

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2016

MIT Graduate Student Council

Welcome!

- Introduction of new faces
- Quorum check
- Approval of July GCM Minutes

GSC COMMITTEE UPDATES

ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Erik Tillman and Sunandini Chopra
Chairs

gsc-arc@mit.edu

Upcoming ARC events

- Professional development grant program is live (deadline extended through 8/8)
- “Nuts and Bolts of Academic Search” Panel is 3pm, Wed 8/10 in 32-123 (one week from today)
 - trying to get different disciplines and different stages of career—still seeking panelists!
- “Alternative Careers for PhDs and Postdocs” Panel is 5:30pm, Monday 9/19 in 32-123

Ongoing ARC projects

- Working with ODGE to recirculate best practices in graduate advising to both incoming and returning grad students (digital and paper)
- Organizing leadership workshops for graduate students in collaboration with MIT-Gordon Leadership Program
- Ensure programming interests students in all MIT schools and departments

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Next ARC meeting: Wed, 8/10 @ 6pm in 50-220

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Saurabh Gandhi and Ina Kundu
AC Chairs

Summer 2016



Harbor Islands
July 9th



Upcoming: Six Flags NE
Sat. August 20th

Next AC Meeting: Monday, August
24 @ 6 p.m.

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Sarah Shapiro, Ryan and Marcy Gillis
HCA Co-Chairs

Housing and Campus Affairs (HCA)

- Proud to introduce Sarah Shapiro as our new HCA Co-Chair!
- Costco Shuttles – Arranging to have them start in September
- Paid Parental Leave – On hold again from administration as they update their employee parental leave policy

Come to the next HCA meeting on August 9th at 5:30 p.m.

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 - Mental Health topics
 - Improving transportation at MIT
 - Housing quality and affordability
 - Family and childcare

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Kathleen White

Chair of the Subcommittee on External Affairs Events

July Activities

- Distribution of statements to legislators in support of the Massachusetts Equal Pay bill (which passed!).
- Travel preparation
 - Daniel and Peter are on the flight back from the NAGPS Leadership Summit right now!
- Updates to the Legislative Platform
 - Expanded language on quality of life around campus
 - Possible additions on government transparency and privacy rights
- Steady pace of legislative research and updates

Upcoming Activities

- Voter Registration and Recruitment at **Orientation**
- Legislative Action Days **September 10 – 13**
 - Washington, D.C.
- Ivy+ Conference **September 30 – October 2**
 - Brown University, Providence, RI
- NAGPS National Conference **November 3 – 6**
 - Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

GSC External Affairs Primary Contact
gsc-eab@mit.edu

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MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Productive Summer for the Board

- Introducing Muddy Orientation week (9/12-16)
Muddy Monday, Weekly Wednesday and and and...
 - New Board of Advisors
 - How do we make a Muddy Endowment?
 - Join and Run a small company!
- Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu



ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Jimmy Kaczmarek and Sarah Goodman

August 3, 2016

Orientation Committee Update

- Orientation: August 29 – Sept. 14
 - Official schedule released
- OC Meeting Recap (7/20):
 - Discussed logistics for reserving space, ordering food, etc.
- Orientation Media and Giveaways
 - Website will be live soon
 - Gift (reusable bag) has been ordered
 - T shirts underway; men's and women's sizes this year
- Volunteer Day Rescheduling
- Next OC Meeting: August 9, 7 – 8 PM (Location TBA)
- Getting into final stages of event planning!



We (Still) Need Your Help!

- We need volunteers to talk up GSC during departmental orientation sessions
 - Talk about what GSC does/opportunities to be involved
 - Emphasis on GSC Open House: Sept. 7th, 6-8 PM, Morss Hall
- Be on the look out for opportunities to volunteer during events
 - Currently need significant help for ISO events, contact atolaoy@mit.edu or riechman@mit.edu.

Email gsc-oc@mit.edu for
volunteer opportunities!

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!



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Breakout sessions for rep feedback

Why are we doing this?

- Get broader feedback from Council reps on relevant topics
- Try a new GCM format that we hope will be more engaging

How does this work??

- Discussion: 15 min
- Recap: 10 min

#1: Graduate student spaces on campus

- Creating more graduate student spaces is one of our priorities with the new VP for Student Life.
- We want your input on what graduate student spaces should look like.

Discussion leaders: Ryan, Sarah S, Orpheus

#2: Five schools collaboration

- Building connections between the five schools at MIT has been a theme around campus for the past couple years (i.e. OneMIT initiative).
- What does this mean for graduate students? What can the GSC do to promote fruitful collaboration between the five schools?

Discussion leaders: Sarah G, Erik

#3: Outreach to constituents during Orientation

- Orientation is an opportunity to connect incoming students with the GSC
- What would be the best way to reach out to your constituents ?

Discussion leaders: Jimmy, Arolyn, Zsigi

OFFICER UPDATES

Vice President Updates

GSC Vice President, Angie Crews

Nominations Board Update

- Nominations Board is mostly complete!
 - Emails out to committee chairs with recommended graduate students
 - Students should be hearing from committees in the next week or two
 - CJAC rankings will be sent out by end of the week to committee
- Next up: Orientation for Committee Representatives in September

Treasurer Updates

GSC Treasurer, Lisa Guay

Funding Update

- The GSC has awarded \$92,218.85 to students this year
 - Funding Board: \$51,442.00
 - Student Group Initial Funding: \$750.00
 - Diversity Fund: \$1,100.00
 - Family Programming Fund: \$2,150.00
 - Sustainability Fund: \$1,750.00
 - Public Service Fund: \$2,213.20
 - Athletics & Performance Grants: \$1,438.65
 - Travel Grants: \$18,475.00
 - Orientation Dorm Events Fund: \$12,900.00

Apply for the Funding Board Task Force!

- Purpose: Improve the way GSC distributes nearly \$350,000 to students each year
- [Application](#) now up, deadline August 8th
- Timeline: mid-August until October GCM
- Please apply and forward to your constituents
- Contact gsc-fbtf@mit.edu with questions and comments

JOIN US AT THE MUDDY!

Follow Zsigi and Jimmy



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Breakout session #1: Graduate student spaces on campus

Breakout session #2:

Five Schools collaboration

Breakout session #3:

Outreach to constituents during Orientation