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## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

### General Council Meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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### Resolution on endorsing the White-House Initiative *It's On Us* by participating on the project lead by the MIT Title IX Working Group.

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*Whereas* on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the White House launched a campaign called *It's On Us* to push American citizens to sign a pledge against sexual assault, with the goal to increase awareness on the sexual assault issue; and

*Whereas* the *It's On Us* campaign kick-off will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and the GSC was brought up to speed on the campaign on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and

*Whereas* the MIT Chancellor has recently released the results of a survey on sexual misconduct, completed by 35% of the students at MIT, revealing a significant number of sexual misconduct episodes on campus; and

*Whereas* the mission of the MIT Graduate Student Council (GSC) is to enhance the overall graduate experience at MIT including the health of the graduate student body; and

*Whereas* the effort to bring the *It's On Us* campaign was started on campus by the student-led MIT Title IX Working Group on which the GSC had a representative and involvement; and

*Whereas* the MIT Title IX Working Group will create: (1) an MIT website of the *It's On Us* campaign displaying the logos of the student leadership groups openly supporting the campaign and (2) create a video on which representatives from the student leadership groups (including the GSC President, the GSC Vice President, and GSC representative(s)) will read a script written by the Working Group and reviewed by the Title IX Investigator and MIT News; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Graduate Student Council in meeting duly assembled*, to issue the following statement:

The Graduate Student Council condemns sexual assault and supports the efforts of the MIT Title IX Working Group and allows the MIT Title IX Working Group to use the GSC logo on the MIT *It's On Us* campaign media. The Graduate Student Council allows the GSC President, the GSC Vice President, and GSC



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representative(s) to be labeled on the professional video created by the MIT Title IX Working Group.

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