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General Council Meeting
July 1, 2015 at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in 32-141
Minutes

Attendees: General Council

1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:30 PM)
 - a. 42 Present; quorum met
2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes (5:34-5:35 PM)
3. Introduction of New Faces (5:35-5:36 PM)
4. Presentation from ICEO (5:36-6:02 PM) – Ed Bertschinger, Institute Community and Equity Officer
 - a. Quality of life survey data from students, employees
 - i. Grad students: overall satisfaction 89%
 - b. Mission statement:
 - c. “How can I give back to the graduate student body?”
 - d. Engaging in community conversations
 - i. Task force, document—not yet
 - ii. Bystander intervention
 - e. Recruiting a Graduate Community Fellow; call for anyone interested in helping to work on ICEO efforts
 - f. Question: More details on the graduate student compact? – Planning committee will be formed to get idea of values, experiences, etc. in order to form this and help spread word. Diversity Summit going to be rebranded; compact may be introduced there.
 - g. Question: Status on Committee of Race and Diversity? – Prof. Bertschinger convening
 - h. Question: How will changes be affected? – Will probably start with some departments to test out and start sharing expectations
5. Committee Updates (6:03-6:20 PM)
 - a. Activities Committee: (6:04 pm)
 - i. Boston Harbor Islands trip: August 8th. Registration July 8th, cost is \$10
 - b. Activities, Research, and Careers (6:05 pm)
 - i. Academic/Industry Panel: July 20th
 - ii. Dissertation Bootcamp
 - iii. GWAMIT:
 1. Past: MFA Social; Conference in Poland; Sarah got stuck in an elevator.
 2. Future: Intel women’s networking event; Town Hall on parental leave policy in October; Recruiting for orientation lunch, and leadership conference
 - c. Housing and Community Affairs (6:10 pm)
 - i. Summer events



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- ii. Costco program:
 - changes probably in the works!
- iii. Sustainability: Sign the Climate Action Letter!; student center
- iv. LASC: now in HCA;
 - I. Concerns on social science cuts to NSF in H.R. 1806; MIT students advocated to representatives
- d. Orientation Committee (6:17 pm)
 - i. Need Pride Welcome coordinator
- e. Muddy Charles (6:18 pm)
 - i. 4th of July hours: Muddy will be open Friday, Saturday afternoon, showing women's world cup finals on Sunday
 - ii. Muddy Mondays: culture groups hold events on Mondays, funding matched in 1:5 ratio by Muddy
- 6. Officer Updates and Reports (6:20-6:33 PM)
 - a. President (6:21 pm)
 - i. Committee on Sexual Violence, Prevention, and Response. Want more men on the committee to have good representation.
 - ii. MIT2016 festival: Celebrating MIT in Cambridge for 100 years. GSC will organize some service and engagement opportunities.
 - iii. SOLVE: October. Industry leaders coming to Cambridge for event.
 - I. Grad student volunteers will be needed
 - 2. Mini-Solvathon by GSC
 - iv. Career fair: will also need volunteers
 - b. Vice-President (6:26 pm)
 - i. Nominations Board: applications in. Not filled yet: Libraries; Race and Diversity.
 - c. Secretary (6:28 pm)
 - i. Call for webmaster, Creative Media Manager
 - d. Treasurer (6:32 pm)
 - i. Funding Board: first cycle closed; appeal deadline is July 5th at 11:59 pm
 - ii. Some grants available still, e.g. sustainability
- 7. New Business (6:33-6:45 PM)
 - a. 62.gsc.2.1 External Affairs Presidential Task Force
 - i. GSC has involvement with community, and opportunities to affect change, e.g. with LASC
 - ii. Establishing Task Force to explore formats of establishing this
 - iii. Introduce resolution, explain general timeline
 - iv. Question: Is there information on the responsibilities, scope of the committee vs. existing groups? – This group will establish a few options which council will vote on.
 - v. Question: Transparency of selection? – Emphasis will be on differing viewpoints
- 8. Open Floor (6:45-6:46 PM)



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9. Adjournment (6:46 pm)