GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 2015 (62.6)

November 4, 2015
Upcoming GSC Meetings (Nov-Dec)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

General Council (GCM)
- Academics, Research, and Careers
  - November 11, 5:00 PM in 50-220
  - November 12, 5:30 PM in 50-220
  - November 18, 5:00 PM in 50-220
- Activities
- Executive Committee (Excomm)
  - November 18, 5:00 PM in 50-220
- GSC OneMIT Board
- Housing and Community Affairs
  - LASC
  - Sustainability
  - November 9, 5:30 PM in 50-220
  - November 19, 5:30 PM in 50-220
  - November 10, 5:00 PM in 50-220
- Muddy Charles Board of Governors
- Orientation
- Task Force: External Affairs
  - November 6 at Noon in 50-220

December 2 at 5:30 PM in 4-270

Task Force: External Affairs

Housing and Community Affairs

Sustainability

Muddy Charles Board of Governors

Orientation

Task Force: External Affairs

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Agenda

1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (5:34 PM)
3. Introduction of New Faces (5:36-5:40 PM)
4. Guest Speaker: David Niño, GEL Program/ESD.S32 (5:40-6:00 PM)
5. Committee Updates (6:00-6:25 PM)
6. Officer Updates and Reports (6:25-6:55 PM)
7. Mid-Year Check-In (6:55-7:15 PM)
8. Open Floor (7:15-7:20 PM)
9. Post-GCM Social (After the meeting, at the Muddy)
NEW FACES?

Don’t be shy! 😊
ESD.S32 (SPRING ‘16) AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR GRAD STUDENTS

David Niño

Gordon Engineering Leadership Program
ESD.S32: Leading Creative Teams

NEW for Spring 2016 • Fridays, 9:30am-12:30pm • Dr. David Niño

Learn to:
• Develop leadership and teamwork skills
• Foster creativity in groups
• Build teams that work!
• Amplify your professional impact

Available to MIT graduate students

*For more information, please visit gelp.mit.edu and click on NEW Grad Class.
Background

• Gordon Engineering Leadership Program launched in 2007 with gift from Bernard Gordon (B.S. ’48, M.S. ’49)
• Expanding to graduate students to meet growing interest
• New course is developed with
  o input from the GSC, GWAMIT, industry advisors, and
  o support from the MITii and Deans of ODGE and SoE
Myths of Technical Achievements
Building leadership skills

Tuckman's Team & Group Development Model

- Forming
- Storming
- Norming
- Performing

Developing real teams

Enabling creativity

Building self-awareness

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

GSC Committee and Subcommittee Chairs
### ACTIVITIES (AC)
WE DO THINGS SO YOU CAN TOO

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

**Institute**

Levi Lentz and Astera Tang
Come join the cool kids!

- **Taste of Spain** is coming up on Nov 24!

- **Coffee Hour** every other Monday! **FREE FOOD! Hoohah!**

- Next AC Meeting: November 12 (Thursday) at 5:30 pm in 50-220
Boston Graduate Leadership Organization presents:

GRADUATE STUDENT FALL MIXER

Friday, November 13th 2015 8pm-11pm

Wild Rover
61 Chatham St
Boston MA 02109

$10 cover
FREE FOOD!

RSVP on Facebook
Questions? Contact bostonbglo@gmail.com
GSC Ski Trip 2016

Jan 8-11, 2016
Jay Peak, VT

Ticket Sales: Nov 19 & 20
$365 w/ bus | $305 w/o

gsc.mit.edu/ski

Event is 21+
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (HCA)

**Subcommittees**
- Sustainability
- Families
- Transportation
- Off-campus
- Legislative Action (LASC)

**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

George Chao and Huma Gupta
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)

- Student Mental Health
  - First round of Innovation Fund winners announced
- Costco Shuttle is back!
  - First shuttle 11/8!
New Development of STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) for International Students

- All F-1 students get 12 months OPT
- STEM students get 17 additional months
- Most students use OPT to apply for limited work visa
- Court ruling in August struck down extension
- New OPT rules were proposed and currently under public comment period

LASC is
- Analyzing and comparing changes
- Making info-graphics to help international students understand the changes
- Compiling public comment letter
LASC Statehouse Visit Day!

Vitals

- October 27th, 2015
- Seven state legislature offices visited
- Personal meetings with 2 representatives and a senator!

Issues

- Global Entrepreneur in Residence – GEIR
  - Visas for start-ups!
- An Act to establish pay equity (H.1733, S.983)
- An act relevant to gender identity and nondiscrimination (H.1577, S.735)
MUDDY CHARLES PUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Subcommittees
• Finance
• Renovations
• Governing Documents
• Activities

Institute
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Daniel Franke
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees

- Graduate Women at MIT

Institute

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Emily Lin and Mohammad Ghassemi
ARC Updates

Updates from last month:

- Conflict Resolution at the Workplace ~ 20 people
- Improv Comedy Workshop ~ 20 people
- PhD Comic Movie ~ 250 people
- MIT CONNECT ~ 400 people
  - Received another 5K in funding from MHH Initiative.

In the pipeline:

- MIT CONNECT
  - Expand to Postdocs
  - Front-end development
- Interdisciplinary Journal Club
  - Look for help building this! Contact us if you are keen!
- 1 day writing day for thesis writers (TBC in December)
- Dissertation Boot Camp 12-20 January 2016 (TBA).

Our next meeting will be:

- Thurs, Nov 12th
- 5-5:30pm
- 50-220

Sub-Comiteees

- GWAMIT:
  - Fall Leadership: 11/2 – 11/6.
- Travel Grants:
  - $7,000 awarded to 12 applicants (out of 42).
  - We are looking for somebody to get involved on the Travel Grant Board.
- Graduate Student Advising:
  - Putting together document on “Best Practices in Graduate Student Advising”

gsc-arc@mit.edu
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Subcommittees

Institute

Jenny Kim
External Affairs Task Force

• Created August 2015
• Analyzing options to strengthen GSC external affairs
• New activities and re-organization are both on the table

Current options:
• External Affairs Subcommittee
  • Report to the President / ExComm
• External Affairs Committee
• GSC “Advocacy Platform”
• GSC Identity Documents
New functions

- Liaison with other universities
- Liaison with national associations and other allied orgs

Many models at other universities!

- Vice-President for External Affairs
- External Affairs Committee – equivalent
- Ad-hoc external affairs management by officers
Interesting findings

- LASC is the only subcommittee with a mission statement specified by council
  - Included with Legislative Platform
  - Mission statement does not specify the committee to house LASC

- President can individually create subcommittees
  - No ExComm vote required
External Affairs Task Force

• Questions?
• Comments?
• New ideas??

• http://gsc.mit.edu/committees/external/

• Come chat at the Muddy after the meeting!
PRESIDENT

Subcommittees

- Nominations Board
- Presidential Task Forces
  - External Affairs
- Officer Liaison
  - HCA
  - Muddy Charles Board

Institute

- Presidential Advisory Council (PAC)
- Corporation Joint Advisory Committee on Institute-Wide Affairs (CJAC)
- Commencement
- VP-Student Life Search Committee

Michael McClellan
Grad Student Forum for VPSL Feedback

- Tomorrow (11/5), 5:30 PM-7:00 PM in 3-270

- Search Committee Members in attendance
  - Michael McClellan (GSC President)
  - Prof. Krishna Rajagopal (Chair of Faculty, Chair of Search Committee)

- Learn about the search process and provide feedback on ideal candidates for the Vice President of Student Life position
GSC/MIT2016 Service Day

We are now requesting proposals for civic challenges facing Cambridge, MA that could be improved over the course of a collaborative one-day service event in the style of a hackathon.

gsc.mit.edu/serve
Ivy+ Leadership Summit

• November 13-15 (next weekend), Dartmouth

• Seven delegates from MIT

• Presentations on Community, Diversity, and Scholarship

• We’ll report back at the next GCM!
Updates: President MLB

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World Series Champions KC
VICE-PRESIDENT

Subcommittees

- Nominations Board
- Funding Appeals Board
- Officer Liaison
  - ARC

Institute

- Commencement

Kyle Kotowick
Council Rep Fund

- Each of you can get up to $500/year to spend on events in your constituency (department, dorm)!

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SECRETARY

Subcommittees

- Publications and Publicity Board (P&P)
- Officer Liaison
  - Activities

Institute

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Eva Golos
29th Annual NAGPS National Conference

October 30 - November 1
University of Southern California

NAGPS Business Meetings + Student Talks
NAGPS: Highlights

• University of Missouri: healthcare crisis

• Recruiting a network of volunteers

• Graduate student housing and insurance problems nationwide

• Future-proofing your organization

• Advocacy platform

• International support

• Enjoying sunny southern California!
NAGPS: Insights and Takeaways

• MIT grad students are well-situated in terms of stipend, health care, established and organized group, large budget, admin support

• NAGPS budget:

• Incentive systems: extra travel grants or FB funds

• For urgent advocacy, it is invaluable to have a good organization who can respond quickly, proactive workers, data, media presence
Other Secretary Updates

• New Creative Media Manager: Jeff Liu
  • gsc-creative@mit.edu
• Anno changes
  • New section

• Considering future changes – look out for surveys
TREASURER

Subcommittees

- Funding Board
- Funding Appeals Board
- Nominations Board
- Officer Liaison
  - Orientation

Institute

Janille (Affi) Maragh
Funding Board:
Changes to Anticipate in Future Cycles

- Priority-based allocations
- Events that will
  - Reach the most students
  - Be of highest value per attendee
  - Be held in easily accessible locations, etc.
- Will be posted on website soon

- Possible collaboration with UA and ASA
MID-YEAR CHECK-IN

GSC Officers
Mid-Year Check-In

We would like to hear from all of you—this isn’t a “State of the GSC” speech

- How are we (Officers, Excomm, Committees) doing?
- What can the GSC do better?
- Do you feel empowered to make change happen at MIT?
OPEN FLOOR
Next Meetings
Join us for the Post-GCM Social at the Muddy Charles Pub (Building 50)

Excomm members will have drink tickets—come and talk to one of us, and we’ll give you one!