General Council Meeting Agenda
August 8, 5:30 PM in 6-120

1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
   a. Quorum Check
      i. Quorum
   b. Approval of June & July GCM Minutes
      i. Approved

2. Grad Rat (5:40 – 5:50 PM)
   a. Sami is presenting GradRat
   b. GradRat: Official Graduate Ring of MIT, a 90 year tradition
   c. Represent all five schools in engineering and sloan
   d. Have its own independent budget but also part of GSC
   e. Sponsor GSC events and have its own events
   f. Sponsor dorms and departments
   g. September 7th from 5pm-7pm Walker Memorial: Official Ring Unveiling Event
      h. Exciting finishes and metals this year
      i. Ring sales more than double in 15 years
   j. But only 30%-35% graduates buy (80% undergraduates buy)
   k. Order now!
   l. Collaboration opportunities
   m. It’s an MIT Tradition

3. Career Fair (5:50 – 6:00 PM)
   a. MIT fall career fair is going to happen Friday September 21st in Z Center
   b. We’ve introduced two new partnership: MIT Alumni Association that help recruit underserved majors and Environmental Solution Initiative to help recruit companies with social responsibility and sustainabilities
   c. We’ve grown special interest initiatives to companies that hire majors who are under-satisfied by the career fair.
   d. 354 registered companies
   e. August 31st: candidate registration
   f. CAPD has many different workshops for it
g. Email cf-directors@mit.edu for any questions

4. 65.gsc.2 – Amendment to the Bylaws concerning the issuance of statements (6:00 – 6:25 PM)
   a. Current model: General Council can approve statements (two-month statement)
      i. Quite slow
   b. External Affairs Board (based on policy platform)
      i. Some potential statements do not relate to External Affairs
   c. Council can approve statements as currently
   d. Expand EAB statement asking process to other committees
      i. At least 7 people have to be on the statement subcommittee
      ii. Strike the advisory board

5. 65.gsc.3 – Executive Committee Online Voting Procedure (6:25 – 6:40 PM)
   a. All voting members can introduce a motion
   b. Motion shall be broadcast electronically
   c. Motion passes if ½ or higher threshold says yes in 72 hours
   d. If it happens, then it passes
   e. Otherwise, it fails

6. GSC Help Desk (6:40 – 6:50 PM)
   a. Centralize gsc-help@mit.edu
   b. GSC members redirect students to helpful resources and/or answer questions
   c. Google form & spreadsheet helps track problems and how well we’re taking care of them
   d. Benefits
      i. 1 easy-to-remember email for all grad students
         1. Lower barrier to getting help
      ii. Gives GSC overview of all problems affecting grad students at MIT
         1. Observe patterns
         2. Identity priorities
   e. Grad help vs. gsc help
f. Monitoring and getting it set up
   i. We need some help with it.

  g. Email management platform: career fair found a really good resource for it

h. Knowledge base: build up a FAQ

7. Officer Updates (6:50 – 7:00 PM)
   a. Ian Tracy, the GSC, treasurer, has officially resigned
   b. Nicole nominated herself to the position of treasurer
   c. Council rep funding
      i. $150/rep/term
      ii. $250 rep with GSC or Institute committee involvement

8. Committee Updates (7:00 – 7:15 PM)
   a. ARC
      i. DOING GREAT!

   b. AC
      i. Whale watching (43 attendees, 4 didn’t show up)
      ii. Saw whales!
      iii. Mommy whale: Daya
      iv. “What if the whale flips the boat”
         1. Answer: make sure he/she signs the waiver

   v. Six flag trip
      1. Tickets sold out
      2. Waitlist available

   vi. Paint night on August 22nd
      1. Chancellor will be there

   vii. Taste of Bangladesh
       1. 9/18 in Morss Hall

   c. DIS
      i. First meeting on July 26th
      ii. DCI: may turn into one-paper for incoming students
      iii. C-Reps: missing LGBTQ+, URM, Religious Life, and International Students
      iv. ICEO Update: preferences submitted in letters
v. Home base for Grad. Students of Color

d. External Affairs Board
   i. Federal Affairs
      1. Prepping for fall LAD
      2. Hosting a discussion session about organizing student advocacy LAD
      3. Working on statements on EPA regulations and Chinese student visas
   ii. State and Local Affairs
      1. Made a final push on sexual misconduct climate survey bill which passed the house, but not the senate before the legislative session ended
      2. Work closely with MITVote2018 on local and state races
   iii. Public Outreach
      1. Science themed trivia at Aeronaut in Somerville next month

e. Muddy
   i. Rework Muddy Mondays: cultural groups host events at the Muddy
      1. No longer serves MIT community as well as other formats could

f. Orientation
   i. Calling for volunteers

9. Open Floor (7:15 – 7:20 PM)
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## Upcoming General Council Meetings (GCMs)

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