GSC GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2017

MIT Graduate Student Council
Welcome!

- Introduction of new faces
- Quorum check
- Approval of March GCM Minutes
OFFICER ELECTIONS

Angie Crews, GSC VP
Officer Election Procedures

• Current nominations seconded/new nominations
• All candidates will give a speech (5 min)
• The Council will have the chance to ask questions of the candidates (10 min.)
  • The first question will be answered first by the first candidate; the second question will be answered first by the second candidate
  • Each candidate will have one minute to give their response
• Candidates will be asked to leave the room
  • Closed door discussion (5 min)
  • Vote
Officer Election Procedures

• Voters will be asked to list the candidates in order of preference
  • If only two candidates, then the Council will vote for their top choice
• After election, there will be a transition period (one month)
• The May GCM will be joint meeting, after which the new Officers shall begin their term of office
• All committees must set the date for election of new chairpersons by one week prior to the May GCM
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR ELECTION

Angie Crews, GSC VP
EAB Chair Procedures

• Similar process to Officer Elections
• 3 min for speech, 5 min for questions, 2 minutes for discussion closed door
• Vote
OLD BUSINESS
We follow rules!

- Discussion occurs for the time allotted on the agenda
  - TODAY: 2 min (summary of resolution) + N min discussion (with 1 min speaking time limit)
  - Motion to amend (be specific!)
  - Motion to extend discussion time
  - Motion to vote before discussion time is over
  - Procedural votes require more Yes votes than No votes
    - Motion, Second, No objections means it happens

- Voting
  - Chair calls vote at the end of the discussion time (assuming Council does not decide to extend discussion time)
    - No Council “vote to vote” required
  - Council may decide to vote before the discussion time is over
    - Council vote required following motion to vote
  - Chair (President) decides if Council will vote with placards or clickers
Old Business

- **63.gsc.15 Resolution to Update the Legislative Platform**
  - Allotted time: 15 min
  - Normal Resolution: 50% of YES+NO votes do need to meet quorum

- **63.gsc.16 Resolution to Amend the Bylaws (10 min)**
  - Allotted time: 10 min
  - Bylaws Amendment: Requires 2/3 approval; abstentions do count towards quorum.
MEETING ADJOURNED
The following slides were not covered during the meeting, but are included for reference.
COMMITTEE UPDATES

Executive Committee (ExComm)
ACADEMICS,
RESEARCH, AND
CAREERS

Andrew Fiore and Erik Tillman
Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
ARC April and beyond... 2017

Recruiting chairs and members!

Profs on tap starting soon (first scheduled: Alex Shalek, Chemistry, 4/25)

Planning space for April “De-stress your Dissertation” with MIT Libraries

Careers in Entrepreneurship Panel: 4/26, 4-5:30 in 10-250

Growing up in Science Series at MIT
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Saurabh Gandhi and Sami Khan
Chairs
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Acoustic BBQ

Friday, May 19th
AC chair election meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 6-7 pm
GSC office (Walker memorial)

Email us at: gsc-ac@mit.edu
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD REPORT
APRIL 2017

Daniel Curtis
External Affairs Chair
Successful DC trips!!

• Over 40 total meetings across two trips in March.

• The International Women’s Day team met MIT alum and Kentucky Representative Thomas Massie!

• The Legislative Action Days team survived the Snow Day (and still held 7 meetings!)

Left to right:
Orientation Chair Sarah Goodman
President Arolyn Conwill
Rep. Thomas Massie (R, KY-4; MIT S.B. '93, M.Eng. '96)
Vice President Angie Crews
External Affairs Events Chair Kathleen White
Upcoming Travel and Events

• AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering
  • Wrapping up *right now!*
  • Special thanks to ODGE and the Science Policy Initiative!

• NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference
  • April 8\textsuperscript{th} – 9\textsuperscript{th} at Columbia University (NYC)

• Statehouse Visit Day
  • Wednesday, April 12\textsuperscript{th}

• Future of Manufacturing Panel
  • Joint project with the Science Policy Initiative
  • Planned for Wednesday, May 3\textsuperscript{rd} at 4:30pm in 34-101
  • Watch for a full announcement soon!
Elections!

- Election for Federal Affairs Chair (2)
  **Tomorrow**, Thursday, April 6\(^{th}\) at 6:00pm
- Election for University Liaison
  Tuesday, April 11\(^{th}\) at 5:00pm

- External Affairs Board At-Large Members
  - May ExComm Meeting
- External Affairs Vice-Chair
  - June External Affairs Board Meeting

- Election for Public Outreach Chair (2)
- Election for State and Local Affairs Chair (2)
- Election for Events Chair (2)
Housing and Community Affairs

Sarah Shapiro, Ryan Gillis
HCA Co-Chairs
HCA Elections – April 10th

We are seeking candidates interested in leading the Housing and Community Affairs Committee of the GSC

Reasons to do it

1. You care about any of the following: Stipends, Graduate Student Housing, Health Care, Transportation, Families, Free Food
2. You need no special experience or skills, you only have to care about the issues
Other HCA Matters

Costco shuttle dates
• Upcoming days April 16, April 30, May 14

MassCPR - April 13th in W20
• Register up at https://ems.mit.edu/events/masscpr/

Come to the next HCA meeting on April 10th at 5:30 p.m.
• Interested in…
  • Best food in the GSC
  • Mental Health topics
  • Improving transportation at MIT
  • Housing quality and affordability
  • Family and childcare
THE MUDDY

Zsigimond Varga
April 5, 2017
Come and explore the Muddy

Professors on tap: Starts April 25th with Prof Alex Shalek

Host a cultural event with us muddy-activities@mit.edu

Get ready for our Muddy survey! muddy-longterm@mit.edu

Join and Run a small company! Come to our next meeting 2/21!
Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
After the GCM

Come hang out at the Muddy!!
We’re recruiting!!

*Be the face of MIT for hundreds of incoming grad students*

- Elections: **Wed. 4/19 at 6 pm, GSC office 50-220**
- Email us if you are interested
  - We’d be happy to treat you to coffee/lunch to discuss the position
  - gsc-oc@mit.edu
Career Fair

• Partner Organizations in Career Fair:
  • GSC
  • SWE
  • Senior Class

• Career Fair Directors:
  • Employer Relations: Drew Weibel (G, AeroAstro)
  • Treasurer: Chloe Schoen (M.Finance, Sloan)
Ongoing projects

- **Student life funding**
  - Discussion originated from the Student Life Fee issue during the fall semester

- **Professional development working group**
  - Working with stakeholders around campus to identify long-term goals and implement changes that will help achieve them

- **Support for graduate families**
  - With GWAMIT and HCA

Hopefully some updates coming soon!
OPEN FLOOR
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