GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2016

MIT Graduate Student Council
Welcome!

- Introduction of new faces
- Quorum check
- Approval of October GCM Minutes
THE ENGINE

Anantha P. Chandrakasan
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ASSESSING RESEARCH ADVISING: PILOT SUBJECT EVALUATION INITIATIVE

Michael McClellan
2015-2016 GSC President
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Assessing Research Advising: Pilot Subject Evaluation Initiative

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Subject Evaluations and Research

• Grad students enroll in research “subject”
  – 2.ThG or similar (“X.ThG”)
  – 6.960, 12.980, and similar (pre-quals research)

• All subjects have an end-of-term anonymous evaluation

…why not research “placeholder” subjects?
Creating a Set of Questions

• There is an institute-wide set of questions that must be included at the top…
  – The pace of this class (content and assignments)…

• 14 question maximum

• Multiple choice, free-response, or Likert (agree-disagree) scale
Spring 2016 Pilot

• There was very little time between completion of the questions and the Spring 2016 Subject Evaluation deadline

• Two (large!) departments joined the pilot:
  – MechE, 2.ThG
  – EECS, 6.ThG and 6.960

• Results are at http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation/results.html
Results from Spring 2016 Pilot

• Participation rate was ~35%

• Free-text responses yielded great insight
  – Can only be seen by Graduate Officer or other survey administrators

• New programs initiated by EECS Graduate Officer Leslie Kolodziejski
Fall 2016 Expanded Pilot

• Departments must enable Subject Evaluation on research subjects by Wednesday 11/16

• Email to Department Heads, Graduate Officers, Graduate Admins, School Deans, Chancellor, Provost, Interim Dean for Graduate Education
Fall 2016 Expanded Pilot

• Administration is very decentralized

• Departmental student governments, REFS, etc. can discuss with Graduate Office/Administrators
  – http://odge.mit.edu/gpp/oversight/officers/

• Graduate Student Council can help!
  – Officers and Executive Committee
  – Academics, Research, and Careers Committee (ARC)
Questions?

• Expansion of the pilot depends on your departmental leadership and YOU!

• Additional questions can be sent to me (for now) at thg-survey@mit.edu
GSC COMMITTEE UPDATES
Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)

Erik Tillman and Andrew Fiore, Chairs

gsc-arc@mit.edu
ARC updates, November 2016

- Elected Andrew Fiore as co-chair!
- Fall travel grant: 19/35 funded, over $12,000 allocated
- PDE and Travel Grant updates
- Networking dinners (how to organize?)
- December: gov/non-profit career panel (with SPI)
- IAP: “Patent Law Essentials” workshop
- Spring: entrepreneurship and innovation career panel

Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/9 @ 6pm
COMMON VALUES on the Graduate Student Experience

Graduate students form a large part of the MIT community, and their involvement can have a significant influence on the Institute. Therefore each graduate student bears a responsibility for respect and maturity in their behavior towards all members of the Institute community.

The following enumerated statements are intended as a resource for advisors and students on how to build and maintain a healthy, rewarding and productive relationship. Clearly, such a list cannot be exhaustive; the following guidelines address concerns that arise in the context of a research environment, such as the graduate program at MIT.

For more general concerns and for situations requiring immediate response, MIT offers a variety of resources (see resources.mit.edu).

1. Faculty members and their graduate students are strongly encouraged to build their relationship by establishing common expectations on the major elements of their professional interactions, such as:
   A. Requirements for achieving and maintaining an acceptable academic standing as well as graduation requirements for each academic unit;
   B. A regular time for meetings;
   C. Lead times for feedback on work such as thesis and manuscript drafts;
   D. A shared understanding of what constitutes sufficient notice and reasonable scheduling of exams the student is expected to attend following a request from their advisor;
   E. A shared understanding of academic integrity and responsible conduct of research.

2. Faculty and students are strongly encouraged to attempt to resolve conflicts through direct discussion and other informal procedures.

3. Graduate students are strongly encouraged to keep their advisor apprised of academic progress and seek their advisor’s input on the same subject on a regular basis.

4. Graduate students should receive attribution for scholarly assistance to faculty, and vice versa, including contributions to publications and patents.

5. Faculty are expected to be supportive of their students’ participation in extra-academic activities and to recognize the value of such activities for their intellectual and professional development. Depending on the discipline, these activities might include training in job interviews, information on academic and non-academic career options, and internships.

6. A number of resources are available for graduate students who wish to terminate their relationship with their advisor and search for a new research laboratory. These include their departmental or program graduate administrator, program head or departmental graduate officer, a dean in the ODGE, or an Institute ombudsperson.

7. Graduate students share with the faculty the responsibility for securing, maintaining, and protecting the integrity of grades, scholarship, and research.

8. Faculty members have the responsibility to inform graduate students of the source and amount of their financial support and of all expectations associated with any funded position. Faculty members should inform graduate students promptly of matters that affect their funding status.

9. Graduate students and faculty have a responsibility to inform each other as soon as they have knowledge of a possible change of their status. Graduate students should provide reasonable notice to their advisor if they intend to leave or change advisors; have a medical or personal issue that interferes with study and research; or are experiencing other academic or life issues that an advisor might reasonably need to know. When circumstances require leaving a research project, graduate students should provide a summary of their work so that any delay associated with continuation of the project is minimized.

10. Beyond the responsibility to provide an evaluation once per term via a thesis grade, advisors should consider providing additional periodic feedback of academic progress, performance and professional potential, preferably in the form of a written evaluation.

11. Graduate students are protected by a variety of policies and procedures, as summarized in the document Institute Policy Guiding the Graduate Student Experience. If a student feels that they have been unfairly treated, or treated in a way that is in violation of MIT policies, and attempts at informal solutions were unsuccessful, the student can appeal by means of confidential Institute Complaint Resolution Procedures. The student can be accompanied by a member of the MIT community to a meeting about the complaint. These individuals may not be family members, subordinates, or attorneys. The role of the MIT community member is to provide support and guidance, not to be a substitute for the party, who is the primary participant.

12. MIT does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, handicap, age or national or ethnic origin in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and other Institute administered programs and activities.

13. Graduate students are protected from harassment, including sexual misconduct and retaliation.

14. Pending approval by the Dean for Graduate Education, female graduate students anticipating giving birth may take paid childbirth accommodation.

15. As with all members of the MIT community, graduate students are to be treated with evenhanded respect for their dignity, individual qualities, and property.

16. Graduate students have a right and to responsibility to maintain a safe and clean working environment.

17. Graduate students have the right to conduct research in an environment free from conflicts of interest and the responsibility to maintain their research free of conflicts of interest.

18. Graduate students have the right to conduct research in an environment free from academic misconduct and dishonesty and a responsibility to maintain standards of academic integrity and responsible conduct of research.

19. Graduate students are protected from personal exploitation. In the case of full-time research assistants, supervised activities should be confined to thesis research and professional development.

INSTITUTE POLICY
Guiding the Graduate Student Experience

10. Graduate students in a paid assistantship have a right to paid vacation in accordance with Institute policy.

11. Graduate students must be notified of the work requirements for each subject, including grading criteria and procedures, at the beginning of each term.

12. Each academic unit should ensure that students have ready access to the following information:
   A. Degree requirements
   B. Academic deadlines
   C. Time limits for seeking advanced degrees
   D. Departmental procedures for general and/or qualifying exams
   E. Guidelines for resolving concerns or conflicts within the department
   F. Individuals available for consultation regarding student issues and problems
   G. Criteria for termination or withdrawal of a graduate student
   H. Rules governing teaching assistant and research assistant appointments and fellowships

13. If a department or program is considering terminating a graduate student, that student should be made aware at an early stage of the reasons for such consideration, and should be notified in writing when formal consideration of termination is initiated.

web.mit.edu/policies/8/8.3.html

web.mit.edu/policies/7/7.21.html

web.mit.edu/policies/g/9.5.html

hrweb.mit.edu/policy/g/10

sexualmisconduct.mit.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy

web.mit.edu/policies/g/9.6.html

web.mit.edu/policies/g/9.6.html

web.mit.edu/policies/g/9.1.html

web.mit.edu/policies/g/9.3.html

web.mit.edu/policies/4/4.4.html

web.mit.edu/policies/10/10.1.html

web.mit.edu/policies/8/8.2.html - sub3

web.mit.edu/gpp/roles/department

web.mit.edu/gpp/roles/department

web.mit.edu/gpp/registration/changes/childbirth-accommodation-maternity-leave

web.mit.edu/policies/8/8.2.html - sub3

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ARC advising activities

- Redistribution of best practices in grad advising/institute policies (with ODGE)
- X.ThG course evaluation rollout and communication

- ODGE collab with “committed to caring” initiative during grad student appreciation week in spring
- Advising panel—for students, by awarded faculty/advisors

Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/9 @ 6pm
External Affairs Board (EAB)

John Hardin
State and Local Affairs Co-Chair
External Affairs Board
NAGPS National Conference

- MIT GSC is a Legacy Member of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

- NAGPS National Conference **November 3 – 6**
  - Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

- The MIT delegation departs for Stony Brook tomorrow! Wish us luck!
Statements and Publications in progress

• International Entrepreneur Rule
  • Raise awareness of the importance of an entrepreneur visa!

• American Innovation & Competitiveness Act (S.3084)
  • Setting priorities for federal research agencies.

• Infrastructure Research Funding
  • Proposal for the new President’s first 100 days?

• Sexual harassment and assault on university campuses
  • There may be enough momentum to pass multiple bills in December!
Travel Opportunities next Spring

• Visit the Statehouse in Boston to meet state legislators!
  • Contact State and Local Affairs gsc-eab-state@mit.edu

• Go to DC for NAGPS Legislative Action Days!
  • Generally held in mid March – dates TBA
  • Contact Federal Affairs gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu

• Spend a day visiting local congressional offices!
  • Contact Federal Affairs gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu

• Represent MIT at the NAGPS Regional Conference!
  • Generally held in mid April – dates TBA
  • Contact University Liaison gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu!
New University Liaison Needed!

• Current University Liaison Michael McClellan will step down before the end of the year.

• Do you want to be GSC’s ambassador to other universities and GSAs/GSCs?

• Do you want to lead the GSC delegation to NAGPS Regional Conference?

• If so, contact Michael at gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu today!
November Meetings!

- Federal Affairs
  - **TOMORROW**, Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00pm
  - **GSC Office** 50-220

- External Affairs Board
  - Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30pm
  - **GSC Office** 50-220
GSC External Affairs Primary Contact
gsc-eab@mit.edu
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)

Sarah Shapiro, Ryan and Marcy Gillis
HCA Chairs
gsc-hca@mit.edu
Housing and Campus Affairs (HCA)

- **New Transportation Sub-Committee Chair**: Anna Turskaya
  - gsc-transportation-chair@mit.edu
- Paid Parental Leave – Waiting for administration to evaluate employee policy
- Costco Shuttle – Smoother operation this month (no complaints)

**Ways to get involved:**
- Family subcommittee chair
- New Transportation subcommittee

Come to the next HCA meeting on Monday, November 7\textsuperscript{th} at 5:30 pm (50-220)!
Come and explore the Muddy

Come for the wings, stay for the beer (every Wednesday 8 & 9 pm)

Host a cultural event with us (Muddy Mondays)

Working group on improvements for Walker Memorial

Join and Run a small company!
   Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
After the GCM

- Board is always looking for new members
  Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu

- Come hang out at the Muddy!!
Activities Committee (AC)

Saurabh Gandhi and Sami Khan, Chairs

gsc-ac@mit.edu
Taste of Mexico
Monday, Nov. 21

But the food will be 100% Mexican PROMISE!

Berklee Mariachi Ensemble
Get to know those floating ghosts…

GSC-PDA coffee hour
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 3:30-5:30 pm
Twenty Chimneys (student center)

GSC Coffee Hours
Nov. 14, 28
Gala at the Aquarium!!!

Save the date:
April 15, 2017
GSC.MIT.EDU/SKITRIP

SMUGGLER'S NOTCH RESORT
JAN 20-23, 2017

TICKETS: $310 (+$60 FOR BUS)
ON SALE NOV 7, 2016

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Next AC Meeting: Nov. 29 @ 5 pm

gsc-ac@mit.edu
Association of Student Activities (ASA)

Nichole Clarke, President of ASA
niclarke@mit.edu
ASA Updates

• As originally planned, the ASA will be revising its Bylaws and Policies as well as its Operating Guidelines. The plan, still, is to have this completed for this Spring Semester.

• During this semester, the Committee on Student Life brought up multiple Institute concerns regarding student groups and membership that we will also need to address during this revision period; we will be working with the Committee on Student Life to ensure that the address these concerns. Furthermore, the Committee on Student Life will aid in getting us the required assistance needed to undergo such a task.
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Jimmy Kaczmarek and Sarah Goodman
November 2, 2016
Introducing IAP re-Orientation!

• A few MIT offices expressed interest in having a mini re-orientation during IAP to remind grad students of the resources available to them and to have events that didn’t fit in the fall schedule.
  • ODGE – diversity themed event
  • ISO
  • Gordon leadership office

• Structure will be different from fall orientation
  • Most events will be hosted by organizations other than GSC
  • GSC will brand as “re-orientation” and publicize events
We Need Your Help!

- What kinds of events would you like to see during re-orientation?
- Professional development?
- Social events?
- Events to encourage collaboration/socializing between departments?

Email gsc-oc@mit.edu
OFFICER UPDATES
Nominations Board

- Student Travel proposal
  - Previous proposal that has been shelved for past 18 months
  - Require student groups to register for off campus events

- Campus Activities Complex
  - Feedback on policy and suggestions for new and improved services and amenities that CAC could provide community
Council Representative Updates

- Currently have 76 of 97 seats filled
- Departments with openings:
  - Architecture (1)
  - Brain and Cognitive Science (2)
  - Civil and Environmental Engineering (1)
  - Comparative Media Studies (1)
  - EECS (3)
  - Management (2)
  - Mathematics (1)
  - Media Arts and Sciences (2)
  - Operations Research (1)
  - Science Writing (1)
  - Urban Studies and Planning (2)
  - Westgate (1)
  - Off-campus (2)
  - Graduate Families and Parents (1)
Treasurer Updates

Lisa Guay, GSC Treasurer
gsc-treasurer@mit.edu
Budget Update

• Received $324,843.75 from CF so far
  • Expect another $25-50k (conservative estimate)
  • For reference:
    • FY16 Received $382,959.09
    • FY17 Prediction (3-yr average) $408,030.78

• Even if there is a shortfall, GSC finances are in good shape
  • “Uncommitted funds” FY17 ($25,849.53)
  • Reserve/Stabilization Fund

• Not enough info for rescope at this point
## FY17 Spending to Date*

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**Total Spent**  $112,352.70    **Total Remaining**  $492,372.34

*Note that these expenses are those that have been processed and do not include open allocations or commitments*
FUNDING BOARD TASK FORCE REPORT

GSC Treasurer, Lisa Guay
GSC President, Arolyn Conwill
German Parada, Greg Izatt
Task Force Goals

• Overall – Harmonize process & increase efficiency
  • Define funding priorities
  • Streamline applications
  • Improve advertising/website/communication with applicants
  • Coordinate review between funding sources
  • Revise application timelines
  • Consider restructuring GSC funds
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Funding Board Task Force Recommendations

• Cycle application deadlines be pushed up to allow for more thorough consideration and prompt notification;

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Funding Board Task Force Recommendations

- Funding applications be merged and streamlined so that students can automatically be considered for the correct fund;
Funding Board Task Force Recommendations

• Application and post-event report questions be revised to capture more detail about expenses and event attendance;
• Post-event report submission be made a requirement for future funding;

Budget Breakdown *

Your application will be stronger if you are specific. Your budget breakdown should include an itemized list of proposed expenditures, with the rationale behind how these numbers were estimated (i.e. Dinner for attendees: $7/person * 20 people = $140). Please also comment on how Funding Board funding would fit into the larger picture of your group’s funding this cycle (total available resources, anticipated revenue and expenditure, etc.). Be sure to indicate the other funding sources you are applying to, along with the amount and the status of your application.
Funding Board Task Force Recommendations

• Additional application detail be posted with event allocations to increase transparency and provide good examples for future applications;

• Funding guidelines be overhauled to be more user friendly and more clearly state eligible expenses, appropriate level of application detail, and answers to common questions;

• Renewed partnerships and dialogue with ASA, Sloan, and SAO be maintained to improve graduate student understanding of outside funding resources and promote harmonization.
NEW BUSINESS
Bylaws Amendments

- According to the GSC Constitutions, resolutions to amend the GSC Bylaws require 2/3 support from Council.

**Article X. Amendments**

2. **Bylaws**
   1. *By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the full Council.*
Bylaws Amendments

- Do bylaws need to be amended?
  - In some cases vast difference between what’s in the bylaws and current practice.
  - In other cases, the bylaws are missing things or are dysfunctional.
63.gsc.6 Amendment to the Bylaws concerning Council Meeting Procedures

Orpheus Chatzivasileiou and Andrew Fiore
Bylaws Amendments

- Voting/GCM procedure fixes
  - Ability to call for special meetings with shorter notice
    - Currently two weeks notice, make it one
  - Can reconsider legislation once the officer team changes (practically once a year)
    - Given current description, it can technically happen every GCM
  - Text makes mention to “Main of Principal” Motions.
    - Artifact from when we used to be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.
  - Anyone can now ask for a vote to be repeated as a recorded vote
    - Difficult to prove one was on the losing side if vote was not recorded in the first place.
  - No roll call necessary for a recorded vote
    - Artifact from an era before clickers.
63.gsc.7 Amendment to the Bylaws concerning Committee functions

Orpheus Chatzivasileiou and Andrew Fiore
Bylaws Amendments

- Committee fixups
  - Committees should have written procedures
    - Institutional memory. Clarifies how large committees work, how chairs are elected, etc..
  - Subcommittees shouldn’t “die” every time the chair changes
    - Technically, they do
- ARC & AC award descriptions
  - The awards do not need to be described in the bylaws. The exact same text can be in the committee operating procedures. They will continue to be awarded.
- P&P
  - Description outdated. Changes introduced to make it more flexible and reflect current reality.
63.gsc.8 Amendment to the Bylaws concerning Funding and Budgets

Lisa Guay, GSC Treasurer
Proposed Changes

• Allow more flexibility in funding cycles
  • Bylaws say semesters (summer, fall, spring)
  • Proposal: Change to regular intervals, at least once a semester

• Update Funding Board meeting procedures
  • Bylaws say meetings are open, and appeals are done in person,
    • Tricky to schedule and not very useful for groups
  • Proposal: Remove these stipulations but ensure transparency:
    • Post allocations publicly
    • Require FB to explain funding decisions upon request
    • Explicitly allow for appeals to FB decisions
Proposed Changes, cont.

- Update 3-year inflation adjusted average equation
  - Bylaws missing equation, and require using not-yet-released CPI value
  - Proposal: Add equation and update CPI specification

- Update “Reserve Fund” (“Stabilization Fund”) name
  - “Reserve Fund” is confusing because GSC has other financial reserves
  - GSC account that actually holds these funds is called “Stabilization Fund”
  - Proposal: Revise to formally be “Stabilization Fund”

- Update voting for on Stabilization Fund disbursements
  - Bylaws say $\frac{1}{2}$ vote of full Council
  - Proposal: align with standard legislative procedure (majority vote of Council)
Comment on legislation!!

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