations
- Governing Documents

**Institute**

Outgoing Chair, Stephen Messenger
 Incoming Chair, Daniel Franke
What would you like to see happen?
Recruitment

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

• Come see the new Muddy!!

• Next Meeting: 5/12/15 6pm
  GSC Office

FREE DRINKS!
After GCM
Composition of Nominations Board

Daniel Smithwick
GSC VP

Affi Maragh
GSC Treasurer

Michael McClellan
GSC President

Nominated and voted by you!
The Nominations Board evaluates the applications for Institute Representatives

Graduate Student Body → http://gsc.mit.edu/ → Nominations Board → Institute Committees
Graduate students serve on ~40 Institute Committees

- ~20 Presidential Committees & Councils
- 6 Faculty Committees
- ~15 Ad-hoc Committees
Role and Responsibilities of Nominations Board

- **June – August Commitment**
- 3 – 5 meetings/month to review applications
- Interview candidates and make the recommendations to committee chairs
- **Ad-hoc Committee**
  Nominations throughout year
Submit your candidacy for the Nominations Board through e-mail

Resume
Statement

Early May
Prepare materials

Mid-May
Email materials to: gsc-vp@mit.edu

June
Vote at GCM

Posted on GSC website
COUNCIL REP FUNDING

$150 Spring Period + $100 Additional Service
$150 Fall Period + $100 Additional Service

$500 / Year
GSC SERVICE AWARDS
Congrats to:

• Funding board: Jiayin Ling
  Jiayin Ling has served the funding board as the graduate student at large member on the funding board. He has dedicated numerous hours going through the funding board applications and a great help in making sure the funding board and LEF/ARCADE allocations are fairly distributed. It has been a great pleasure working with him

• APAG: Andy Miller and Dan Congreve
  Andy and Dan have been running the Athletic and Performance Activities Grant for a number of years. They have dedicated a lot of time and effort in going through the applications and distributing the awards fairly among the different individuals and groups. We would like to thank them for their efforts
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 yeas, 10 nays – pass
  - 10 yeas, 50 nays – fail
  - 31 yeas, 29 nays – pass
  - 29 yeas, 27 nays, 4 abstain – tabled
  - 10 yeas, 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
61.gsc.11.1 Resolution to Establish the External Affairs Committee (EAC)

Kendall Nowocin, Francesco Bellei
Arolyn Conwill, Yuqing Cui
External Affairs Committee (EAC)

- Federal Advocacy
  - Currently LASC
- Manage GSC External Relations
  - Currently GSC Officers
- Provide External Knowledge
  - New!
- Engage and Support the Grad Community
  - New!
BENEFITS OF CREATING AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Grad students at MIT are affected by decisions made external to MIT

Example 1

One year later…

MIT used lobbying, influence to restore nuclear fusion dream after White House sought to stop funding ow.ly/xKEUM

Example 2

“I keep re-introducing the immigration bill because of you guys.”

-- Congressman Capuano (MA-7) during one LASC DC meeting, Nov. 2014
The External Affairs Committee Voices Graduate Student Concerns Externally

- More research funding
- Streamlined immigration reform
- See GSC Legislative Platform for more topics
Centralization of GSC External Relations

• EAC would be responsible for
  • GSC participation in NAGPS events -> GSC Treasurer (2014/15)
  • GSC participation in Ivy+ events -> GSC President (2014/15)
  • Relationship with MIT Policy Lab and MIT DC Office
  • Relationships with other advocacy groups and universities

• Unite voices of other institutes for stronger advocacy
The EAC Will Host Fun and Educational Events for the Graduate Community

Proposed events:
• Voter registration coffee hour
• Social event
• Panel discussion
• Election watch party or showing of a political documentary

EITHER YOU WATCH HOUSE OF CARDS

OR I DEFRIEND YOU
External Affairs Committee (EAC)

Federal Advocacy

Manage GSC External Relations

Provide External Knowledge

Engage and Support the Grad Community

Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Will creating the EAC promote the general welfare and concerns of your fellow students whom you are representing?
CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Based on feedback from ExComm members
Concern 1: Is the GSC ready to form a new standing Committee without a trial period?

External Affairs Committee (EAC)

- Federal Advocacy
  - LASC (2009)
- Manage GSC External Relations
  - NAGPS (1987)
- Provide External Knowledge
- Engage and Support the Grad Community
  - Ivy+ (2003)
Concern 2: Increased recruitment effort needed

• The recruitment for the Executive Committee would increase from 14 to 16 people.

• Would the EAC encourage more graduate students to participate in the GSC? Or would the added effort be taken on by current GSC participants?
Concern 3: Increased focus to external affairs will redirect budget resources away from other parts of the GSC.

• The GSC budget would need to support the proposed scope of the EAC.
• The checks and balances in the GSC that may answer this concern.
The EAC would:

- Voice grad student concerns externally
- Centralize GSC external relations
- Engage and support grad community
- Bring outside knowledge to GSC

Concerns:

- Is the GSC ready to form a new standing Committee?
- Increased recruitment effort for the Executive Committee, increasing from 14 to 16 people.
- Increased focus to external affairs will redirect budget resources away from other parts of the GSC.

Can the GSC sustainably promote the general welfare and concerns of your fellow students whom you are representing, externally through the EAC?

Your vote
GSC TRANSITION
Thank You’s

- Officers
- Standing Committees
- Boards
- Subcommittees
- Council Reps
- Institute Reps
Welcome to the New Executive Committee!
62.gsc.1.1 FY 16 GSC Budget

Michael McClellan and Janille Maragh
OPEN FLOOR