General Council Meeting
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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 19th, 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 12th, 2014, and the GSC was brought up to speed on the campaign on October 10th, 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
representative(s) to be labeled on the professional video created by the MIT Title IX Working Group.