General Council Meeting
September 13, 2017

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Lisa Guay
Orpheus Chatzivasileiou
Krithika Ramchander
New Faces

- Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve August Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
Office of the Vice Chancellor

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Why was the OVC created?

• To best respond to (and keep up with) the evolving needs of our undergraduates, grad students, and recent alums
  • Improved services, greater professional development opportunities, enhanced quality of life, and more

• To meet the ambitious charge of the Chancellor
  • Enhance the changing residential academic experience

• To meet a longstanding priority of President Reif
  • Make MIT the strongest magnet in global higher education and a model for 21st century education
What’s been done since July 1

- Two all hands meetings: July 17 (staff only) and August 8 (with staff + student representation)
  - GSC Leaders participated in exercises on 8/8 to draw a new organizational chart. At least one leader served as a table facilitator. (25+ draft charts)

- Gathered data through these meetings on current office collaborations and potential collaborations

- Wrote a new values statement for OVC
OVC values statement

- **Student-centeredness**: We support the teaching learning, academic success, personal growth, and well being of the whole student and all students.

- **Integrity**: We strive to be transparent, respectful, honest, and accountable to ourselves and others; integrity fosters trust and trust builds the bonds of community.

- **Community**: We actively work to create a caring, compassionate, healthy, and safe environment that enables all community members to thrive.
Diversity and inclusion: We build and maintain a community and culture that celebrates and values diverse backgrounds, identities, and perspectives.

Collaboration: We are committed to creative, flexible, and generous ways of building bridges, working together, and communicating openly.

Innovation: We engage in creative risk taking to build a more agile organization that in turn affects transformative change at the Institute, and in the world.
Charge by the Chancellor

• Working with the staff from undergraduate and graduate education to conduct an organizational review that positions the two offices to support the above efforts as well as optimize services for our students and faculty;

• Partnering with community members to make improvements for students in areas such as advising, professional development, diversity and inclusion, and well being;
Charge by the Chancellor

- **Implementing** the residential education innovations called for in the Institute-wide **Task Force on the Future of MIT Education**; and

- Engaging with students and departments to develop and pursue a roadmap for **enhancing the first-year undergraduate student academic experience**.
What works, what doesn’t work

• We want to hear from you...

• What does work well?

• When you interact with a student office outside of your academic department, what doesn’t work well?

• What are your pain points when you interact with a student office?

• What do you want to make sure the Vice Chancellor knows / should understand about graduate student learning and life.
# Focus Areas

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[Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology]
Institute Committees
Institute Committee Openings

- Council on Family and Work – need one nominee
  - Slight preference for female PhD (to complement male SDM)
  - Monthly meetings
  - Charge:
    - MIT's Council on Family and Work serves in an advisory and deliberative capacity concerning family and work-related issues as they impact MIT's faculty, staff, and students. It is the Council's responsibility to:
      - 1) identify family and work-related issues,
      - 2) establish a process to evaluate and respond to these issues, and
      - 3) make periodic recommendations to MIT's senior officers about courses of action relevant to these specific issues.
Institute Committee Openings

• Committee on Discipline – need one nominee
  • Charge:
    • COD adjudicates cases involving allegations of cheating, plagiarism, alcohol, drugs, hazing, theft, sexual misconduct, unauthorized access, and other serious issues, which can be complex and emotionally charged.
    • Some cases may require that members make difficult decisions about whether students should be permitted to stay at the Institute.
  • Time Commitment:
    • 1-3 sanctioning panels per semester (4-5 hrs each + 2-3 hours of prep)
    • Monthly committee and subcommittee meetings
    • 10-16 hrs initial training and a half-day retreat over IAP
Graduate Housing Working Group
Working Group Members

6 graduate students
- Kelly Blynn
- Lauren Chai
- Orpheus Chatzivasileiou
- Will Kimball
- Abigail Regitsky
- Nicholas Triantafillou

6 faculty & admin
- Ian Waitz (Chair)
- Jon Alvarez
- David Friedrich
- Stephen Graves
- Suzy Nelson
- Krystyn Van Vliet
Working Group Charge

1. Assess how housing availability and graduate student housing needs, including those of international students and graduate student families, have changed in the three years since the completion of the Clay Report (a 2014 report assessing graduate student housing needs). **Based on this updated analysis, recommend options for matching graduate student housing demand with different housing types, locations, costs, and timelines for bringing the new beds online.** For each option, assess the demand and the expected costs and benefits to graduate students and to MIT. The options should consider the 250-net new graduate student beds currently under construction in Kendall Square and the Institute’s commitment to provide at least an additional 250 beds in response to the Clay Report;

2. Present the **interim findings of the updated assessment** to the Chancellor, Provost, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, and other community members before **October 13, 2017**; and

3. Recommend a **process for periodic reviews and evaluations** of graduate student housing needs, along with opportunities for community engagement, for consideration by the Institute’s senior administration.
Assessment and Interim Report

• Interim findings by Oct. 13 (admin consider options by Oct. 30)
  • Really accelerated schedule - around 2 meetings a week
  • What is housing demand for different segments of MIT grad students?
  • How does demand change with different types of housing?
  • What type of housing should MIT build next to satisfy the greatest demand at a manageable cost?

• Conjoint Analysis – Applied Marketing Science (AMS)
  • Online survey for all graduate students to understand demand for different types of housing and willingness-to-pay for these options
  • Survey design informed by GSC Housing Survey and focus groups, along with other past surveys and questionnaires
Focus Groups

• We need grad students to participate in focus groups about living preferences to inform the conjoint study

• Sign up: http://bit.ly/mitamsfocusgrp
• When: Sep. 14 from 4-7PM or Sep. 19 from 1:30-3PM
• You will be contacted with a specific time and location
• Refreshments provided!
Officer Updates
MIT Fall Career Fair 2017

- Friday, September 29th, 10 am – 4 pm
- 400+ Companies
- Register at https://career-fair.mit.edu/
  - See the list of companies
  - Submit your resume
  - Print your name tag
Career Week

• 60+ Information sessions and coffee chats
  • See the full schedule at https://www.dropbox.com/s/mpu6r1kkxc18gju/Career%20Week%202017.pdf?dl=

• Interview Day September 30th

CAREER FAIR WEEK EVENTS

SCHEDULE

Monday, September 18
Info Session: Citadel
5:00 p.m. | 4-370

Tuesday, September 19
Info Session: Shell Oil Company
6:00 p.m. | 4-237

Info Session: Palantir Technologies
6:00 p.m. | 4-370
Info Session: Vecna Robotics
7:00 p.m. | 4-163
Info Session: RightHand Robotics
8:00 p.m. | 3-370

Wednesday, September 27
Volunteering for Career Fair

- Career Fair accounts for 2/3 of the GSC’s funding
- Career Week requires 700+ volunteer hours to run

- Sign up by Sept 17th at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9a92ca6fc1-2017

- Volunteering does not prevent you from attending the fair!
Volunteering for Career Fair

• Benefits
  • Enhance your Career Fair experience
  • Enter the fair 30 minutes before everyone else
  • Attend the Kick-Off reception on Thursday, Sept 28th
    • See the list of 40+ attending companies here
      https://docs.google.com/document/d/11GVVNWz1Nt8FFMr8iv9ph9Gvr7y5iLgzuJ/aF6h20/edit?usp=sharing
  • Receive volunteer appreciation gifts
  • Network with companies at the fair or at info sessions

• Questions? Contact the CF Directors (cf-directors@mit.edu) or the GSC Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Guay (guayL@mit.edu)
70 Amherst St.

- Two working groups
- 70 Amherst St.
  - Formation of grad dorm government/dorm policies
  - Hold dorm-wide events and events open to all grad students
  - Two Graduate Community Fellows hired to support these efforts
- Grad dorm leaders
  - Led by Naomi Carton
GSC Newsletter

• **Motivation:**
  • We have the Anno for sending out event announcements.
  • We are developing a more efficient way of making the graduate student body aware of the GSC’s ongoing projects & getting volunteers

• **Format:**
  • What’s coming up
  • What we’ve been working on
  • Get involved – volunteer opportunities

• **Submissions:**
  • Council/ExComm will submit content via a form, similar to Anno
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Karthik Akkiraju and Yijin Wei
Co-Chairs
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Event

Six Flags Trip : 8/26
#ThrillItUp

• Six Flags, New England
• ~45 graduate students + Co

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The Law of Free Food:

\[
\text{Food Taste} = \frac{\text{Food Quality} \times \text{Hunger}}{\text{\$\$ Cost}}
\]
Event

Volleyball with PDA
(Postdocs are fun people.)

8/10, 8/17: Thursday at 5.30PM,
Sand Court between 62 & 64
Pizza at Muddy
Coffee Hour is Back.

Monday: 9/11
7PM, Stata Center

Monday: 9/25
7PM, Stata Center

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In the Making

1. Ski-Trip on schedule
2. Grad gala kick off meeting
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Pat O’Shea and Richard Zhang
Co-Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
Sept 2017 GCM ARC Updates

• Finding a Good Postdoc (August 16th, 2:30pm-4pm, Rm 10-250)
  ➢ A women-majority panel of six current postdocs, including an incoming assistant professor at Tufts and the President of PDA
  ➢ 50 people attended
  ➢ 2nd Successful Use of AV Equipment

• Beyond Academics: PhD Career Options (September 21st, 5:30pm – 7pm)
  ➢ Panel consists of research scientists, patent specialist, and consultants all with MIT backgrounds
  ➢ Should be a great discussion on industry options for PhD students
Sept 2017 GCM ARC Updates

• Growing Up in Science (First Panel with Ed Bertschinger, Tues Sept 19 at 5PM in 1-190)
  ➢ Davey Rolnick is leading our Growing Up in Science initiative where professors talk to grad students about their non-linear path that led them to academia
  ➢ Ed Bertschinger will be the faculty liaison for this panel series

• Lerman Travel Grant
  ➢ Working with MITAA to develop crowdfunding campaigns for the travel grant that will occur in the fall and winter
  ➢ Will be filming our crowdfunding campaign video soon with the expectation to start the campaign in late September
Sept 2017 GCM ARC Updates

- Please come to our September meeting
  - Wednesday Sept 20\textsuperscript{th} at 6:30 in the GSC Office
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sabina Chen
ASA President
asa-exec@mit.edu
New student group applications

• Deadline: Friday, Sept. 29
Subcommittee Activities

• Federal Affairs
  • Preparing for a trip to DC! (Fall NAGPS Legislative Action Days)
  • Writing statements, scheduling meetings
  • Focusing on: Research Funding, Visa Issues & DACA, Grad Student Finances

• State and Local Affairs
  • Sustainability policy survey of grad student opinions
    • tinyurl.com/succes-survey (note the lack of a second ‘s’ in succes)
  • City Council Election Voter Registration push
  • Supporting the Graduate Housing Working Group
Subcommittee Activities (cont)

• Public Outreach
  • Hometown Heroes
    • Connecting researchers with hometown local media to share their research
  • Open Access MIT Research Slides
    • Providing a premade, modular slide deck for MIT students to use in presenting MIT research in during outreach
  • Faces and Stories of Incoming Grad Students
    • Video that introduces our newest grad students, where they’re coming from, what they’re working on, and what inspired them to get here
Upcoming Events

• Voter Registration Liaison Training
  • Learn more about how you can help get your fellow students voting in local elections this November!
  • Thursday, September 28th, at 5pm in 32-144

• NAGPS National Conference
  • Connect with other grad student governments at universities across the country!
  • November 1st – 5th at Syracuse University
  • Interest form: tinyurl.com/mit-nagps-national-interest
Upcoming Meetings

• State and Local Affairs
  • Wednesday, September 20th, at 5pm in the GSC Office (50-220)

• Development
  • Thursday, September 21st, at 5:30pm in the GSC Office (50-220)

• Public Outreach
  • Monday, September 25th, at 7pm in the GSC Office (50-220)
Next EAB Meeting:

Next Monday (9/18) at 4:30pm
in the GSC Office (50-220)

Dinner & Social afterwards at Muddy!

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Malvika Verma and Nicholas Triantafillou
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MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Alex Genshaft
gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Help shape the Muddy commun

Please fill out our Muddy survey! muddy.mit.edu/survey

Please promote Muddy Orientation: Food & Beer Pairing 9/23 to all first-years!

Join the board or a subcommittee and help run a small company!
Our next:
   Long term planning Subcommittee meeting 9/19!
(Muddy)

Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Host a cultural event at the Muddy!

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With 5:1 matched Food funds up to $400

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Building 50
142 Memorial Drive
Enjoy wings & vegetarian options weekly!

Muddy Charles Pub
Join us for Weekly Wednesdays

Wings & Vegetarian Dumplings Served at 8 & 9pm
Limit 4 per person per serving

21+ always only
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Building 50
142 Memorial Drive
After the GCM

Come hang out at the Muddy!!
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

German Parada and Akshata Krishnamurthy
Co-Chairs
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GSC 2017 ORIENTATION

HAPPENED!
What’s next?

• Financial closure
• Planning for next year

• Huge thank you to all of you who made this possible
  • Lauren, Betsy, Event Coordinators
  • Officers and ExComm
  • Volunteers
  • OGE
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