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
   c. 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
   d. Housing and Community Affairs (6:10 pm)
      i. Summer events
ii. Costco program:

changes probably in the works!

iii. Sustainability: Sign the Climate Action Letter!; student center

iv. LASC: now in HCA;
   1. 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.
      1. 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)
9. Adjournment (6:46 pm)