



# Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## May General Council Meeting Agenda

May 3rd, 2017, 5:30pm-7:00pm, 32-141

1. Introduction, Dinner, and New Faces (5 min; 5:30pm-5:35pm)
  - a. Quorum check
    - i. 46 present, 5 not present
  - b. Approval of April GCM Minutes
    - i. Unanimously approved
2. Old Business (0 min)
  - a. None
3. Committee Updates (15 min; 5:35pm-5:50pm)
  - a. ARC
    - i. De-stress your dissertation
    - ii. Profs on Tap
      1. 2 went well so far. Need feedback
    - iii. Give us your feedback
  - b. ASA
    - i. Finished deciding on groups
    - ii. Changing out database. Database should be released mid-summer
  - c. EAB
    - i. Enthusiasm among the crowd
    - ii. DC trips
      1. Many meetings held
    - iii. Statehouse meeting
    - iv. Panel to review 100 days of Trump
    - v. Panel on future of Manufacturing, Society, etc
    - vi. Thank you to the EAB board. Applause.
  - d. HCA
    - i. New co-chairs
    - ii. Stipends to rise by 4% this year
    - iii. Next HCA meeting this Monday
  - e. Muddy
    - i. New chair
    - ii. May 18<sup>th</sup> joint event with AA.
    - iii. Join us after the GCM at the Muddy
  - f. OC
    - i. Orientation Chairs 2017
  - g. AC
    - i. Grad Gala happened
    - ii. Acoustic BBQ in Stata May 19<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. New AC Chairs
4. Officer Updates (25 min; 5:50pm-6:15pm)
  - a. Vice Chancellor (15 min; 5:50pm-6:05pm)
    - i. Will oversee grad and undergrad education.

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- ii. We were asked to keep the process confidential during the search process.
  1. Ortiz stepped down
  2. ODGE & GSC wrote vision for ODGE, next Dean for ODGE
  3. Chancellor decided that position for VC will be created. Expressed concern that this search may be taking too long.
  4. Chancellor creates team to solicit feedback for VC. 3 GSC people were included. Expressed concern that this search may be taking too long.
  5. Chancellor indicates that the next step would be for us to meet VC candidates and no there will not (currently) be Dean for Grad Education. Expressed concern that we need a champion for graduate education, and about graduate/undergrad balance in VC initiatives.
  6. Chancellor appoints Vice Chancellor, whose position will subsume the Dean for Undergraduate Education, Dean for Graduate Education
- iii. Looking forward
  1. Figure out organizational structure – interactions.
  2. What will the priorities be?
  3. Opportunities also exist for reorganization under the VC's office.
  4. What are your opinions?
- iv. We continue to advocate for a structure that is receptive to our concerns.
  - v. We have a set up a google form for feedback.
  - vi. Q: Is there a current plan to hire Dean for Grad Education?
  - vii. A: Not yet
  - viii. Q: Will there be reorganization?
  - ix. A: From what we know, yes.
  - x. Q: Concerning about availability of resources, given that we can still access
  - xi. E. Tillman: Administration moving backwards. ODGE is understaffed.
  - xii. Q: What happens to the current DUE?
  - xiii. A: The DUE will continue to work in this structure to champion on freshman orientation etc.
  - xiv. Q: How do we get more information?
  - xv. A: Talk to new team.
  - xvi. Q: Will there be formal complaints about how the process was carried out?
  - xvii. Zsigi: If you want a complaint made, bring it before Council.
  - xviii. Q: What about the funding that ODGE has? Is it in jeopardy?



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- xix. A: From what we understand, it is safe.
- xx. Q: What about Denny Freeman? He will be spearheading undergrad education. Who will be spearheading graduate education?
- xxi. A: This is a concern.
- b. GSC Financial Update (10 min; 6:05pm-6:15pm)
  - i. We still have money left.
  - ii. We awarded over \$321,000 to students (grants, funding board, etc).
    - 1. Able to reallocate \$35,000 to students.
  - iii. Student Organization Funding
    - 1. Comprehensive talks ongoing.
      - a. Stability
      - b. Equity
      - c. Transparency
- 5. Annual GSC Leadership Transition (20 min; 6:15pm-6:35pm)
  - a. Year-End Presidential Report (15 min; 6:15pm-6:30pm)
    - i. Community Building
      - 1. Stronger Connections across campus
        - a. GECD, AA, VPSL, UA, Postdocs
      - 2. Funding Board allocations streamlined
      - 3. AC had collaborations with other groups
      - 4. OC created guidebook for next year. Also started
      - 5. HCA had strong committees: Sustainability, Diversity, and Transportation. Also collaboration with GWAMIT to increase support for graduate families.
      - 6. Muddy made investments to ensure sustainability.
    - ii. Prof. Development
      - 1. De-stress your dissertation wildly successful.
      - 2. Grant programs allocations increased
      - 3. Career Fair now has expanded Director team
      - 4. Gave feedback for Vice Chancellor Position
      - 5. Getting a head-start on the future of professional development
    - iii. Advocacy
      - 1. On campus
        - a. Strengthened collaborations with UA, other groups.
      - 2. Off campus
        - a. EAB created last year. Really successful year. Partnered with Washington office, PDA, SPI.
        - b. Making sure we represent grad students.
- iv. Internal operations
  - 1. Increased representation. Had many contested elections.



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2. Bylaws amendments (8-eight). Orpheus did it (ok, Andrew helped too). He's amazing.
3. Various thanks.
- b. Adjournment of 63<sup>rd</sup> Council
  - i. Good riddance
- c. GSC Officers 2017-2018 Vision (5 min; 6:30pm-6:35pm)
  - i. We want to create resources to give feedback.
  - ii. We want to provide a forum for departmental collaborations.
  - iii. Focus on departmental resources, repository for prof. development, diversity, health & wellness.
  - iv. Continuing ongoing projects from previous year
6. New Business
  - a. FY2018 Budget (15 min; 6:35pm-6:50pm)
    - i. Budget Process explained
    - ii. Budget explained
      1. 1 summary sheet
      2. 11 committee sheets
    - iii. Summary sheet explained
      1. Income sources explained
      2. Outflows explained
      3. Sample committee budget sheet presented.
7. Open Floor (6:50pm+)
  - a. Friday at 6pm first Diversity meeting
  - b. ASA is looking for a grad student representative. Email [asa-president@mit.edu](mailto:asa-president@mit.edu)
  - c. OC: Please forward our orientation email to your constituencies.
  - d. ARC: Next meeting Wed. 5/10 @ 6:00 pm
  - e. Michael McClellan won some award
8. Post-GCM Social at the Muddy Charles Pub (Building 50; 7:00pm)

## Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	Wed. 5/10 @ 6:00 pm
Activities Committee (AC)	Mon. 5/8 @ 7:00pm
Association of Student Activities (ASA)	Fri. 5/5 @ 4:00pm in UA Office (W20-401)
External Affairs Board (EAB)	Thurs. 5/11 5:30 pm
Events Subcommittee	TBA
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	Thurs. 5/4 6:0 pm
Public Outreach Subcommittee	TBA
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	TBA
University Liaison	TBA



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Sustainability Subcommittee	Tues. 5/2 5 pm
Transportation Subcommittee	TBA
Diversity Subcommittee	Fri. 5/5 5:30 pm
Muddy Charles Pub	Tues. @ 5/23 6 pm
Orientation Committee (OC)	Fri. 5/12 @ 5:30 pm
Executive Committee (ExComm)	Wed. 5/31 @ 6:30 pm
June General Council Meeting (GCM)	Wed. 6/7 @ 5:30pm in 32-155

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