GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2016 (62.9)

April 6, 2016
While you’re eating dinner…

- The Engagement and Recruitment Task Force would greatly appreciate your input on the handout you have been given!

- The front is a sample of four “Council cheat sheets” that we plan to print into the back of all voting placards
  - Mark it up with any changes or suggestions you have

- The back is a short survey of three questions
  - For Q1 and Q2, mark as many choices as you wish
  - For Q3, we’re interested in what you are likely to actually do (it could be nothing!)
## Upcoming GSC Meetings (Apr-May)

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Agenda

1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:30-5:34 PM)
2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes (5:34-5:36 PM)
3. Introduction of New Faces (5:36-5:40 PM)
4. 2016-2017 Officer Elections (5:40-6:30 PM)
5. External Affairs Board Chair Election (6:30-6:45 PM)
6. New Business (to be voted on at next GCM; 6:45-6:50 PM)
   • 62.gsc.9.1: Graduate Student Government Conference Bid Fund
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 in Building 50)
NEW FACES?

Don’t be shy! 😊
2016-2017 ELECTIONS

Kyle Kotowick
GSC Vice-President
Leadership Transition Timeline

• Officer Elections
  • Officer elections: now!
  • Terms begin: May 4, 2016 (at the May GCM, 5:30 PM, 3-270)

• Committee elections occur at April committee meetings
  • HCA: April 11, 5:30 PM in 50-220
  • ARC: April 14, 5:00 PM in 50-220
  • Orientation: TBD in 50-220
  • Activities: April 20, 5:30 PM in 50-220
  • Muddy Board: April 12, 6:00 PM in 50-220
  • External Affairs Board: Tonight, immediately after Officer elections
2016-2017 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Kyle Kotowick
GSC Vice-President
Officer Election Procedure

- Positions will be elected in order: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Any unsuccessful candidate for any position may be immediately re-nominated for any subsequent position
- Nominations (must be seconded) will be accepted
- After nominations are exhausted, each candidate will speak to Council (max 5 minutes) and take questions
- Election will follow, with nominees outside the room
  - Vote will be verified by a second member of Council; numbers will not be displayed
2016-2017 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD CHAIR ELECTION

Kyle Kotowick
GSC Vice-President
External Affairs Board Chair Election

• Election procedure will largely follow the same procedure as Officer elections
  • Nominations (must be seconded) will be accepted right now
  • After nominations are exhausted, each candidate will speak to Council (max 5 minutes) and take questions
  • Election will follow, with nominees outside the room
  • Chair will immediately take office, thereby officially forming the External Affairs Board
NEW BUSINESS

One resolution to be introduced
Standard Operating Procedure for Resolution

Introduction and Debate

• Thank you for your feedback after last month’s GCM
• Introduction of a Resolution (first month)
  • Presentation by the author(s), after which it is considered “introduced”
  • Clarifying/informational questions about the resolution
    • Chair must decide and announce debate rules (if any) that apply
    • Debate rules may always be introduced or amended by Council
• Discussion of a Resolution (second month)
  • Brief summary presentation by the author(s), ending with a motion by the author(s) to approve the resolution
  • Chair decides and announces debate rules that apply, debate begins
  • At the end of debate, a vote is automatically initiated unless the motion is tabled, referred to a Committee, or otherwise disposed
    • Council members may always call a motion to a vote (“cloture”) during debate
62.gsc.9.1: Graduate Student Government
Conference Bid Fund

- After the FY16* Budget Rescope, an error in the disbursement from the Fall Career Fair profits was discovered
  - The GSC received an additional $19,384.67 from the 2015 CF

- The GSC is set to host the Annual Ivy+ Summit in Fall 2020 (FY21), and is continuously encouraged to host a conference or summit with NAGPS (our National Association)

- Saving this money in a fund will relieve future Councils from having to take money out of an operating budget

- Money will return to GSC Reserve if not spent by the end of FY21
ACTIVITIES (AC)
WE DO THINGS SO YOU CAN TOO

Subcommittees

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

Institute

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Upcoming events

• Taste of Canada
  • April 12th
  • 5:30pm-7:00pm
  • Poutine, Apple Cider, Cookies!

• Coffee Hour
  • April 11th & 25th, 7-8p in Forbes Café

• AC Elections (!!)
  • April 20th
  • 5:30pm-6:30pm
  • Come become a part of the best committee in the GSC!
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

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Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)

• Cost of Living complete! Waiting on final %
• Health Insurance co-pays stay the same – premiums up 8.1% (covered by RA/TA)
• Preparing to do another therapy dog event nearing spring finals

• Become an **HCA Chair**!
  • Interested in…
    • Mental Health topics
    • Improving transportation at MIT
    • Housing quality and affordability
    • Family and childcare
  • Next HCA Meeting is the **election**! – next Monday 4/11! (Free food!)
# MUDDY CHARLES PUB

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

### Institute
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Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MCP Update

Muddy Mondays
- Part of cultural group? Join our program!
- Very few spots left!
- web.mit.edu/muddy/contact_us.html

Live Twitter Feed
- @muddycharlespub / Facebook
- Weekly updates on beers / activities

Join the Board (4 open spots)
- Learn how to run a pub:
  - Finance, Strategic Planning, Events, Regulations, Beer
- Make friends!
- Contact gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS (ARC)

Subcommittees
- Graduate Women at MIT

Institute

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ARC: Brief Update

• **MIT Connect** is relaunched: [https://ghamut.org](https://ghamut.org)
  ~200 Grad students
  Kendall Connect is in progress

• **Institute Awards** have been decided
  Thank you for your nominations

• **Pitch To the Public** has launched!
  ~80 People

• **On-line Form For ARC '17**
  [http://goo.gl/forms/uLpSC1mib8](http://goo.gl/forms/uLpSC1mib8)
Be Gutsy
Empowerment Conference

April 11-15, 2016

Free events (and food) all week!

Empowerment Conference
April 11 – 15, 2016

BE GUTSY

MONDAY
The Gutsy Girl
Opening Keynote by
Caroline Paul
32-155
5:30-6pm: Dinner
6-7pm: Talk + Q&A
7pm: Dessert reception
and book signing with
Caroline Paul

TUESDAY
Belly Dancing Class
(Ladies Only)
W20-491
4:30-6pm

Comedy Night
(21+ Only)
Thirsty Ear Pub (NW35)
Show starts @ 8:30pm
(doors open @ 8pm)

WEDNESDAY
Mindfulness:
Well and Good
Workshop
W20-306
10am-12pm
followed by a
mindful eating lunch

Life as a Scientific
Editor: Gender Equity
In Publishing
W20-307
3:15-4:30pm: Seminar
with refreshments

Yoga and Self-Care:
Workshop and Dinner
Discussion
W20-491
4:30-6:30pm
(bring your own mat)

THURSDAY
Being a Gutsy
Communicator Panel
Panelists:
Rachael Bonoan
Christine Exley
Jessica Kahlenberg
Nina MacLaughlin
W20-307
10:30am-12pm: Panel
12pm: Lunch reception
and book signing with
Nina MacLaughlin

FRIDAY
Women Who Do
EXTREME Science Panel
Panelists:
Mariana Matus
Nergis Mavalvala
Susan Solomon
Laura Stevens
W20-306
2:30-3pm: Reception
3-4:30pm: Panel

Free events
(and food)
all week!

RSVP online at

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
# ORIENTATION (OC)

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Orientation Changes for Next Year

- Presidential Welcome + Grad 101 = Graduate Welcome

- New OC fellow job description:
  website updates, graphics, documentation
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (ASA)

Subcommittees

Institute

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TASK FORCE: ENGAGEMENT AND RECRUITMENT

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Motivation

• Cultivate engagement among GSC members
  ➢ Increase participation (e.g. on committees and in leadership positions)

• Broaden recruitment efforts (whole grad student body)
  ➢ Increase membership (e.g. fill open rep spots)
  ➢ Increase representation (e.g. international students, minorities)
Update

• Information-gathering:
  • Rep survey (March GCM)
  • Placard-back survey (April GCM)
  • Reaching out to student groups (ongoing)

• Areas for improvement:
  • Structure of GCMs
  • Participation on Committees and in leadership positions
  • Recruitment for empty rep seats
  • Representation of international students and minorities
Your feedback

We will be reporting back to you in May with recommendations on how to improve engagement and recruitment.

Your feedback will be used:
1. March GCM: Survey
2. April GCM: Survey and feedback form
3. Contact us or come to our next meeting!

Email us: gsc-engage@mit.edu
Next meeting: Friday April 15th at 12:30pm in 50-220
PRESIDENT

Committees/Boards

- Nominations Board
- Funding Board
- Presidential Task Forces
  - Engagement & Recruitment
- Officer Liaison
  - HCA
  - Muddy Charles Board
  - External Affairs 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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President Updates

• Search for a new Dean for Graduate Education
  • Provide feedback at gsc.mit.edu/odge-search/

• MIT Federal Credit Union Board needs student members!
  • Email spolica@mit.edu by April 15 for more information
A new hackathon-style event focused on **real civic challenges** currently facing Cambridge

- **Register at** [gsc.mit.edu/serve](http://gsc.mit.edu/serve) **ASAP** to give us accurate attendance estimates
- **REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS** (undergrads and grad students welcome!)
- April 19 (**a student holiday**), 10 AM-4 PM, in the brand new E52 Samberg Conference Center
- **Free food 3 times:** breakfast before, lunch during the event, and an evening reception
- Guidance from relevant City staff and community members (including **high school** student participants)
- **Prizes including grants** for opportunities to work with City staff to bring ideas to prototype/testing stages
- **Civic challenges:** Mass Ave street redesign, public exercise equipment, tree-friendly sidewalks, and more!
VICE-PRESIDENT

Committees/Boards

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

Institute

- Commencement

Kyle Kotowick

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Vice President Updates

- Leave policy changes announced by Chancellor only apply to undergraduates
  - Review of policies for graduate students is currently underway
- New committee to be formed for looking at psychiatric hospitalizations and withdrawals
  - Will include graduate and undergraduate students
  - We will ask that this committee examine the referrals process as well
- Examination of elections bylaws (to be discussed during open floor)
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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OPEN FLOOR
62.gsc.9.2: Amendment to the Election Procedure in the GSC Bylaws

• Article V.2 of the Constitution states that “the officers shall be nominated and elected by the Council at its April meeting”;

• Article IV.B of the Bylaws states that “nominations for officer positions ... will remain open until one week before the elections” and that nominations will only re-open at the April meeting if no one was nominated by this time

• These two Articles appear to conflict, and the Constitution shall have priority

• Resolution: the Bylaws shall be amended to address the conflict
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!