Quorum check
Approve October Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER EXPLORATION

Dave Darmofal
Career Exploration Working Group

Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
KAUFFMAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE ON TRANSCRIPTS

Verena Hehl
Linguistics and Philosophy Rep
FUTURE OF MIT COMMENCEMENT
Background

• Problems with current Commencement
  • Too long
  • Killian Court too full
Solutions Being Discussed

• Separate ceremonies based on degree
  • Doctoral students could receive hoods + diplomas

• Separate ceremonies based on school/department

• Separate commencement speaker from degree conferral/hooding

• Embedded in this is a discussion of venue
COLLEGE OF COMPUTING
OFFICER UPDATES
Orientation Next Year

• Planning for next year starting in Spring semester

• Feedback and lessons learned to be discussed later this semester

• Orientation meeting in December will likely have elections for next year’s Orientation Chairs
Council Rep Funding

• **Apply for your funding!**
• Available to all Council members except those who are members by virtue of their GSC position
  - i.e. Everyone but committee/board and some subcommittee chairs
• $150/rep/term or $250/rep/term with GSC or Institute committee involvement
  - Spring: Feb 16–Oct 15, Fall: Oct 16–Feb 15
• Double your $150 if you collaborate with a rep outside your department
• Events/items must be accessible to entire constituency
• Program info: [http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding](http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding)
• Application: [http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/](http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/)
• Questions? Email [gsc-vp@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-vp@mit.edu)
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sridipta Ghatak and Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
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Roads to Academia

➢ Professors speak about their struggles to reach their current position
➢ Informal conversation, intimate discussion
➢ 2 sessions in Fall’18
➢ Most recent event with Prof. Abhijit Banerjee, Dept. of Economics
➢ More sessions in Spring’19

10/26/18
Prof. Kristala Jones-Prather, Prather Lab, Banerjee, Dept. of Chemical Engg.

11/7/18
Prof. Abhijit Banerjee, Dept. of Economics, J-PAL
Profs-On-Tap - with Dr. Ming Dao, Dept. of Material Science and Engg. 11/8 at 7 pm @Thirsty Ear (no alcohol on 11/8)

• Profs-On-Tap
  ➢ One professional/professor with up to six students
  ➢ Food and beers in the Muddy/Thirsty
  ➢ Most recent event with Bill Aulet, Managing Director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship and Professor of the Practice at the MIT Sloan School of Management
  ➢ lively discussions

Students with Dr. Dale Fried (CEO and Founder of 3DEO; MIT Lincoln Lab) on 02/28
De-Stressing Dissertations

- Slated for week 2 of January’19
- Exact dates TBD
Upcoming Panel Discussions

Panel topics:

➢ Beyond Academics: Industry Jobs for PhDs - Currently curating panelists
➢ Entrepreneurship Panel Discussion - In the pipeline, slated for Spring’19.
➢ SAP-SHASS Panel - In the pipeline, slated for Spring’19.
Open Position

• Profs-On-Tap Subcommittee Chair
  • Do you want to meet awesome professors/professionals?
  • Do you want to sharpen leadership/organization/communication skills?
  • How people got to where they are?
  • See professors in a casual settings?
  • Improving your network
  • Explain profs-on-tap
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Xueying Zhao
Chair
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Taste of Canada: 10/15 @Lobdell
Paint Night@Thirsty Ear:
10/17
GSC Ski Trip
Ticket sales open 11/5 to 11/18!

Jay Peak | Jan 25-28, 2019

Ticket Sales have not opened.
The Ski Trip is open to all MIT graduate students and post-docs. The trip includes 3 days of skiing, boarding and frolicking. Jay Peak ranks among the finest ski resorts in New England with plenty of trails for all levels of skiing and boarding. A system of 9 lifts will take skiers and boarders to 79 trails, slopes, and glades.

With forecasts of a snowy winter, we’re super excited to bring MIT up to Jay Peak this year. So, save the date!

Pricing
- Tickets will cost $315 for those who are not taking the bus and $380 for those who are taking the bus.

Timeline:
- Tickets will be on sale from November 5th through November 18th, 2018

Equipment Rental
- Stay tuned for equipment rental details and pricing later this fall.

Trip dates:
Buses will leave Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 and return evening Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. We will keep adding more details to the Trip Itinerary page. Keep checking back!

Eligibility
- ONLY grad students, post-docs and their guests are eligible.
- ONLY those over 21 years of age are eligible (IDs will be checked at the bus).

Ticket Exchange Information
- Stay tuned for details on the ticket exchange later this fall.

Skiing
Nine lifts serving 79 trails, slopes, and glades
Free beginner lessons (limited, by lottery)

Partying
MIT exclusive waterpark party
GSC Coffee Hour

• 11/5 6pm Stata center Forbes café
• iREFS were there!
Upcoming Events
Taste of Belgium: 11/27 7pm
@Walker Memorial
Arts Night: 12/7 Friday

Tour of art gallery
- Society of Arts and Crafts: 4 to 5pm
- Institute of Contemporary Art: 5 to 6:30pm
- Dinner + talk @ Trillium Brewing Company: 7pm
Grad Gala: 4/6/2019

Spirit of Boston

Food Sampling

-A variety of vegetarian options
-I like the DJ and dance floor.
-In the process of signing the contract

Grad Gala meeting: 11/15 5pm GSC office
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Kelsey Becker
ASA President

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ASA Reorganization

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Open Positions

Information and application available here: tinyurl.com/ASA2018app

Contact asa-exec@mit.edu with any questions

Groups Graduate Rep.
Space Undergrad Rep.
Space Graduate Rep.
Funding Undergrad Rep.
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
SUBCOMMITTEE

Nasir Almasri
Chair
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

• Conduit Assembly – First week of December
  • Representatives for Department and Classroom Initiative (DCI)

• ICEO Reports: moving towards action items

• Recruiting for DIS
  • All interested individuals are welcome

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: TBD (GSC Office)
Recent Travel

• Ivy+ Summit (Oct 26 – 28)
  • Developing voting rules and basic constitution
  • Officially adding University of Chicago

• NAGPS National Conference (Nov 1 – 4)
  • Finances and membership count moving in positive direction
  • Constitutional amendment to change terms of Board members to academic year from calendar year unfortunately failed
    • Need more detailed plan for next year
Election Day was yesterday

• Results summary:
  • Democrats took back US House of Representatives
  • Republicans expanded Senate majority
  • Expecting tighter gridlock on National level

• Republican Charlie Baker won reelection as Governor
• Democrat Elizabeth Warren won reelection as Senator
• MA Ballot Question 3 (on transgender non-discrimination) passed
  • Upholds protections
Thanks to the entire GOTV team!

- MITvote2018 & GSC State and Local Affairs
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