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General Council Meeting Agenda

June 7th, 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm in 32-155

1. Introduction, Dinner, and New Faces (5:30-5:35)
 - a. Quorum check
 - i. 39 present, 2 not present
 - b. Approval of May GCM Minutes
2. Old Business
 - a. None
3. Committee Updates (5:35-5:55)
4. Overview of GSC Bylaws & voting (5:55-6:05)
5. New Business (6:05-6:50 pm)
 - a. Approval of FY2018 Budget
 - b. Executive Committee sheet
 - i. Decreasing many line items. Passes
 - c. Nominations Board sheet
 - i. Passes
 - d. Funding Board
 - i. Some line items from other budget sheets merged into Funding Board
 - ii. Initiatives Fund
 1. We are expecting less money, impact there.
 2. Not utilized in the past.
 - iii. Decreasing the rep funding but not the amount per rep
 - iv. Passes
 - e. P&P
 - i. Decreasing 4.4
 1. We will be more efficient, will move to more online stuff
 - ii. Passes
 - f. ASA

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- i. The ASA will have its midway, we'll have our midway too.
- ii. The ASA midway fosters collaboration between GSC-UA.
- iii. Passes
- g. Activities
 - i. Coffee Hour
 - 1. Average attendance 40-50
 - 2. This year we are hoping to change things to increase attendance.
- h. ARC
 - i. Passes
- i. HCA
 - i. Costco Membership cards are expensive but they make money too.
 - ii. Family subcommittee had been reduced to one person in FY17, so we initially decreased it with the rescope. With the new budget we're increasing a bit,
 - iii. iREFS: We are covering what they asked for, matching funds from ODGE won't come.
 - iv. Cost of living survey: Incentivizing participation to IR survey, independent data analysis, additional meetings.
- j. Orientation
 - i. We add more ticketed events, overall budget cuts
 - ii. Is the subtotal right?
 - 1. Yes
- k. Muddy
 - i. Passes
- l. EAB
 - i. President appointed as acting chair for EAB, is presenting
 - ii. What does the public outreach committee do?
 - 1. Advocating for science collectively.

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2. Passes

6. Overview of legislation procedure

7. 64.gsc.2

- a. MIT won bid to redevelop land
- b. Big opportunity. It will impact grad student life in a big way
- c. We'll be advocating in conjunction with the development based on arguments on the policy platform.
- d. Only sufficient housing for 36% of grad students. We compete with locals for housing
- e. We have support from greater community. Transportation as another issue.
- f. Authorizes us to pursue opportunities to advocate for stuff in conjunction to Volpe
- g. Variety of options for advocacy.
- h. Q&A
 - i. DUSP rep: We need the opportunity for grad students to work with Cambridge. Community people pushed out due to gentrification. I hope you all support it.
 - ii. Ty Austin: I second that. Brings opportunity for URMs.
 - iii. Genshaft: Main concern: Wonderful if we build more grad student housing, but it's expensive. If the MIT rates stay high, it's still not that useful.
 - iv. Platform is not only availability, it's also affordability.
 - v. Occupancy of grad student housing near %100? How are rates set?
 1. HCA co-chair: Waitlist around ~100. Rates are set on the basis
 - vi. Q1: Why do we need a special resolution that's not covered by language?
 1. A: It's already under the realm, but it's high profile, so we're bringing it to council.
 - vii. Q2: In 2014 a working group endorsed adding 500 beds to campus

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1. A: We want flexibility to ask for more.
 - viii. Lisa: If we do decide to go for this, we'd need to have strong support from the Council.
 - ix. Gillis: Do we have any indication that MITMCo will be influenced by this?
 1. There is a Volpe working group with 1 grad student. It will keep on existing.
 2. However, it's a huge opportunity, housing can be somewhere else near campus
 - x. Genshaft: We can go as internal as we want?
 - xi. Ty: If this doesn't pass, what do we do?
 1. This passing will have an effect on
 - xii. There is value to being more specific, maybe circulate it?
 1. We could definitely send it out.
 - xiii. Motion to accelerate schedule
 1. Passes
 - xiv. The Volpe development process will go on for years,
 1. No emergencies foreseen
 - a. A: But we know that emergencies may come up.
 2. It's not going to stop us from voting
 - xv. Motion to table
 1. Fails
 - xvi. There will be a lot of opportunities to have input.
 - xvii. Vote
 1. 38 yes
 2. 2 no
 3. 2 abstain
8. Officer Updates (6:50-7:20)
- a. Update on meeting with new Vice Chancellor
 - i. Ian Waitz
 1. He's great, many of our priorities align

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2. Although there are some worries that by combining ODGE/DUE, we're going to be neglected.
 3. Grad student needs (esp. prof development, relevant policies) are his priorities
 4. Centralizing resources on campus
 5. Hasn't decided structure of the office
 6. Coming to the GCM next month
 - a. Q: What's our policy position for the VC?
 - b. A: We want a point person for grad students.
- b. Student life updates
- i. Suzy Nelson (VPSL) mentioned family grant
 - ii. Trying to figure out what language is going to be, what expenses people face.
 - iii. Dining & graduate spaces
 1. We are going to be sitting in some of the relevant meetings
 - iv. The coffeehouse in W20 will be designated as grad student space
 - v. We will also take over some part of Walker
- c. Nominations Board: 3 reps
- i. VP, 2 Officers, 3 Council Members.
 - ii. We need 3 people who will volunteer
 - iii. What does the committee do?
 - iv. Volunteers?
 1. Akshata Krishnamurthy
 2. Ty Austin
 3. Davey Rolling
 - v. Approved
- d. Funding Board: 2 reps
- i. We need a volunteer
 - ii. Sandya Subramanian from HST



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e. Council Rep funding

- i. Non-Excomm people eligible for funding
- ii. \$150 per semester (+\$100 for the people who participate in committees)
- iii. First come-first served.
- iv. Reach out to your constituents, to the alumni association.

v.

9. Committee Updates

a. Orientation

- i. We have recruited a committee. We have the spaces. We need people.
- ii. New events
 1. Graduate panels
 - a. ARC/HCA/EAB partnerships
 2. Grad Resource Fair
 - a. In addition to the ASA one
 3. AA Networking event to coincide with the AA conference
 4. "We welcome all"
 5. Logo competition is on

b. Activities

- i. Acoustic BBQ
 1. 800 people
- ii. Escape the Room
- iii. Summer social hour June 15th

c. ARC

- i. Career Panel for academic positions
 1. Oculus will be coming too
- ii. "Career Hack"
 1. Partnering with GECD
- iii. Travel grant fund

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1. Trying to kick off crowdfunding campaign, targeted at getting money from MIT Alumni
- iv. Growing up in Science
- v. Profs on Tap
- d. EAB
 - i. Ideas about how we can get more people to get more involved in local affairs
 1. Nov 2017 for Cambridge Elections
- e. HCA
 - i. Data collection, data analysis.
 1. Cost of living survey so that it's made compelling to administration
 - ii. Want a co-chair for Sustainability
 - iii. Diversity will be coming online soon
 - iv. Transportation, Families, Insurance are covered by us
- f. Muddy
 - i. Want input on Profs on Tap
 - ii. We have ODGE events
 1. Muddy Mondays
 - a. 5:1 matching funds from the Muddy
 - b. Open only to cultural groups (ASA recognized)
 2. Muddy survey
 3. We're recruiting more members
 4. Can staff people that can join the board?
 - a. Only subcommittees
 - b. If they retire, they can go to the board.

10. Adjourned

11. Open Floor (7:20)

12. Join us at the Muddy!



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Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	
Activities Committee (AC)	
External Affairs Board (EAB)	
Events Subcommittee	
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	
Public Outreach Subcommittee	
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	
University Liaison	
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	
Off-campus Subcommittee	
Sustainability Subcommittee	
Transportation Subcommittee	
Diversity Subcommittee	
Muddy Charles Pub	
Orientation Committee (OC)	
Executive Committee (ExComm)	

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Summer General Council Meetings (GCMs)

Note: Dinner starts at 5:00pm and meetings start at 5:30pm.

July General Council Meeting	
August General Council Meeting	

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