General Council Meeting Agenda  
September 12, 5:30 PM in 32-155

1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)  
   a. Quorum Check  
      i. 46 present – we have quorum  
   b. Approval of August GCM Minutes  
      i. Approved

2. Big Issues and Priorities for the Year (5:40 – 5:50 PM)  
   a. Childcare & Families  
      i. Non-significant population that has families, which incurs big costs  
      ii. Talking to MIT admins to try to get data about specific needs and problems  
      iii. Potential working group  
   b. Lower Tail of Stipends  
      i. Some receive less than the livable stipend.  
      ii. We wanna know why that is happening and how to alleviate it  
      iii. OVC is looking into all PhDs in this category  
      iv. Master’s students will be the next  
   c. Student Support  
      i. Lots of resources here at MIT, but not all of it is that well advertised to grad students  
      ii. Grad-help@mit.edu is live and can handle emails  
   d. Housing  
      i. We secured 950 new on-campus beds  
      ii. Piloting a lot of additional changes  
      iii. Surveys will be sent out to address students’ opinions on this subject matter

3. Immediate Volunteer Opportunities (5:50 – 5:55 PM)  
   a. Career Fair volunteering  
      i. Sign up to volunteer  
      ii. Early access to the career fair
iii. Prizes given to volunteers

b. Institute Committees
   i. Committees on MIT & Legacy of Slavery
   ii. Campus Dining Advisory Committee
   iii. Grad Housing Implementation Team

c. GSC Rep (if department has open positions)
   i. Become departmental reps!
   ii. Check with your departments

4. GSC Committee Priorities and Opportunities (5:55 – 6:55 PM)
   a. Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee
      i. Interested in everything involving D&I
      ii. Working with identity-based affinity groups
      iii. Working with each department
      iv. Different initiatives on the subject matter
         1. Application assistance program: provide graduate
            student support to applicants from underrepresented
            group
      v. We wish to get more reps from all departments
      vi. Constituency reps: 5 constituents as of now (we don’t have
            religious life)
      vii. Liaisons with other committees
      viii. Gsc-diversity@mit.edu
      ix. There will always be dinner

b. ARC
   i. We want to increase
   ii. A lot of professional development programs
      1. Tripartite programs: funding, networking
      2. Panels, Growing Up In Science, Travel Grant, VISTA, ALC, De-stressing Dissertations
      3. Join ARC through gsc-arc-members@mit.edu
      4. Thursday September 27th, at 5:30 pm

c. AC
   i. GSC Ski-trip and GSC Grad Gala
      1. Gala’s tentative venue: cruise
ii. Arts subcommittee
   1. Art gallery in the Fall
iii. Taste of events
   1. Bangladesh
   2. Belgium
iv. Paint night
v. GSC Coffee Hour
vi. Summer ventures
   1. Whale watching
vii. Needing a second co-chair
viii. Hacking Arts 2018
     1. Need to buy tickets
d. HCA
   i. Stipend recommendation committee: data-informed stipend
   ii. Focus group on graduate students with family
   iii. Improve graduate cost of living
   iv. Please email gsc-hca@mit.edu
e. Sustainability
   i. Promote sustainable practice at MIT
   ii. Develop online sustainability training module
   iii. Collaborate with green lab to teach you how to make your labs more sustainable
   iv. Encourage recycling
   v. Seeking a new co-chair
f. GWAMIT
   i. Build and strengthen female-identifying graduate students
   ii. Empowerment conference
   iii. Departmental representatives: required to attend one 1-hour long meeting/semester
g. Muddy
   i. Engage social interactions and serve beers at affordable prices
   ii. Muddy welcome this Saturday
   iii. Finance, activities, long-term planning
iv. The Muddy wants you!

h. P&P
i. Richard, in charge.
ii. Here to defend the use of the GSC Logo
iii. We want the community to know that we exist.
iv. We want students to know all the resources we have at MIT.
v. We send you bulletins

i. EAB

i. We are the voice of graduate students at all government levels: federal, state, and local
ii. We visit DC
iii. Get involved
   1. We have five subcommittees
   2. We have four open board positions

5. Treasurer Special Election (6:55 – 7:25 PM)
   a. GSC needs a treasurer since the last treasurer resigned last month
   b. Nicole Moody has been nominated to treasurer
   c. Nicole has been around since 2015
   d. She was the President of Ashdown, etc
   e. She wants to continue to be the change figure
   f. She wants to make sure the money is well-spent given her tie to the money-generating nature of career fair
   g. She did not nominate herself last time because she was busy with career fair back then
   h. Nicole Moody has been nominated as treasurer, unanimously

6. 65.gsc.2 – Amendment to the Bylaws concerning the issuance of statements (7:25 – 7:40 PM)
   a. Slow process when going through the council
   b. Not everything fits the EAB’s portfolio
   c. Remove the Board of Advisors section and replace it by Statements
   d. Motion to end discussion and vote immediately
7. 65.gsc.3 – Executive Committee Online Voting Procedure (7:40 – 7:55 PM)
   a. Enable ExComm to vote in online procedure
   b. We want to mirror the process for EAB
   c. Time for people to request reviews
   d. Voting members send an email out
   e. What time people want a discussion? Well, we would expect people to be reasonable. There’s more benefit than downsides
   f. There should be mechanisms for ExComm members to request executive meetings
   g. Yes, it’s possible to revise your vote
   h. How about online security?
      i. Don’t worry about it
      ii. 40/46 passes

8. Open Floor (7:55 – 8:00 PM)
   a. Parking and transportation office: Westgate parking price goes up to $900
   b. The new residents have to pay for the new fee
## Upcoming GSC Meetings

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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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