GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2018

Peter Su, GSC President
Orpheus Chatzivasileiou, GSC Vice-President
Richard Zhang, GSC Secretary
Nicole Moody, GSC Treasurer
Quorum check
Approve November Minutes

• Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
OFFICE OF CAREER ADVISING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meredith Pepin and Deborah Liverman
CAPD
VP OF IS&T SEARCH
Key Responsibilities

- Sourcing, upgrades, and maintenance of:
  - MIT’s IT infrastructure and systems
  - Software available to students/faculty/staff
- Integration of commercial solutions with MIT’s IT systems
- Securing MIT’s IT infrastructure and systems
- Providing support to students/faculty/staff about:
  - Fixing computer hardware and software issues
  - Finding the best hardware and software solutions
65.GSC.4 & 65.GSC.5 POLICY PLATFORM UPDATES
OFFICER UPDATES
Orientation

• Planning for next year starting in Spring semester
  • Reexamining Orientation from the ground up
  • If you have ideas for how we can better welcome grad students to MIT, please come to the meeting next week

• Orientation meeting next week!
  • Wed, December 12th, 5:00 PM in GSC Office (50-220)
  • Discussion of future of Orientation
  • Elections for next year’s chairs
Holiday Party

• Annual GSC Holiday Party is next week!
  • Tues, December 11th, 5:30 – 9:30 PM at Za Restaurant

• Come eat and drink and celebrate a successful first semester!
Commencement Update

• What we took away from our conversations with all of you:
  • At least some part of the Commencement activities should include all graduating students from MIT
  • At least some part of the Commencement activities should be in Killian and it should be the same part for all students (just not necessarily together at the same time)
  • Same MIT admin members present/speaking
  • If not same invited speaker, same caliber of speaker, potentially speaking more directly to grad student issues
GSC Commencement Proposal #1

• Commencement speakers with all students in larger location (not Killian) with 4+ tickets per student

• 2 separate degree conferral ceremonies in Killian with 4+ tickets per student
  • Master + PhD
  • Bachelors
GSC Commencement Proposal #2

- Commencement speakers with all students in Killian with limited tickets per student (maybe 2)

- 2 separate degree conferral ceremonies in Killian with 4+ tickets per student
  - Master + PhD
  - Bachelors
Amendment to those proposals

• PhD hooding takes extra time

• So 2 options:
  • Separate hooding “ceremonies” for each department/school
  • Hooding occurs during degree conferral
Change to MIT Spam Filters

• Some emails, including the Anno, may be going to spam now when they didn’t used to

• IS&T changed the spam filters to be more aggressive to fight phishing attacks
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)
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sridipta Ghatak and Meicen Sun
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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Xueying Zhao
Chair
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GSC Coffee Hour

• 12/3 6pm Stata center Forbes café
Taste of Belgium: 11/27
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Upcoming Events

Next AC Meeting: 12/13 5pm
Arts Night: 12/7 Friday

Tour of art gallery
- Institute of Contemporary Art: 4:30 to 6:30pm
- Dinner + talk @ Trillium Brewing Company: 7pm
Taste of Colombia: 1/15/19, Morss Hall
Save the Date: Grad Gala 2019

- Date: Apr. 6, 2019
- Time: 6 to 10pm
- Ticket sales will begin 1/1/19 (tentative)
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

• CLARIFICATION: Conduit Assembly – TOMORROW
  • Representatives for Department and Classroom Initiative (DCI)

• Incorporating ICEO-DIS connection into official mandate
  • Presentation at first Spring GCM

• Recruiting for DIS – Event in mid-to-late February (tentative)
  • All interested individuals are welcome

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: First week of February (tentative)
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Katie Shulenberger
Chair
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December Updates

- **Federal Affairs**
  - Title IX changes (w/ GWAMIT)
    - Restricting the definition of misconduct
    - Adding public hearing with cross examination by lawyers
    - Narrowing the scope of university responsibility (off campus)
    - Narrowing the definition of mandatory reporter
  - Meeting Thursday 12/13 @ 3:30 GSC Office

- **State and Local Affairs**
  - Prepping for state house visit next Spring
  - Let us know if you have any ideas!
  - Coordinated MA University Advocacy
  - Wrap up from GOTV Advocacy
December Updates (cont.)

- Public Outreach
  - Meeting Thursday 12/6 6:00 PM in the GSC office
  - So many projects! (Trivia, Cambridge Science Fest, Astrogazers, Hometown heros etc etc etc. COME LEARN MORE)

- Development
  - You saw the platform update!
  - Advocacy 101 over IAP→ Come learn about civics and how to be an effective advocate!

- Next Board Meeting Dec 12 @ 6:00 PM
  - There will be food!
  - gsc-eab@mit.edu
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Jo Melville and Mason Biamonte
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MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Matthias Ginterseder
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Muddy Activities

Jazz Brunch
• Saturday Feb 9, early afternoon @ Muddy
• Still looking for live musicians!
The Muddy Wants You!

See what the Muddy is all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (12/10)!
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

[[THIS COULD BE YOU]]
Co-Chairs
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Open Position

Graduate Committee Fellow:
Incoming Graduate Programming & Graduate Orientation

• Jan 15 - Mar 9: Development of Pre-Orientation content

• Mar 10 - Apr 30: Follow up, incorporating content updates and FAQs throughout the fellowship period.
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