GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

October 2014

10/1/2014

J. Kendall Nowocin
GSC President
Agenda

• Quorum and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
• Approval of August Meeting Minutes (5:32 PM)
• Introduction of New Faces (5:32-5:40 PM)
• GSC Committee Updates (5:40 – 6:00 PM)
• Officer Updates and Board Reports (6:00 – 6:15 PM)
  • Nominations Board
  • Funding Board
• Service Awards (6:15-6:20 PM)
• New Business (6:20 – 6:50 PM)
  • Overview of GSC
  • Update on NAGPS leadership summit
  • Overview of ONE MIT Board
• Old Business
• Open Floor (6:50 – 7:00 PM)
GSC COMMITTEE UPDATE
MUDDY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

10/01/2014
Chair, Stephen Messenger
Update

• We are planning to run a flooring poll next meeting to get a broad sense of what the community is interested in. Please talk to your constituencies to see if they would prefer new carpet, vinyl, or hardwood flooring for the Muddy.

• We are recruiting, so if you are interested or know someone who is interested in joining the Muddy Board, please come talk to me and/or email gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Come have fun!!

• We are recruiting, so please email/talk to me if you are interested in joining!

• The Muddy is here for you! Come have meetings or just hangout!

• Any comments or suggestions can be sent to: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
How to find a good postdoc

- August 21\textsuperscript{st}
- 80-100 people attended, mostly grad students
- Co-organized with GECD
- Great panel discussion with Prof Hazel Sive, Leia Sterling, and Dr Anke Bill from Novartis
ExxonMobil Info Session

• For PhD students interested in upstream research
• Attended by 50-60 students
Dissertation Bootcamp

- For August 8th deadline
- Everyday from 9:30am until 5:00 pm in Hayden Basement
- Breakfast was provided
- Around 5-10 people attended each day
Future events

• Professional Development series
• Panel and/or workshops
• How to negotiate a job offer
Next Meeting

• Wednesday, October 22\textsuperscript{nd} at 6pm in 50-220
• Contact: gsc-arc@mit.edu
Graduate Women at MIT
GWAMIT Fall Leadership Conference

- Tuesday 10/28-Friday 11/1
- Gwamitleadership2014.wordpress.com
- gwamit-leadership@mit.edu to volunteer
GWAMIT Fall Leadership Conference

• 10/28 @ 5:30 – Education Panel
  • Wendy Cebula (President/COO EdX)
  • Kimberly Bryant (Founder of Black Girls Code)
  • Maureen Alphonse Charles (SVP and COO of the Partnership, Inc)

• 10/29 @ 5:30 – Implicit Bias workshop
  • by Project Implicit
  • co-hosted by SWIM and ICEO
GWAMIT Fall Leadership Conference

• 10/30 @ 5:30 PM – Keynote address
  • Susan Malcorra Cabinet Chief, United Nations

• 11/1 @ noon – Status of Women: Past, Present, Future
  • Documentary screening on Status of Women Report
  • Follow up discussion with Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart
Get involved with GWAMIT

• Join our mailing list!
• General Board Meeting 10/21 @ 6pm
• gwamit.org
• gwamit-exec@mit.edu
Join our mailing list

• Stay tuned for end of summer social and other great events!
• Sign up for the digest: gwamit.org
• Ideas/questions: gwamit-exec@mit.edu
LEGISLATIVE ACTION SUB COMMITTEE (LASC)
Legislative Action Subcommittee

- Advocates on behalf of the graduate student body
- Legislative priorities outlined in the **GSC Legislative Platform** (60.gsc.6.2, Dec 2013)
- Will re-introduce platform for approval in December

- Issues we advocate for include
  - More research/education funding
  - Reducing student debt
  - Immigration reform for US-educated international graduate students
  - Open access
  - Promoting the role of science in politics
Fall 2014 DC Visit

- Planned for November after the midterm election
- Focus Issues:
  - Research funding
  - Immigration reform
  - Promoting science
Published Op-eds


Letter to the Editor in *Science* (published 3/23/2014)
New Team, New Projects

- Increase in membership to 10+

- Newly launched projects:
  - Op-ed on negative data
  - New op-ed on immigration reform
  - Initiative on collecting immigration stories at MIT
  - Anti-intellectualism and science policy
  - Open access week Oct. 20-26 activities
GSC Activities Committee Update
We do things so you can too

October 1, 2014
Jonas Helfer & Janille (Affi) Maragh
Past events
News & Upcoming Events:
Join the Activities Committee Club!

Next Tuesday, Oct 7th
5:30 pm in GSC office

Questions? Concerns? Ideas?
gsc-ac@mit.edu
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Andrea Dubin and Boris Braverman
Updates

• Costco cards
  • Now available through Copytech – pilot program
• Saferide shuttle line revision
  • Lines being finalized, rollout in ~1 month
• iREFS program
  • Developing leadership program, website, and messaging for unified “REFS” across the Institute
• Graduate dorm security improvements
  • Security assessment done; meetings with housemasters & dorm leaders in progress
Bike Fest Success
Join the Green Team!
Sustainable GCMs
ask what goes where
Fall Sustainability Kickoff Meeting
Tuesday Oct 21st
GSC Office 50-220
6-7pm
On the horizon…

• Cost of living analysis & stipend recommendations
• Graduate Student Housing follow-up

Get involved!

Next meeting **Monday, October 6**th at 6pm in the GSC office

• Email us at gsc-hca@mit.edu
GSC Orientation Committee

Hector Fornes & Ina Kundu
Orientation

Based on the day to day operations:

1. Everything ran smoothly
2. Incoming students were happy
3. People liked the new events (One MIT Picnic, Photo Contest, Hiking Trip...)
4. The website was useful
5. Going paper-less was a great idea
Next steps

SHORT TERM
1. Write the Orientation Report (help of OC fellow)
2. Analyzing results of a survey sent to incoming students
3. Process Dorm Reimbursements
4. Meet with all event coordinators to analyze performance of events in order to improve next year’s events

LONG TERM
1. Re-define GS 101 with Dean Staton
2. Streamline space reservation process for next year
3. Streamline the scheduling process for next year
4. Analyzing cash-free Orientation for next year
For those of you who helped during Orientation THANK YOU!
Join the Orientation Committee!

Meeting: Wednesday, October 8th
6 pm in GSC office

Questions?
gsc-oc@mit.edu
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Ben Kraft
OFFICER UPDATES
Vice-President

01/October/2014
Francesco Bellei
The funding cycle for Council Representative from October 2014 to February 2015 is open.

$150 GCM Attendance + $100 Outstanding Service
Council Reps must be in good standing and the funding has to be used for the constituency.

**Good standing**

- Attended at least two GCMs and more than half since beginning of term

**Use for Constituency**

- Events
- Capital Equipment
NOMINATIONS BOARD

Francesco Bellei, Chris Aakre, Shabnam Raayai, Raphael Dumas, Guy Evans, Jennifer Groff
All positions for the Institute Presidential and Faculty Committees have been assigned. Institute Representatives names on the GSC website under Nominations Board.
We are still receiving requests for representatives on Ad-hoc Committees.

- Committee on the Capital Campaign
- Committee on the Campus Conversation on Climate Change
- Committee on the Bexley Hall Interim Use Plan
- Student Travel Initiative
- IS&T Student Technology Advisory Board
- Campus Activities Complex Advisory Board
- Graduate Admission Team
We will host an orientation session for Institute Committee Representatives on October 20th.

In Grier Room A, Building 34, 5:30 to 7:00pm

Chancellor Barnhart

Chair of the Faculty, Prof. Steven Hall
We Acknowledge the former Council Representatives

Tom Mahony, EECS
Bigyan Bista, Biology
Tingyun Huang, DMSE
Bomy Lee Chung, Chemical Engineering
Marcus Parrish, Biological Engineering
Ben Mandler, EAPS
Yusang Yang, DMSE
Mitali Thakor, GWAMIT
GSC NEW BUSINESS
GSC OVERVIEW

Kendall Nowocin
Outline

• Mission
• Structure
  • 60 years of growth and service
• What we do and have done.
  • Representation, Advocacy, Social and Academic Programming, Resources
GSC Mission

• The GSC exists to...
  • Communicate with the MIT Administration and Faculty
  • Advocate for the general welfare of all graduate students
  • Create and Fund programs that facilitate growth and interaction
  • Welcome and Orient new graduate students

Representative
• Institute Committees
• Senior Leadership
• Peer Universities
• Local/Federal Govt
• International Partners

Programmatic
• Orientation
• GSC Ski Trip
• Faculty Dinner Series
• Grad Gala
• Thesis Bootcamps

Resourcing
• Club/Org Recognition
• Muddy Charles Pub
• Funding Board
• The Graduate
• GradRat
Annual Projects

• Graduate Student Orientation
• Career Fair
• Ski Trip
• Cost-of-Living Analysis
• Dissertation Boot Camp
• Academic & Professional Development Series
• End-of-Year Grad Gala
• And many other events

From the 2013 GSC Open House
Adaptive Leadership

- It is more than leadership for survival
- Leadership as an activity for community building
- Not working in an “I” environment but in a “we” environment
- Bringing problems to be solved collectively
- Structure decisions and not make them
- You cannot keep taking, you need to give back
Challenges

• Leading diverse groups of people
  • Make all the different stakeholders interested

• Connecting leadership with professional and public lives
  • How leadership can change/affect the our lives?

• Different voices, discussions and conflicts
  • Listen
  • Have conversations to find values and strengths
  • Built trust
Effective Leadership

• Predictability
  • Lead by principles

• Adaptiveness
  • Lead by prudence
  • Update yourself with the new information

• Humanity
  • Lead by compassion
  • Weigh the principles
  • Help the weaker party
How to be an adaptive leader?

• Building a sense of community
• Use technology to change lives
• Find resources / keep resources
• Be knowledgeable
• Emotional Intelligence
  • Use empathy – acknowledge the anger and feelings
  • Look for your blind spots (responses to your actions, …)
  • Ask for feedback, thank people for the feedback
  • Clarify your expectations at the beginning
How to be an adaptive leader?

• Get rid of the box
• Negotiations (competitive/collaborative)
  • Prepare for negotiations, come up with different plans/options
  • Think about everyone’s interest
  • Competitive: One time deal
  • Collaborative:
    • Building trust
    • Asking questions
    • Sharing information
    • Be creative
Would you want to go to a conference?

- November 7-9
  - Ivy Plus and NAGPS
OVERVIEW OF ONE MIT BOARD

Kendall Nowocin, GSC President
October 1st, 2014
ONE MIT Board

• Structure
  • Representative from each of the 5 Schools
    • School of Architecture and Planning
      • Courses 4, MAS, and 11
    • School of Engineering
      • Courses 16, 20, 10, 1, 6, ESD, 3, 2, 22, and IMES
    • School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
      • Courses 21A, CMS/21W, 14, 21F, 21H, 21, 24, 21L, 21M, 17, and STS
    • Sloan School of Management
      • Course 15
    • School of Science
      • Course 7, 9, 5, 12, 18, and 8
ONE MIT Board

• Working on finalizing the charge and goals
• Promoting collaboration and connection across campus
• Funding source for ideas and innovation
OPEN FLOOR
TO THE MUDDY!