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GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

August GCM
August 5, 2015 at 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in 4-237
Minutes

Attendees: General Council

1. Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda (5:33 pm)
    a. 40 present as of quorum check; several arrive later
2. Motion to modify agenda: move Old and New business before committee updates – approved (5:36 pm)
3. Approval of July Meeting Minutes – approved (5:38 pm)
4. Introduction of New Faces (5:37 pm)
5. Presentation: Sgt. Andrew Turco on Community Policing (5:38 pm)
    a. Want input on Community Policing Officer: liaison to police department. Distributed a survey on our opinions on campus security.
    b. Changes have been occurring on campus, especially around graduate dorms (more foot traffic, more lights, etc.)
    c. Question: Is it possible to distribute job posting/description? A: will do that.
    d. Remark on "Reducing the impact of the homeless on campus"—whether or not it is just getting them out of MIT or more of a solution?
    e. Explanation of purpose: resource for students to utilize if they need help/aren't sure how to approach a problem/is there actually a problem.
    f. Communication to students about position? A: presence at GCMs, presentations during orientation at dorms.
    g. Are there ways for the GSC to impact or help out? A: most frequent crime is theft; we want students to feel comfortable approaching officers
        i. Can continue coming to dorm events etc., just to talk to students, get to talk to them and build relationship
    h. Provide contact details
6. Old Business (5:53 pm)
    a. 62.gsc.2.1 External Affairs Presidential Task Force
        i. Clarification: will they report on all possible options, and not just one? A: yes. Will report >1 option, and council will vote to decide best option.
        ii. Q: Why is the membership up to the President? A: We won't vote as a council again until October, so we want to get started more quickly. If anyone on council has an objection, we can discuss changing the membership. Michael will search for a range of opinions and ideas; there will be an application.
        iii. Q: Is chair confirmed by council? A: A provisional chair is selected by the president; council then votes.
        iv. Q: Did anyone go to the NAGPS leadership summit? A: yes; Michael, Affi, and Eva did; will discuss later.

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v. Move to vote, second. Passes, with 35 yes, 2 no, 6 abstain. (6:02 pm)

7. New Business (6:02 pm)
   a. 62.gsc.3.1 Amendment to the GSC OneMIT Board Charge
      i. Have encountered some problems with guidelines for funding events with GSC OneMIT Board fund. The charge has been rewritten to add more details describing composition of the board, schedule of meetings, guidelines for operation of Board
      ii. Proposal to accelerate voting process and approve the new Charge this meeting, rather than wait until next GCM (after deadline)
      iii. Motion to vote to suspend the bylaws and accelerate the process. Passes, 34 – 4 – 4 (6:07 pm)
      iv. Entering discussion and voting procedure phase on Charge: as if the resolution is old business now.
      v. Overview of changes, including committee membership; representative selection; cases of resignation and/or removal of representatives; funding and meeting guidelines and schedules
      vi. Q: What were the issues with the old Board Charge? A: Lack of meeting attendance, no follow-up procedure, meetings eventually stopped.
      vii. Proposed amendments to change language in funding meetings: 1) Cross out two-week window language and 2) change "twice-a-semester" to "four times a year" and 3) say "quorum of a minimum of 5" instead of "quorum of four."
         1. Vote via placard to remove sentence about two-week window -- approved.
         2. Vote via placard to change twice a semester to four times a year -- approved.
         3. Discussion of quorum: worried that this change may make it harder to get quorum.
         4. What about allowing proxies from the same school? Comment: these meetings are closed-door.
         5. Vote via placard to change quorum to 5. 17 – 22, does not pass.
      viii. Motion to vote via clickers on new OneMIT Board Charge – seconded. 33 – 4 – 4: passes. (6:45 pm)
      ix. Michael stresses that the OneMIT Board will constantly report back to council, especially in the next few months.
8. Committee Updates (6:45 pm)
   a. AC (6:45 pm):
      i. Recruitment: Ski Trip as well as general AC meeting
      ii. Meeting 8/6 at 6 pm
   b. HCA (6:47 pm):

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i. Costco card program: cards are reclaimed, will have an online system to track availability
ii. Dorm and off-campus events

c. OC: Logos are released; T-shirts for volunteers
   i. Q: Can non-OC groups advertise on calendar? A: yes, though typically not if they conflict with a GSC event. Send to gsc-oc@mit.edu
d. Muddy (6:52 pm): Hold Muddy Monday cultural group events—contact Daniel Franke if you know of a group who wants to participate
e. ARC (6:54 pm):
   i. Postdoc panel (looking for postdoctoral positions)
   ii. Especially looking for input from School of Humanities And Social Sciences.

9. Officer Updates and Reports (6:55 pm)
   a. President (6:55 pm)
      i. Career Fair registration opens Friday, August 14th. Sven adds that they're trying to get away from only course-6 relevance. E.g. there will be an architecture firm present this year.
         1. Suggestion: release a teaser, highlighting non-tech firms
      ii. Solve-a-thon: August 10, 11 evening. We want representation from all schools, so everyone is strongly encouraged to attend! Possible to attend just one of two evenings.
   b. Vice-President (7:04 pm) (Michael presents because Dan is not here)
      i. Nominations Board still has a few boards: Race and Diversity, ROTC, Radiation Protection are new; CJAC (Corporation Joint Advisory Committee) still has 2 openings and is very important.
         1. http://gsc.mit.edu/about-gsc/nominations-board/
         2. Has an email gone out about second round? We will put in Anno and send to grad admins/GSC reps. Also make sure everything on website is present and clear
         3. Q: Time commitment? A: CJAC: meet every other week, meet with president once/twice semester. Other ones, about 2 hours per month or so.
   c. Secretary (7:10 pm)
      i. We have a webmaster. For website concerns, contact gsc-webmaster@mit.edu
      ii. Recap of NAGPS leadership summit
         1. Topic was Sustainability and Sustainable Leadership
         2. Upcoming NAGPS Events: Legislative Action Days (September); National Conference (10/31)
   d. Treasurer (7:13 pm)
      i. Athletics and Performance Activities Grant (APAG) Committee: need two volunteers to go to meetings. This group funds MIT students or groups to go to events, pay for equipment
         1. Levi Lentz, Erik Lindgren volunteer for the position

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10. Open Floor (7:15 pm)
    a. Campus tours are increasingly becoming an annoyance, especially to departments such as mechanical engineering which are frequently disturbed by tour groups. If you have similar concerns, talk with Levi Lentz who is putting together a discussion.
    b. There are still career fair openings, under-represented groups should tell Sven Schlumpberger if they have suggestions for companies. Email cf-facilitator@mit.edu
    c. Best practices document is available. Let your departments know.
11. Adjournment – motion – passed (7:20 pm)