New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve September Minutes

• Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
Graduate Housing Working Group

Abigail Regitsky
Interim Report Due Oct. 13

- **Cost accounting** of current housing options and potential future options, including housing dynamics of the Cambridge market

- Rigorous **conjoint analysis** to understand which combinations of features and pricing will be valued by different population segments

- **Match results of the conjoint with estimated cost to build, and policy recommendations** to inform strategy and recommended number of new units

- Senior administration will share response to report on Oct. 16
Cost Accounting & Comparisons

• What does it cost to provide certain attributes/amenities in graduate housing?

• What does the future of the Cambridge housing market look like and how will that affect students?

• What do peer institutions provide for graduate housing/financial assistance?
New Housing Survey – Conjoint Analysis

• Respond by this Friday, Oct. 6
• $100 and $50 raffle prizes!
• http://bit.ly/gradhousing17

• Online survey for all graduate students to understand demand for different types of housing and willingness-to-pay for these options
• Survey design informed by GSC Housing Survey and focus groups, along with other past surveys and questionnaires
DEPARTMENT BEST PRACTICES

Lisa Guay
Krithika Ramchander
Sharing Department Best Practices

• Break up into groups of 3 or 4 to talk about things that your department does/does not do well
• Identify best practices that you could borrow from other departments
• Some topics could include the following:
  • **Academic support & advising**
    • Support for students with off-campus advisors
    • Resources to help students prepare for qualifying exams
    • Support for first-year and graduating students
    • Access to and effectiveness of REFS programs
    • Professional development resources
    • Mechanisms to track degree progress
  • **Departmental climate**
    • Responsiveness of student office/department head/graduate officer to student concerns
    • Accessibility of professors
    • Student-organized events
    • Social events and department community
• Please fill out this form with your feedback:
  • https://goo.gl/forms/6WcAYxPrVFkDrs8u2
Sharing Department Best Practices

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  • Goo.gl/wM57mo
Legislative Process
Introduction of Legislation

- Legislation introduced by author(s) 5 min
- Q&A discussion 5 min total 1 min speaking limit
- MOTION to suspend 2-session cycle and vote this session
- VOTE on motion to vote now
- VOTE Next GCM
- VOTE This session
- PASSES by simple majority
Voting on Legislation

Decided to vote this session

DISCUSSION with intent to vote 5 min, 1 min/speaker

MOTION to extend discussion (specify amount of time)

MOTION to end discussion and vote before time runs out

MOTION to table legislation Vote next GCM

MOTION to amend legislation (specify exact text)

VOTE

Motions must be specific, seconded, and require simple majority to pass
Voting outcomes

Chair decides the method and means of voting (Bylaws V.C.5)

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Resolution to Support Renaming “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” at MIT

• Whereas over 40 cities in the U.S., including Cambridge, MA, have voted to rename “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day”;

• Whereas we as a community support honoring history and recognize the devastation and suffering that Indigenous communities in the US have experienced;

• Resolved, that the Graduate Student Council supports renaming “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in MIT media and publications.
Officer Updates
MIT Fall Career Fair 2017

• 400+ companies, 60+ info sessions
• THANK YOU to our volunteers who made last week possible!
  • Package sorting
  • Welcome packets
  • Info session set-up
  • Day-of event support
  • Interview day support
MIT Fall Career Fair

• Directors estimate profit will be similar to last year

• Take the Career Fair survey! (Even if you didn’t attend.)

• New Career Fair Working Group
  • Task will be to reimagine Career Fair at MIT
  • Starting later this fall, will be chaired by Ian Waitz
  • CF Directors, GSC, UA, Senior Class, SWE
  • Ideas? Comments? Email gsc-officers@mit.edu
Council Rep Funding

- Available to all Council members except those who are members by virtue of their GSC position
  - i.e. Everyone but committee/board and some subcommittee chairs
- $150/rep/term or $250/rep/term with GSC or Institute committee involvement
- Double your $150 if you collaborate with a rep outside your department
- Events/items must be accessible to entire constituency
Council Rep Funding

• I have only processed 5 funding requests since May 😞
• Why aren’t you using your funding?!
  • I didn’t know/forgot this program existed
  • I don’t know how to apply for funding
  • I don’t think my idea will qualify for funding
  • It’s too much work to plan something
  • My department doesn’t need any money
  • I don’t know what to plan
  • Other?
Council Rep Funding

- Extended fall semester deadline until Oct 31st!
  - Events must be held by Oct 31st
- Funding will reset Nov 1st and unused funding will be lost

- Program info: [http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding](http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding)
- Application: [http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/](http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/)
- Questions? Email [gsc-vp@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-vp@mit.edu)
Institute Committee Openings

• Student & Affiliate Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SAHIAC)
  • Need one grad student
  • Charge:
    • Reviews benefit change requests, recommendations for premium rates, coverage for student activities
    • Reports to Provost and Executive Vice President & Treasurer
  • Time Commitment:
    • 2 meetings in fall, 3-4 meetings in spring (during rate setting)
Committee Updates
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Karthik Akkiraju and Yijin Wei
Co-Chairs
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Event Updates: Taste of Series

9/19

10/17

GREAT SUCCESS

gsc-ac@mit.edu
Coffee Hour is Back.

Monday: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9
7PM, Stata Center
MIT Sustainability
Art Night-1

• Night at the Museum: Formal hangout in the week of Nov 14.
• FREE sign-up

Ski Trip Update

• Advertisement out later this month
• $300+50 per ticket
• Free laser tag ticket for the first 200 signups.
Grad Gala Update
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Pat O’Shea and Richard Zhang
Co-Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Kelsey Becker
ASA President
asa-exec@mit.edu
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Peter Su
External Affairs Board
gsc-eab@mit.edu
Legislative Action Days – Fall 2017

• This past weekend

• Topics:
  • Research Funding
  • Immigration/International Student Issues
  • Graduate Student Finances

• Attending members:
  • GSC President Sarah Goodman
  • Federal Affairs Chair Katie Shulenberger
  • University Liaison Greg Dreifus
City Council Election

• Voter Liaison Mixer/Training right after this meeting outside this room
  • Feel free to come by! Technically starts at 7:15pm
  • Learn about how you can help get students registered and voting in the local elections this year!

• MIT and Local Politics with Nadeem Mazen and Leland Cheung on October 12!
  • Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30pm in 32-144
  • Introduction to Cambridge city government and politics
  • Both MIT alums and current Cambridge City Councilors
  • Potential Cambridge Election Candidate mixer afterwards
City Council Election (cont)

• Voter Registration tables in Lobby 10
  • Next week, Wed-Fri (10/11 – 10/13)
  • Email vote2017@mit.edu if you’d like to help out!
  • Or come to the liaison mixing/training meeting outside this room at 7:15 or later
  • Or talk to me

• In general, gearing up for the final voter registration push before the October 18th registration deadline
Statehouse Visit – Fall 2017

• Tuesday, October 24th

• Current topics:
  • Sexual Violence on campuses
  • Voter Registration (automatic and same day)
  • Carbon Tax
  • Road Safety (biking, walking, driving)
Public Outreach

- **Hometown Heroes – Local Media + MIT researchers**
  - Will work on compiling curated list of stories so that more people can try to connect MIT researchers with their local media
    - So more manpower = more opportunities to learn what works

- **Open Access MIT Research Slides**
  - Hosting event in November to excite people before Thanksgiving break, stay tuned!

- **Faces and Stories of Incoming Grad Students video**
  - Editing now!
University Liaison

• Ivy+ Summit: Oct 27-29 at Harvard
  • Discussions about what’s working in graduate student governments at the Ivy League schools + MIT and ideas for improvement
  • MIT Representatives include GWAMIT, Orientation

• NAGPS National Conference: Nov 2-5 at Syracuse
  • Discussions about what’s working in graduate student governments at schools across the country and ideas for improvement
  • NAGPS business
Other Activities

• Sustainability policy survey of grad student opinions
  • tinyurl.com/GSC-SuCCES (note the lack of a second ‘s’ in succes)
  • Due by tonight at midnight!
Upcoming Events

• MIT and Local Politics Panel
- Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30pm in 32-144
- Learn more about Cambridge city government & politics
- Hear an insider perspective from current City Councilors Nadeem Mazen & Leland Cheung (both MIT alums)
- Potential mixer with current Cambridge City Council candidates afterwards outside the room
Next EAB Meeting:

Thursday, October 19th at 5pm
GSC Office (50-220)

gsc-eab@mit.edu
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Malvika Verma and Nicholas Triantafillou
Co-Chairs
gsc-hca@mit.edu
Graduate Housing Working Group

• See earlier slides.

• Reminder: Take the survey! Make it a party!
70 Amherst

- So far, so good
  - If you’ve heard anything different, let us know

- No official word on long term plan

- Mural committee ongoing
  - Ultimate decision to residents
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

Inagural DIS Event – Muddy Town Hall
(Some) Subcommittee Updates

- **Cost of Living**
  - Triennial survey launches in ~3 weeks.

- **Diversity and Inclusion**
  - Getting people talking to each other – new institute committee
  - Storytelling series in the works

- **Family Subcommittee**
  - 3 month maternity leave [GW@MIT activity from past years]

- **iREFS**
  - Learn conflict management!
  - Destress at office hours – every Thursday 1-2 PM in 4-146

- **GRTs, Off-campus, Sustainability, Transportation**
  - Also hard at work!
MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Alex Genshaft
gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Help shape the Muddy community!

Please fill out our Muddy survey!  [muddy.mit.edu/survey](muddy.mit.edu/survey)

Successful Muddy Orientation event!
Successful DIS Muddy Mondays event!

Join the board or a subcommittee and help run a small company!
Our next:
   Board meeting meeting 6:30 @ 10/16! (GSC Office)
   Long term planning meeting 6:30 @ 10/10! (Muddy)

Please email: [gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu)
Host a cultural event at the Muddy!

Host your next cultural group event with Muddy Mondays!

With 5:1 matched Food funds up to $400

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@muddycharlespub

Building 50
142 Memorial Drive
Enjoy wings & vegetarian options weekly!

Muddy Charles Pub
Join us for Weekly Wednesdays
Wings & Vegetarian Dumplings Served at 8 & 9pm
Limit 4 per person per serving

21+ always only @muddycharlespub

Building 50
142 Memorial Drive
After the GCM

Come hang out at the Muddy!!
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

German Parada and Akshata Krishnamurthy
Co-Chairs
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Housing Survey
Take the Graduate Housing Needs Survey!

• Help us shape the future of MIT Graduate Student Housing!

• http://bit.ly/gradhousing17
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