



Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

General Council Meeting 63.5 Minutes
September 14, 2016, 5:30 PM

Meeting minutes:

1. New Faces Introduced
2. Sarah Shapiro is 7
3. Quorum Check
 - a. 37 present, 5 non-present
4. Minutes of previous meeting
 - a. Placard vote. Passed
5. MIT Corporation, Board of Trustees
 - a. The GSC does good work
 - i. Student housing needs
 - ii. Advisor-advisee relations
 - iii. Financial crisis response
 - iv. "Keep up the good work"
 - b. MIT Corp
 - i. How many of you know it?
 - ii. How many of you know what it does?
 - iii. MIT's Board of Trustees
 1. MIT's government
 2. Has its own bylaws
 3. Trustees: MIT Corporation
 4. What it does
 - a. Makes sure MIT's mission is followed, integrity preserved, money is preserved
 - b. Approves Budget (3-4 billion)
 - c. Approves degrees
 - d. Elect president and key officers, advise president.
 - e. Corporation: Oversight, support, advice
 - f. Management: Day to day execution & management
 - g. Essentially a big board
 - h. 78 members (8 ex officio, some recent graduates, for nominees of alumni association, some other members elected by corporation, life members).
 - i. Meet 4 times a year
 - i. There are some committees that meet more regularly
 1. Executive Committee
 2. Visiting Committees
 - a. A lot of work gets done there
 - b. They visit MIT and produce report.
 3. CJAC
 4. Others too

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5. MIT.edu/orgchart

6. People GSC works with

a. President

b. ODGE

c. DSL

d. Chancellor

e. We may want to get in touch with more.

7. Visiting committees for this academic year

a. About 8 per semester

b. ChemE in Spring 2017

8. Also work with CJAC to make your voice heard

9. Corporation currently accepting nominations for recent graduates (2015-2016-2017 eligible for that slot)

a. Please nominate people

10. Question

a. Is there talk of putting grad students on the corporation?

i. Not yet

b. How confidential are the deliberations?

i. Confidential

c. How do Corporation Visiting Committee Reports look like?

i. They look like some Institute-wide reports, e.g the Institute-wide planning task force.

6. Committee updates

a. ARC

i. Holding elections for second co-chair

ii. In a lull. Had alternative careers panel. What do, as GCM think that panels should cater to? Are they useful? Do people like those?

iii. Different kinds of events proposed. Straw polling to see popularity

iv. Resources.mit.edu

v. Advising initiative

vi. Deadline for Prof. Development plan

vii. Career in startups panels popular

viii. Panels with govt. slightly less popular

ix. Wed 9/12 next meeting

b. AC

i. We elected a new co-chair

ii. Taste of China upcoming

iii. Taste of Brazil last week

iv. Coffee Hours

v. Also joint postdoc-GSC coffee hours

vi. Ski Trip ticket sales in December

vii. October 28th next meeting

c. EAB

i. Advocating for science symposium (150 people)



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ii. Advocacy workshops, successful

iii. Ivy+ summit

1. Student leadership from Ivy Schools & Chicago (recently added)

2. Talked about many things

3. Next Year at Harvard

iv. NAGPS conference

1. Delegation is being formed

2. Big allies for our efforts

v. Sponsoring 2nd Presidential Debate

vi. Register to vote!

d. HCA

i. Costco Shuttles

1. Only one person has used it

2. Operating but struggling, working with transportation

ii. Parental leave

1. Hoping to make progress soon

iii. Dorm reps

1. Large inventory item sharing

iv. Testimonials from grad student parents

v. Looking for subcommittee chairs

e. Muddy

i. What do you like about Muddy?

1. Beer

ii. What don't you like

1. Gets crowded

iii. Join the board!

7. Officer Updates-President

a. Lisa's back

b. What do the officers do?

i. Meet with lots of people (mostly administration, other student groups, people in the GSC)

ii. Questions? Ask us.

c. Childcare proposal

i. Submitted soon, work getting done

ii. We're working on some measures in the interim (case-by-case measures)

d. Career Fair 2016

i. 2/3 of our budget comes from there.

ii. Will get the final numbers, this will inform budget rescope

iii. What companies do you want to see?

1. Increase startups, nonprofits, underrepresented companies (~70).

iv. If you have suggestions for career fair, let us know.

8. VP updates

a. Bldg 50 enhancement

i. Furniture for better student spaces

ii. Further improvements



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- b. New ad-hoc committees for which NomBoard will need to recruit
- c. Hospitalization & involuntary leave
- d. 74 out of 97 rep positions filled
- e. Council rep funding

9. Secretary

- a. New House shutting down
- b. Roughly 60 spots may be available in Tang Hall
- c. No other graduate dorm under consideration

10. Treasurer updates

- a. Task force will report next month
- b. 15 applications, will try to consolidate them
- c. Enforce/refine guidelines for funding
- d. Awarded \$15,000 for student groups
- e. Limited off-cycle funding

11. Legislative process overview

12. 63.gsc.4 Resolution to update the legislative platform of the GSC

- a. Proposed update for our generally agreed policy procedures
- b. Some items are new on "Quality of life"
- c. Motion to vote now
 - i. It passed
- d. Vote
 - i. 45 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention
 - ii. It passed

13. Open Floor

14. Motion to adjourn

- a. It passes.