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1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes (5:34 PM)
3. Introduction of New Faces (5:36-5:40 PM)
4. Guest Speaker: Prof. Paul Lagacé, MIT2016 Ball (5:40-5:55 PM)
6. New Business (to be voted on at next GCM; 6:40-6:50 PM)
   • 62.gsc.6.1: Presidential Task Force on Engagement and Recruitment
7. Committee Updates (6:50-7:10 PM)
8. Officer Updates and Reports (7:10-7:20 PM)
9. Open Floor (7:20-7:25 PM)
10. Post-GCM Social (After the meeting, at the Muddy)
NEW FACES?

Don’t be shy! 😊
MIT2016 GRAND GALA

Prof. Paul Laglacé

MIT2016 Grand Gala Planning Committee
PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: REPORT

Daniel Curtis
Mission and Purpose

• “assess the manners in which the GSC currently interfaces with governments and external programs”

• “recommend changes to the way the GSC handles its external affairs”

• “All potential forms of action that receive support from at least one-half of the committee shall be included as options”
Members

• Daniel Curtis, Course 22 PhD Candidate
  • Task Force Chair
• Boris Braverman, Course 8 PhD Candidate
• Arolyn Conwill, Course 8 PhD Candidate
• Brittany Huhmann, Course 1 PhD Candidate
• Michael McClellan, Course 12 PhD Candidate
  • GSC President
• Mark Molaro, Course 10 PhD Candidate
Report Organization

• Options for independent actions which may be implemented by council without re-organization

• Organizational changes to GSC administration
  • General Council and ExComm would continue working as they do now under all options
Independent Actions

- Advocacy Platform
- Identity Documents
- External Communication Guidelines
- Partnerships, alliances, and liaisons
Advocacy Platform

- A resolution to describe the generally agreed-upon positions of the General Council

- Potentially much broader in scope than current Legislative Platform

- (At least) Two implementation options:
  - Re-format and expand the Legislative Platform
  - Separate resolution on non-government issues

- Unique status of LASC: explicitly formed in Legislative Platform
Identity Documents

• Can be given to outside organizations as a way to introduce them to GSC

• Options:
  • Just the facts (MIT enrollment, academic programs, GSC mission and activities)
  • GSC public policy positions
  • Multiple formats (full-length report, one-pager)

• MIT Administration and many peer organizations already do this
Communication Guidelines

- Who gets to speak for GSC?
- On what issues?
- In what venues?
- Standards of quality or style?
Partnerships, Alliances, Liaisons

- MIT student orgs
- MIT offices/officers
- National/regional associations
- Professional societies? AAAS?
- Others?
Organizational Changes

• Four Option Classes

• New Constitutional Officer for External Affairs
  • “Foreign Minister”? 

• External Affairs Board (EAB)

• External Affairs Committee (EAC)

• External Affairs Subcommittee (EASC)
OCI - New Constitutional Officer

• Spokesperson for GSC
• Manage external affairs
• Potentially manage an External Affairs Board (EAB)
• Other responsibilities?

• Amending the GSC Constitution
  • Council Resolution, $\frac{3}{4}$ vote
  • Graduate Student Body Referendum, simply majority of votes
  • Last done in 1985
OC2 – External Affairs Board

- Modeled after Muddy Charles; some features similar to standing committee

- Managing officer or chair

- Defined set of members, potentially including ex-officio
  - HCA Chairs as ex-officio members?
  - Liaisons?

- Can create subcommittees
OC3 – External Affairs Committee

• Standing committee equivalent in structure and powers to the other four standing committees

• Two co-chairs
  • Elected by committee members
  • Voting members of ExComm
  • 1 year term

• Can create subcommittees

• Mission overlap with HCA?
OC4 – External Affairs Subcommittee

• Bylaws Article II, Section B

• Creating/disbanding a subcommittee is an administrative action by the chair(s)

• Ceases to exist at the end of the term of the chair(s)

• Could be created under HCA or ExComm
What Next?

• The Task Force recommends that the General Council consider all of the independent actions presented and identify at least one organizational change option for possible implementation in the spring semester.

• Come to the Legislative Platform Open House in January! Watch for date/time/location later this month! Bring ideas!

• Draft resolutions!
Consider:

• We may need small group deliberations for some of these items.

• Anything that may require substantial council deliberation should be introduced as soon as possible (February).

• Stay tuned for information about working sessions during IAP
NEW BUSINESS

Task Force on Engagement and Recruitment (62.gsc.6.1)
Michael McClellan, GSC President
Task Force: Engagement and Recruitment

• “Difficulty—recently and in the past—filling all positions on the General Council and in Officer/Committee Chair (Excomm) positions”

• “Current methods for encouraging engagement of Council Representatives, such as the fund for programming within their constituencies, are vastly underutilized”

• “Situations in which viewpoints of groups, communities, and organizations on campus are not solicited, heard, or taken into consideration in every matter of the GSC”
Task Force: Engagement and Recruitment

• Less formal than External Affairs Task Force

• Short window to report: March GCM (to allow for any bylaw changes to potentially occur before elections)

• Accelerated legislative schedule (passing the resolution now) would allow much more time for committee to do its work
## ACTIVITIES (AC)

We do things so you can too.

### Subcommittees

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

### Institute

Levi Lentz and Astera Tang

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Upcoming events

• SkiTrip Ticket Sales
  • Extended through December 6
  • Now 2 guest per person (!!)

• Coffee Hour
  • December 7, 7-8p in Forbes Café

• AC Meeting
  • December 10, 5:30-6:30p in GSC Office
Battle of the Bands

• Late February/Early March

• Signups out soon
  • Bands need 1+ MIT grad student(s)

• Performance offer for top band

• Tell your friends!
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
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Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)

- Costco Shuttle is back (and running correctly)!
  - Cards available from Copytech (gsc-hca.xvm.mit.edu/Costco)

- Renter’s Insurance campaign for Grad Dorms

- Come join HCA!
  - Interested in…
    - **Getting paid more** (cost of living)
    - Mental health topics?
    - Housing quality and affordability
    - Improving transportation at MIT
    - Improving services for families
    - Much more!

- Next HCA Meeting – next Monday 12/7
STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) for International Students

• Sent public comment letter to DHS on behalf of GSC – so did 114 of you!!

• Sent out public comment letter template for individual students – used by 67 comments!!

• Published proposed rule analysis in the Tech as guest columnists
Voter registration

• “It’s easier to register to vote in Iraq than the US.”
  --Hari Sevugan, former press secretary for the Democratic National Committee

• In 2010 mid-term election, 21% of people aged between 18-24 voted.

• LASC is organizing voter registration events for the Massachusetts primary elections in the spring. Watch GSC-Anno for more details!
MUDDY CHARLES PUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Subcommittees
- Finance
- Renovations
- Governing Documents
- (Muddy) Activities

Institute

Daniel Franke
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Muddy Charles Pub – Update

• **Governing Documents**
  - Final Draft presented to Board
  - Voting to occur in December meeting

• **Finance Subcommittee**
  - Last stages of developing a long-term strategic financial plan

• **Muddy Mondays**
  - Looking for cultural groups to join the program
  - We match your expenses in a 5:1 ratio
  - Provide traditional food & music from your country

Contact us @
web.mit.edu/muddy/contact_us.html or gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees

• Graduate Women at MIT

Institute

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In the pipeline:
Interdisciplinary Journal Club (Spring 2016)
  Look for help building this! Contact us if you are keen!

Faculty Series (Spring 2016)
  They are looking for more graduate students to attend

1 day writing day for thesis writers
  Dissertation Boot Camp 12-20 January 2016 (TBA)

Our next meeting will be:
  Thurs, Dec 15th
  5-6pm
  50-220

Sub-Comittees
GWAMIT:
  Holiday Social – Week of Dec 12th
  Recruiting Event – Dec 4th
  Applications for Executive committee.

Travel Grants:
  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”
# ORIENTATION (OC)

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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Subcommittees

Institute

Jenny Kim
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GSC Holiday Party

Firebrand Saints
Friday 12/4 6:00 PM

All refreshments provided!
PRESIDENT

Committees/Boards

• 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

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Ivy+ Conference

• Graduate Student Ivy+ is all 8 Ivies and MIT

• Lots of Ivy+ schools have a dedicated graduate student center
• We are in great shape in terms of budget and programs offered

• Next year: Brown (we hope to send another huge delegation since it’s so close!)
VICE-PRESIDENT

Committees/Boards

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

Institute

- Commencement

Kyle Kotowick

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VP Update

- Numerous inactive reps to be removed (~10)
  - Will need to fill open slots
  - Will be asking you to help fill open slots in your departments

- Fall nominations complete, filled all openings
  - Except for ROTC, do you know anyone?

- Working with Mental Health and Chancellor’s Office
  - Graduate students being referred out at much higher rate than undergraduates
  - Currently seeking data to determine why this is the case, and whether it should be
SECRETARY

Committees/Boards

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

Institute

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# TREASURER

## Committees/Boards

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

## Institute

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Janille (Affi) Maragh

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Funding Deadlines Approaching: December 8th

• Funding Board

• GSC/PKG Public Service Center Joint Fund

• Athletics and Performance Activities Grant

• Collaboration Award

• Student Group Initial Funding
New Fund Available! Diversity Fund

- For NON-annually recurring events
- Events with an ethnic or cultural focus
- Ideas for new events welcome!
OneMIT Board now active!

• Still need representative for SHASS

• Funding for events that encourage collaboration and community between multiple schools

• First event: student group “speed-dating”
  • December 7th, R&D Lounge, 6PM

• Seeking more applications!
  • Email gsc-onemit@mit.edu with funding requests
Questions?

• Email gsc-treasurer@mit.edu
OPEN FLOOR
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!
GSC Holiday Party

Firebrand Saints
Friday 12/4 6:00 PM

All refreshments provided!