JULY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

6 July 2016, 5:30pm
July General Council Meeting

- Welcome
- Quorum check
- Approval of June GCM Minutes
SUZY NELSON: VP FOR STUDENT LIFE
DANA RIECHMAN: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMMING, ISO
GSC Meeting, July 6, 2016

Proposals for 2016-2017

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Proposals for 2016-2017

• International Council

• Re-Orientation Series
International Council

• One delegate from each student group/organization, NOT on the exec board
• Meet twice a semester (September, November; February, April)
• Discuss issues that arise for international students and ideas for collaboration in helping students adjust
Re-Orientation Series

- Re-emphasize topics that were addressed or mentioned at Orientation
- Meet 5 times per semester
- Partner with other organizations and departments/offices
- Publicize events that are already happening on campus as part of Re-Orientation
Sample Fall Schedule

- Financial Literacy, budgeting
- Success in the classroom - Expectations for classroom participation and etiquette for contacting professors
- Culture Shock and Reverse Culture shock
- Things to do in Boston (including Winter)
- Managing Stress
Sample Spring Schedule

• Small Talk/making friends/dating
• Professional Etiquette/managing social media
• Student Support Panel- Ombuds, Title IX, Conflict Management
• Renting in Boston
• Career/Networking
Related events across campus

Student Activities Office- Charm School during IAP is now “How to Adult” series throughout spring semester (open to ALL students)

• This past spring’s events:
  • Wed, Feb. 24- Etiquette Dinner
  • Mon, March 14- Dating
  • Mon, March 14- Alumni Social Hour
  • Thurs, March 21- Alumni Social Hour
  • Tues, April 26- Dress Like a Boss
Other ideas or questions?

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GSC COMMITTEE UPDATES

GSC Executive Committee
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Erik Tillman and Sunandini Chopra
ARC Chairs
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ARC happenings, summer 2016

• Professional development grant program is ready to go live
  • up to $200 of funding to cover registration costs for professional
devvelopment events (seminars, conferences, workshops) outside student’s
area of research

• Summer travel grant round funded over 50% of applicants!

• Panel on “Finding a good postdoc” is 3pm, Wed 7/27
  • organized by ARC member Souparno Ghosh (souparno@mit.edu)
  • heavy on sciences, would like to include other disciplines as appropriate
  • let us know if postdocs are (or are not) a thing in your department
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Saurabh Ghandi and Ina Kundu
AC Chairs
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Summer 2016

Harbor Islands
July 9th

Middlesex Fells?
Paintball?

Next AC Meeting: Monday, July 18
@ 6:30 p.m.
Summer 2016

Outdoors Movie Screening
Early October
Suggestions?

Ski Trip at
Smuggler’s Notch Resort

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June Activities

• Steady pace of legislative research and updates

• 2 meetings to work on updating the GSC legislative platform
  • Monday, June 13th & Tuesday June 28th

• Panel Event: Q&A on the Massachusetts Clean Energy Bill
  • Wednesday, June 29th
Upcoming Activities

• Federal Affairs Subcommittee – First meeting!
  • **Tomorrow, July 7**<sup>th</sup> **at 5:30pm in the GSC Office (50-220)**

• NAGPS Leadership Summit, **August 1 – 3**
  • University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

• Voter Registration and Recruitment at **Orientation**

• Legislative Action Days **September 10 – 13**
  • Washington, D.C.

• Ivy+ Conference **September 30 – October 2**
  • Brown University, Providence, RI

• NAGPS National Conference **November 3 – 6**
  • Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
GSC External Affairs Primary Contact
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Housing and Community Affairs

Ryan and Marcy Gillis
HCA Chair
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Housing and Campus Affairs (HCA)

• Still looking for another Co-Chair!
  • Election will be held at our next meeting July 18th at 5:30 p.m.
• Continuing work on the child-care grant with GWAMIT

Come to the next HCA meeting!

• Interested in…
  • Mental Health topics
  • Improving transportation at MIT
  • Housing quality and affordability
  • Family and childcare
MUDDY CHARLES

Zsigi Varga
Muddy Board Chair
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Busy times for the Board

- New Board of Advisors
- Planning Muddy Orientation (Late September)
- Join and Run a small company!

Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Muddy Mondays

Come and share your cultural

• Turn the Muddy into a cultural enclave for one night
• Provide traditional food and music from your country
• We match your expenses with a 5:1 ratio
  (you give us $60 with pitch in $300)
• Looking for about 10 events throughout the year

Contact us @ muddy-activities@mit.edu

The Muddy wants you (and your culture)
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Jimmy Kaczmarek and Sarah Goodman
OC Chairs
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Orientation Committee Update

- Orientation: August 29 – Sept. 10
  - Should have finalized schedule within the month
- First OC Meeting Recap (6/22):
  - ~15 attendees, including reps from Spouses/Partners Connect, sustainability, etc.
  - Several new event coordinators
- Next OC Meeting: July 20, 6:30 – 7:30 (50-220)
- Dorm event funds have been allocated
- Theme: OneMIT
  - Emphasis on diversity
Orientation Media and Fellow Update

• Media
  • Finalizing logo with GSC Creative Media Manager and original artist
  • Will move forward with website immediately following logo finalization

• Giveaways
  • Planned gift from MITFCU: Reusable bag (for groceries)
  • T-shirts will be ordered when logo finalized

• Fellow
  • Putting together an SOP for each event
  • Implementing Slack event planning software
Event Coordinators Still Needed!

• Following events *need* coordinators:
  • Grad School 102/103
  • Volunteer Day
  • Pride Welcome
  • Boston City Tour
  • International Students Family Mixer
• Several events could use additional coordinators

Email [gsc-oc@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-oc@mit.edu)! We need your help to make orientation happen!
OFFICER UPDATES

Arolyn Conwill, Angie Crews, Orpheus Chatzivasileiou, and Lisa Guay
GSC Officer Team
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VP Update: Nominations Board

• Contacted faculty chairs of Presidential Committees
• Collected applications from graduate students

Next steps:
• Nominations Board to rank the applicants and select student nominees for the institute committees
• Interviews conducted for student nominees
• Selections forwarded to committee chairs
President Updates

• GSC Welcome for Suzy Nelson
  • Highlights GSC work and priorities

• Career Fair
  • Relaying survey results to CF Directors soon
Treasurer Update: Funding

• Funding Allocations out!
  • $48,207 Funding Board
  • $750 Student Group Initial Funding
  • $2,150 Family Programming Funding
  • $1,100 Diversity Funding
  • Appeals due July 15

• Piloting limited, off-cycle funding for timely events
  • Will be advertised on website soon
63.gsc.3: Resolution to Create a Funding Board Task Force

GSC President Arolyn Conwill
& GSC Treasurer Lisa Guay
Current GSC Funding Process

• Confusing and high-effort for students
  • Many separate applications, reviewed by different people
    • Common for groups to apply to multiple funding sources for same event
    • Difficult to shift applications to different funds if mistake is made
  • Funding guidelines not consistent and often unpublished
    • Funding priorities and excluded expenses unclear

• Timelines not ideal
  • 2 weeks between applications and cycle start
  • Should include time for application review, revisions, appeals, and event advertising/publicity

• Little to no funding available mid-cycle
Proposal – form a Task Force

• Overall Goals – Harmonize process & increase efficiency
  • Define funding priorities
  • Streamline applications
  • Coordinate review between funding sources
  • Revise application timelines
  • Consider restructuring GSC funds
Proposal – form a Task Force

- **Timeline**
  - Assemble members by end of July
  - Report recommendations to Council by October
    - Changes to Bylaws, structure of funds, application processes, etc.

- **Membership**
  - GSC Treasurer (chair)
  - GSC President
  - Additional past & current FB members
  - Student group representatives
  - Individuals who have applied for GSC Funding

- **Meeting costs**
  - Covered by already-approved line item 1.1d Meetings: Task Forces
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