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Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Agenda

1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes (5:34 PM)
3. Introduction of New Faces (5:36-5:40 PM)
4. Guest Speaker: Jinane Abounadi, Sandbox Fund (5:40-5:55 PM)
5. New Business (to be voted on at next GCM; 5:55-6:25 PM)
   - 62.gsc.7.1: Legislative Platform Update
   - 62.gsc.7.2: Creation of an External Affairs Board (Bylaws Amendment; 2/3 vote to pass)
   - 62.gsc.7.3: Statement on Undocumented Students (amendment to Legislative Platform)
6. Committee Updates (6:25-6:45 PM)
7. Officer Updates and Reports (6:45-7:10 PM)
8. Open Floor (7:10-7:15 PM)
9. Post-GCM Social (After the meeting, at the Muddy)
NEW FACES?

Don’t be shy! 😊

Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
NEW BUSINESS

Three Resolutions
Various Authors
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
2016 UPDATE
72.GSC.7.1

Legislative Action Subcommittee (LASC)
Annual Platform Update

• Legislative Action Subcommittee (LASC) is charged to review and update Platform each year.

• 2015 update – added language on undocumented students, removed mention of no-longer-existant program

• 72.gsc.7.1 “Update to the Legislative Platform” is not intended to change any positions of the GSC.
Updates in 72.gsc.7.1

• “Legislation” changed to “policies” or “efforts” or “All measures” in many places.

• Removed detailed sub-points in several places.
  • To be documented in more detailed Issue Guidance later.

• Item #4 – Added Parental Leave
  “Access to affordable childcare and parental leave for all graduate students.”

• Reorganized “International Student Issues” section.

• Last point separated into 2.
  • “Take action on issues raised by scientific community…”
  • “Strengthen ties between policymakers and experts…”
RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD
72.GSC.7.2

Daniel Curtis, Arolyn Conwill, Lisa Guay
External Affairs Task Force

- External Affairs Task Force
  Created Aug 2015
  Reported Dec 2015

- Task Force collected several forms of feedback

- EA Task Force introduced the “External Affairs Board” concept
Resolution Workshops

• January 21\textsuperscript{st} and 25\textsuperscript{th}

• Deliberation of all major features of a Board

• Detail document reviews throughout week of Jan 25\textsuperscript{th}
72.gsc.7.2 Fundamentals

- Establish an External Affairs Board
- Bylaws are amended
- Legislative Platform conforming amendment
- The External Affairs Board shall begin operating after the election of the first External Affairs Chair.
Why a “Board”?

- GSC Boards have specified membership
- Less independent than Committees
- Internal structure
  - Inspired by the Muddy Board
Internal Structure

• GSC “Board” is a type of GSC “Committee”
  • All Boards are Committees, some Committees are not Boards

• Specified membership
  • Officers of the Board
  • Ex-officio members
  • At-Large members
  • Subcommittee Chairs
Officers of the Board

• External Affairs Chair
  • Elected by General Council after Executive Officers
  • One vote on ExComm; One vote in General Council
  • Manages the Board
    • Agenda
    • Meetings
    • Budget
    • Subcommittees

• External Affairs Vice-Chair
  • Elected by the Board
  • One vote in General Council
  • Keeps records of the Board
  • Assists the Chair
Ex-officio Members

- GSC President

- Chairs of Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)
At-Large Members

• Up to 2 or $\frac{1}{4}$ of sum of other types of positions

• Elected by ExComm

• Tool to keep experienced members involved and provide oversight by ExComm
Subcommittee Chairs

- Subcommittees have opportunity to nominate Chairs

- Board may Resolve to Disapprove of results
  - Manipulated votes or results, etc.

- Board elects Chairs if the Subcommittee does not
  - Or if the result is Disapproved
  - Or if the Subcommittee is newly created
Subcommittees

- Created by Resolution of the Board

- Purpose of the Subcommittee
  - Term of operation specified in Purpose
  - Presented to the General Council

- Up to 2 Chairs

- Open Membership
Oversight of the Board

• General Council elects the Chair

• ExComm elects At-Large Members

• General Council considers Platform Documents

• Review of Resolutions and Actions

• Existing authority of the General Council to:
  • Resolve “No Confidence” in External Affairs Chair
  • Suspend the Board
**Review** (with a capital “R”)

- President and External Affairs Chair may place Actions of the Board and Resolutions of the Board under **Review**

- Actions and Resolutions under **Review** do not happen until **Review** is resolved positively

- Resolved positively by:
  - 2/3 vote of ExComm; **OR**
  - Majority vote of General Council
Removal of Board Members

• Board may Resolve to remove a member after 3 absences in an Academic Year

• General Council may Resolve to remove a member
## Governing Documents

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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AMENDMENT
ON UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS
72.GSC.7.3

Legislative Action Subcommittee (LASC)
Undocumented Students at MIT

• They exist! Could be your classmate or research colleague.

• Risky for them to speak out or organize – they need our support!

• Most arrived as children – no fault of their own, no intention to break the law.

• No current pathway to legal status.
Current item on Undocumented Students

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ISSUES

...  

The GSC firmly supports:

18. Efforts to streamline the immigration processes relevant to undocumented students.
New Platform Item

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ISSUES

... The GSC firmly **opposes:**

19. Any government actions that would result in the deportation of undocumented students enrolled at MIT.
COMMITTEE UPDATES

GSC Committee and Subcommittee Chairs

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ACTIVITIES (AC)
WE DO THINGS SO YOU CAN TOO

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Upcoming events

- Grad Gala Ticket Sales
  - February 29th
  - $45/person for early bird
  - $50/person for regular
- Coffee Hour
  - February 15th, 7-8p in Forbes Café
- Taste of India
  - Feb 23rd, Time TBD, Morss Hall
- Looking for Outreach Chair
Battle of the Bands

• February 26th, Start time: 7p
  Student Center

• Signup now!
  • Bands need 1+ MIT grad student(s)

• Performance offer for top band

• Tell your friends!

• Free Food, Cash Bar (21+)

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Housing and Campus Affairs (HCA)

- MindHandHeart
  - Dinner with the Chancellor and Roz
  - Dogs and Friends trial run at Ashdown, Edgerton, Westgate
Housing and Campus Affairs (HCA)

- Lots of new topics this semester
  - New off campus housing listing website!
  - Cost of Living
  - Site 4 design – new graduate student dorm
  - Seniority Point transfer

- Come join HCA!
  - Interested in…
    - Mental Health topics
    - Improving transportation at MIT
    - Housing quality and affordability
    - Family and childcare

- Next HCA Meeting – next Monday 2/8! (Free food!)
Voter registration

- Hosted 4 voter registration events during IAP.
- Registered 37 voters so far.
- Counselling many more!
- 2 registration events more to come before deadline.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

Not sure if you are registered?
Have you moved since you last voted?
Have other questions?

Come on the following dates from noon - 1pm

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Hosted by the Legislative Action Subcommittee of MIT Graduate Student Council.
MUDDY CHARLES PUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Subcommittees

• Finance
• Renovations
• Governing Documents
• (Muddy) Activities

Institute

Daniel Franke
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MCP Update

• Passed Governing Documents (finally!)
  • Will soon be posted on the GSC website

• Platform for Posting Board Meeting Minutes only
  • Soon to come

Muddy Charles Board of Governors
Rules and Operating Procedures

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose
ARTICLE II: Status under the GSC Constitution and Bylaws
ARTICLE III: Board Membership
ARTICLE IV: Officers
ARTICLE V: Discipline and Removal from the Board
ARTICLE VI: Board Meeting Procedures
ARTICLE VII: Subcommittees
ARTICLE VIII: Amendments
ARTICLE IX: Ratification

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Muddy Charles Board – November Board Meeting
12/08/2015 – 6-8 PM
MCP Update

Muddy Mondays
- Part of cultural group? Join our program!
- Promote your own culture! Few spots left!

Renovations
- Last items: two new cabinets
- Collaboration with MIT Hobby Shop

Contact us @ web.mit.edu/muddy/contact_us.html
Follow us on Facebook (Muddy Charles Pub) and Twitter (@muddycharlespub)
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees
• Graduate Women at MIT

Institute

Emily Lin and Mohammad Ghassemi
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INSTITUTE AWARDS

- Taught by Fantastic Faculty?
- Been mentored by an Excellent Mentor?
- Know a Graduate Student/Student Group who contributes significantly to Student Life?
- Inspired by someone’s innovative approach to education?

Please go to
http://gsc.mit.edu/about-gsc/academics-research-careers/institute-awards/##gta

Nomination Closes: 14 March 2016. Spread the word!
MIT Connect: https://ghamut.org

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
WE PAIR YOU WITH OTHERS THAT COMPLIMENT YOUR SCHEDULE AND INTERESTS

SIGN UP AND START
Once you have signed up, your matches will be sent straight to your inbox. No log in required to get your matches!

FRIENDSHIP FOCUSED
Connect is for making friends, not finding a mate.

ONE-ON-ONE
Connect is about meaningful interactions, so we pair you up one-on-one.

LUNCH IS ON US
Each week, you will be entered into a drawing for a free lunch with your match!
Research Talks for the Public

• In Partnership with Communicating Science @ MIT

• Students practice TED style versions of their pitches for the general public, employers, etc.

• Final presentations at the MIT Museum to the general public

• Interested
  - http://bit.ly/1o5Ag5H
  - drolnick@mit.edu
  - ghassemi@mit.edu
Professional Development Activities Past and Present

Dissertation Boot Camp Held in IAP

Presenting With Flair:

More details will be announced soon on the Anno!
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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Subcommittees

Institute

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## 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

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Michael McClellan

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President

- GSC Service Working Group (gsc.mit.edu/serve)
  - All-day Together in Service Event, April 19

- Engagement Task Force (gsc.mit.edu/engage)
  - Low number of applicants

- VP-Student Life search coming to an end
- ODGE search starting up soon
Leadership Transition Timeline

- Officer Elections
  - Excomm Open House! February 18, 2016 5-8 PM @ Asgard
  - Nominations open: March 2, 2016
  - Nominations close: March 30, 2016
  - Meet the Officer Candidates Event – April 4, 2016, 5:00 PM, 50-220
  - Nominations re-open: April 6, 2016, 5:00 PM (immediately before the April GCM)
  - Officer elections: April 6, 2016 (at the April GCM, 5:30 PM, 3-133)
  - Terms begin: May 4, 2016 (at the May GCM, 5:30 PM, 3-133)

- Committee elections occur at April committee meetings
VICE-PRESIDENT

Committees/Boards
- Nominations Board
- Funding Appeals Board
- Officer Liaison
  - ARC

Institute
- Commencement

Kyle Kotowick
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Vice President

- Winter/Spring-I Funding Board Appeals Completed
- Institute Awards nominations open on website
- Working with ODGE/Medical:
  - Collecting data on MIT Mental Health visits/referrals
  - Trying to obtain graduate student representation on Medical Management Board
SECRETARY

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

Institute

Eva Golos
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GSC Excomm
OPEN HOUSE & SOCIAL
{Asgard | Feb 18 | 5-8pm}
350 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

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Join us for dinner, or stop by for snacks and drinks!
TREASURER

Committees/Boards

- Funding Board
- Funding Appeals Board
- Nominations Board

- Officer Liaison
  - Orientation

Institute

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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!
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