WELCOME!
1. Check in at the front
2. Provide input for the 2018 Commencement Speaker!
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Welcome!

• Introduction of new faces
• Parliamentarian
• Quorum check
• Approval of December GCM Minutes
The Grad Alumni (GSE) Challenge

- Grad alumni (GSEs) now 52% of the living alumni population
- GSEs rank their MIT experience higher than UGs but have a lower overall engagement with MIT
The GSE Paradox, Part 1

In the 2013 AA Alumni Survey...

**Broad Feelings - by Degree**

- **Very satisfied academics**
  - Undergraduate: 66%
  - Graduate: 77%
- **Very satisfied overall**
  - Undergraduate: 58%
  - Graduate: 63%
- **Very positive feelings**
  - Undergraduate: 65%
  - Graduate: 70%
- **Net Promoter Score**
  - Undergraduate: 50%
  - Graduate: 61%
GSEs have lower engagement with MIT across all three primary metrics.
Initial Hypotheses

- Grad students not as connected to MIT as a whole; Department focus
- Fewer opportunities for building community
- Residential experience not uniform
- Many are here only 1 or 2 years
- More international population
- No expectation of future engagement
Questions and Discussion

- What can the MIT Alumni Association do to help build community with current grad students?
- Are existing alumni mentoring programs for current graduate students useful? Is mentoring desirable?
- Who else should we be consulting?
Thank you!
COMMITTEE UPDATES
Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)

Andrew Fiore and Erik Tillman
gsc-arc@mit.edu
What’s coming up?

- Professors on Tap Initiative (with the Muddy)

- “Destress your dissertation” (formerly dissertation bootcamp): M-F Jan 9-13th, 9-5 in Barker (snacks, coffee, writing tips, mental health resources…)

- GECD Open House – February 10, 1:00-4:00p.m.

Next ARC meeting:
Wed, 2/15 @ 6:30pm in 50-220

gsc-arc@mit.edu
Activities Committee (AC)

Sami Khan and Saurabh Gandhi

gsc-ac@mit.edu
Grad Gala at the Aquarium!!!

Save the date:
April 15, 2017
8pm – 12am

Tickets on sale:
February 27, 2017
- 370+ attendees
- Many first-timers took lessons
- Cost-neutral to GSC
Taste of France and Belgium!

Tuesday, Feb 21st
@ 6 pm
Battle of the Bands!

**Battle of the Bands**

*Calling All Musicians*

gsc.mit.edu/bands

Apply online by Feb 19

**Morss Hall**

Walker Memorial

**March 10th**

5PM - 10PM

Perform for the MIT community

Compete and win prizes

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Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Next AC Meeting: Thursday, February 16\textsuperscript{th} from 5-6 pm

gsc-ac@mit.edu
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (ASA)
External Affairs Board Report

Daniel Curtis, EAB Chair
gsc-eab@mit.edu
Recent Statements and Events

• Statement thanking Congress for passing H.R.5578, the Survivor's Bill of Rights Act, in fall 2016

• Statement in support of science-informed decision making by federal agency leaders

• Statement opposing the Executive Order on visas and refugees issued January 27th
  • Joint with UA and PDA

• Call Congress Phone Banks!
  • January 30th and February 6th
GSC Diplomacy

- Meeting with representatives of Trinity College Dublin Graduate Student Union
  - January 11th
- Meeting planned with representatives of the Graduate Student Society at the National University of Singapore
  - February 20th
Travel Opportunities this Spring

• Visit the Statehouse in Boston to meet state legislators!
  • Week of April 10th
  • Contact State and Local Affairs gsc-eab-state@mit.edu

• Represent MIT at the NAGPS Regional Conference!
  • Generally held in mid April – dates TBA
  • Contact University Liaison gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu!

• International Women’s Day trip to DC
  • March 7 – 8

• NAGPS Legislative Action Days in DC
  • March 11 – 14
Open Board Positions

- **University Liaison:**
  - GSC’s ambassador to other universities and GSAs/GSCs
  - Lead the GSC delegation to NAGPS Regional Conference
  - Contact gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu

- **Events Subcommittee Co-Chair**
  - Draft, plan, and execute events to inform and engage fellow grad students about policy, advocacy, and politics
  - Contact gsc-eab-events@mit.edu
  - Send us any event ideas you have!

- **Public Outreach Co-Chairs**
  - Plan events and activities to communicate the value of science!
February Meetings!

- Public Outreach
  - **TOMORROW**, Thursday, February 9\(^{th}\) at 6:00pm
  - GSC Office 50-220

- External Affairs Board
  - Friday, February 10\(^{th}\) at 5:00pm
  - GSC Office 50-220
GSC External Affairs Primary Contact
gsc-eab@mit.edu
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)

Sarah Shapiro, Ryan Gillis
gsc-hca@mit.edu
Graduate Stipend Recommendation

Interested in cost of living analysis or seeing how MIT stipends compare to other universities?

or maybe just…

Interested in making sure we get a raise?

Either way we’re still seeking volunteers to work on the stipend recommendation

Contact gsc-hca@mit.edu to find out how you can help
Other HCA Matters

Costco shuttle restarted last week
  • Upcoming days 19 February, 5 March

Come to the next HCA meeting on February 13th 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
Muddy Charles Pub

Zsigi Varga

gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Come and explore the Muddy

Professors on tap is happening!

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

What would you like to see in the Muddy? 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!!
Orientation Committee (OC)

Jimmy Kaczmarek and Sarah Goodman

gsc-oc@mit.edu
Spring Orientation recap

• Hosted first Spring Orientation
  • Welcome social
  • Activities/resources fair
    • 60 groups in attendance
We’re done!! (well, almost)

• We need two Orientation co-chairs for next year!
• Email us if you are interested
  • gsc-oc@mit.edu

• Really great way to get to know the MIT administration, and to learn how to plan large-scale events
• If there’s anything you want to change about orientation, this is your chance!!
OFFICER UPDATES
President Updates

Arolyn Conwill, GSC President
gsc-president@mit.edu
Vice Chancellor for Education

- New position in the Office of the Chancellor
- What academic priorities should the Office of the Chancellor pursue over the next five years?
- ODGE transition on hold until Vice Chancellor identified

Share your opinions on academic priorities!
GSC - Graduate Student Forum
Wednesday, February 15, 5:00-6:30 PM, RSVP online

Alternatively: talk to Angie, Lisa, or Erik
GSC 2017-2018

GSC Leadership Transition Timeline:
• March GCM: Officer Nominations
• April GCM: Officer elections, EAB chair election
• April Committee meetings: Chair elections
• May GCM: leadership transition

Email us (gsc-officers@mit.edu) if you’re interested in learning more about Executive Committee positions!
Career Fair 2017

- A team of undergraduate and graduate students organizes the MIT Fall Career Fair and Career Fair Week
- All Career Fair proceeds directly support student life (including GSC!
- Opportunity to shape career exploration at MIT
- Gain leadership experience, work closely with employers, manage significant funds, and work with a dynamic team

Applications for Career Fair Director positions are due on Friday!

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Vice President Updates

Angie Crews, GSC Vice President
gsc-vp@mit.edu
New Council Reps

Come see me after GCM for a quick orientation!
Treasurer Updates

Lisa Guay, GSC Treasurer
gsc-treasurer@mit.edu
FY17 Budget Status

• Short Story: We have ~$17,700 more in revenue/stabilization than our conservative estimation

• Caveats
  • Career Fair
  • GradRat Volume Rebates
  • Rollover
## FY17 Budget Status

**Longer Story:**

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### FY17 Expenses and Totals

| Net Budgeted Expenses             | $604,725.04 | $604,725.04 |
| Extra Funds FY17 over anticipated | $17,719.06  |             |

### Stabilization Fund

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**Key:**
- Estimated FY17 values
- Corrections to previous values
- Missing information
FY17 Rescope!

• Planning to introduce at March GCM
Student Group Funding Update

• Remember the Student Life Fee (SLF) Proposed Increase?
• SLF Working Group
  • Define process by which fee will be changed
• Also, Broader Student Life Funding Group anticipated
  • Define funding allocation structure/process
OLD BUSINESS
We follow rules!

- Discussion occurs for the time allotted on the agenda
  - TODAY: 5 min = 1 min (summary of resolution) + 4 min discussion (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
- No tabling!

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
- Bylaws Amendments
  - Require 2/3 approval
  - YES+NO votes do NOT need to meet quorum for Bylaw amendments
    - Abstentions do count towards quorum.
- Chair (President) decides if Council will vote with placards or clickers
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- Currently
  - Only committees can remove their committee chairs

- With this amendment
  - Council can remove committee chairs
  - Roughly the same process as current one, only this time Council votes
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1. Deals with the possibility of a tie in officer elections
   - If there is a tie, do a revote amongst the leading (tied) candidates.
   - If after 3 votes, still a deadlock, choose by a fair random method.
     - E.g. flip a coin

2. Provides for a process by which to impeach Officers

3. Deals with the possibility of a vacancy in an officer position.
1. Introduces clarifications for reconsidering legislation
   • Needs council majority vote and then gets reintroduced.
2. Revamps the voting threshold
   • From \{ YES > NO \} & \{ YES + NO \geq QUORUM \}
   • To \{ YES > NO \}
3. Proposed amendment to the text:
   • Removes the words “two-month cycle” from the article describing how legislation is introduced/voted on.
     • Literally, that’s all it does, the rest stays the same.