General Council Minutes
October 4th, 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm in 32-155

1. Introduction, Dinner, and New Faces (5:35-5:40) (8 new faces welcome!)
   a. Quorum check
      i) Quorum passed: 41 members present
   b. Approval of September GCM Minutes
      i) Approved by majority

2. Graduate Housing Working Group (5:40-5:55)
   a. Updates – Abigail Regitsky:
      i) look at cost accounting of housing with various facilities as well as the neighboring housing market in Cambridge and Boston to determine its impact on students
      ii) conduct conjoint analysis to understand the students’ needs/wants and the cost of building these houses, and make sure it’s financially responsible to MIT. We need as much data as possible
      iii) benchmark our housing policies against those of the peer institutions

   a. Break up into groups of 3-4 to talk about the offerings of each department
   b. Identify the best practices that can be brought to each department
   c. Topics include
      i) Academic support and advising. This includes supports in every area of student’s academic, professional, and personal life.
      ii) Departmental climate: Responsiveness, accessibility, student government, and social events.
      iii) A Google Form is filled out
   a. How we decide to vote
      i) Decide to vote
      ii) Discussion
         → Motion to end discussion
         → Motion to extend discussion
         → Motion to table legislation for next
         → Motion to amend legislation (specify exact text)
      iii) Vote
   b. How we vote:
      i) author introduces the bill
      ii) Q & A (5 min) +speaking period (1min): can be motioned
         to suspend and vote in this session
      iii) Vote in the next GCM
   c. Any motion needs to be specific and seconded, and requires
      simple majority to pass
   d. Voting outcome
      i) Yes>no and Yes+No>1/2 quorum: pass
      ii) Yes<No and Yes+no<quorum: dies
      iii) Yes >No + Yes+no<quorum: tabled for next GCM
      iv) Yes<No+Yes and Yes+no<1/2 quorum: dies

5. 64.gsc.3: Resolution to Support the Renaming of Columbus Day to
    Indigenous Peoples’ Day at MIT (6:25-6:45)
   a. 40 cities in the US have voted to rename the day as
      “Indigenous Peoples’ Day”
   b. The GSC wants the GCM to decide on whether to support
      the change. The change of name will affect how the holiday
      is called the MIT Media Publication: ie. On the MIT calendar,
      it would say Indigenous Peoples’ Day
   c. UA has done it in their general assembly
   d. Erik motioned to accelerate to vote in this GCM, while Kyle
      objected
6. Officer Updates (6:45-6:55)

a. Career Fair
   i) Directors estimate profit will be similar to last year
   ii) Survey to be completed
   iii) Career Fair Working Group: chaired by Ian Waitz, CF Directors, GSC, UA, Senior Class, and SWE
   iv) equal number of undergrads and grads

b. Reminder about Rep Funding
   i. 250/rep/term is available to all council members
   ii. Why are reps not using funding?!
      ➔ Most people forget about the funding, don’t know how to apply, or don’t know what events to organize
      ➔ Deadline: Oct. 15th, which will be extended to the end of October. February is the second deadline
      ➔ Restrictions include any external spending, for example prizes for speakers. The money has to be spent within the constituency.
      ➔ Institute Committee Open: Student Affiliate Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SAHIAC)

7. Committee Updates (6:55-7:05)

a. Activity
   i) Taste of Israel last week and Taste of Iran this week
   ii) Coffee Hour
   iii) Art night: Nov. 14th (Friday or Saturday), free
   iv) Ski Trip Updates: $300+50 and free lag tags for the first 2009 sign-ups
   v) Grad Gala: Museum of Science, Cruise, or Intercontinental Hotel
b. ARC
i) Growing Up In Science: good turnout (~40)
ii) Career Panel for PhD students: (~100 turnout)
iii) Further collaboration with the MIT-Gordon Leadership Institute

c. ASA
ii) Improving database
iii) Free lunches on Tuesday

d. External Affairs Board
i) Legislative Actions Days: DC over the weekend and talked about research funding and immigration
ii) City Council Election: Voter Liaison mixture/training
iii) Panel Discussion on local politics with Nadeem Mazen and Leland Cheung. It will be attended by Election candidates
iv) Voter registration tables in Lobby 10
v) Statehouse visit on Oct. 24th. Potential topics: sexual violence, voter registration, carbon tax, and road safety
vi) Public outreach: hometown heroes, open access MIT Research Slides, and Faces and Stories of Incoming Grad Students
vii) Ivy+ Summit and NAGPS National Conference
viii) Sustainability policy survey of grad students opinions

e. Housing and Community Affairs
i) Grad Housing Working Group
ii) 70 Amherst: positive feedback so far
iii) Division and inclusion subcommittee: first meeting
iv) Family subcommittee: 3-month maternity leave (GW@MIT)
v) iREFS: conflict management

f. Muddy
i) Survey
ii) Successful Muddy Orientation event
iii) Host a cultural event at the Muddy
iv) Enjoy wings and vegetarian options on weekly Wednesdays

8. Housing Survey (7:05-7:25)
9. Open Floor (7:25-7:30)
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*Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are in the GSC Office (50-220)*

## Upcoming General Council Meetings (GCMs)

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

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