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

1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
   a. Quorum Check
      i. 49 people present
   b. Approval of December GCM Minutes
      i. Approved

2. 65.gsc.4 & 65.gsc.5 – Policy Platform Updates (5:40 – 6:00 PM)
   a. EAB puts together a policy platform updates
   b. EAB always protects the victims as opposed to those who seek refuge under the political party protection
   c. EAB received concerns about supporting abortions
   d. Clause 13 was redundant
      i. Peter made a motion to revise it. It passed
   e. Motion to amend section 12 to include the language of “but not limited to”
      i. 24 for; 20 against; 6 abstained
      ii. Passed
   f. Motion to vote
      i. 47 For; 1 again; 5 abstained
      ii. Passed
   g. Another update on the use of ethical research methods and ethical application of scientific results and developments
      i. “ethical” is too broad
      ii. Voting results: 34 for; 11 against; 7 abstained

3. 65.gsc.6 – Creation of Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (6:00 – 6:30 PM)
   a. Nasir presenting
   b. Many instances before but never came to fruition
   c. 12th committee similar to EAB or AC
   d. GSC bylaw updates and presented their committee bylaws as an FYI
   e. Focusing on protected classes
   f. Diversity Equity and Inclusion
   g. Student life and department subcommittees
h. Affinity group reps to also help make recommendations to university administration and ICEO
i. Concern about how to tie list of protected class to policy platform
   i. Particularly concerned about the lack of inclusion of political affiliation
j. Last sentence wording “these groups” is vague and seems overly specific and divisive
k. Student life section: concern that we are self-selecting for groups that are already organized and could be missing groups
l. Affinity group vs student group representative
m. Comment: Do not believe political group needs to be represented because it is not a pressing diversity issue. Do not want to dilute the goal of DEI

4. 65.gsc.7 – Ratification of Ivy+ Constitution and Rules (6:30 – 6:40 PM)
   a. Background: University of Chicago has been invited but no way to officially add them
   b. Small budget school concerns about travel expenses
   c. How to add members and how to choose who hosts summit
d. Concern about how unanimous decision and travel to University of Chicago would mix
e. Concern about a single school being obstructionist completely
   f. Why do we need a constitution?
      i. University of Chicago
      ii. Why does it matter if they are official members?
      iii. Makes them an equal member

5. Proposed Academic Calendar Changes (6:40 – 6:50 PM)
   a. Commencement too late?
   b. Three possible changes move commencement up by a week
c. When are the other Boston area commencements?
   i. Do not want them all simultaneous
   ii. Hotel capacity
d. Visa expiration date for international students
e. How would it alter thesis due dates

6. Officer Updates (6:50 – 7:10 PM)
   a. Peter’s email about communications
      i. Resource roundup
      ii. Presidential memo
iii. Anno
b. Council Rep funding
   i. Spend your money!
c. Sommesh elected as OC Chair
d. GSC Committee needs people
   i. Nom board- Lisa Guay Graduated
      1. Anthony Fratto IDSS
   ii. HCA Mason resigned
      1. Mohammed Islam
   iii. IC positions
      1. Lobdell Dining Committee
      2. College of Computing
         a. Prefer not course VI
         b. Curriculum and Degrees
         c. Organizational Structure
         d. Infrastructure
         e. One meeting per week. About an hour. No outside meeting work
iv. Next year’s leadership
7. Committee Updates (7:10 – 7:25 PM)
   a. ARC
      i. Destressing your dissertation
      ii. Roads to academia
      iii. Profs on tap each month
      iv. Next Meeting Feb 25 GSC Office
      v. Big upcoming event: Entrepreneurship panel
      vi. SAP SHASS Panel April
   b. AC
      i. Arts event ICA first Friday
      ii. Taste of Colombia
      iii. Skitrip
         1. Fill out survey
      iv. Oil painting workshop
      v. Coffee Hour
      vi. February School
      vii. Taste of Japan upcoming
      viii. Battle of the Bands in March
Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

ix. Grad arts showcase in March
    1. Needs volunteers and participants

x. Grad Gala tickets on sale

c. DIS/DEI
   i. Next meeting in two weeks
   ii. Gsc-diversity
   iii. Looking to fill positions

d. EAB
   i. Fed: dc visits, Title IX
   ii. State and Local: City Council commission, state house visit, ma grad federation
   iii. Outreach: cctv, hometown presentations
   iv. Development: policy platform, advocacy 101

e. HCA
   i. Stipend recommendation

f. Muddy
   i. Walker Minds
   ii. Jazz Brunch
   iii. Spring pub night will be early this year April 16

g. OC
   i. Preorientation through alumni association
   ii. ISO hosted webinars
   iii. Major reorganization
   iv. Orientation week shortened
   v. Events spread through the first half of fall semester
   vi. Expand idea of resource fair through extended coffee hours

8. Open Floor (7:25 – 7:30 PM)
9. Adjourned 7:29 PM
Upcoming GSC Meetings

| Academic, Research, and Careers (ARC) | Monday, 2/25, 5:30 PM |
| Visiting Students Association (VISTA) | Every Monday, 7:00 PM |
| Activities Committee (AC) | TBD |
| External Affairs Board (EAB) | TBD |
| Federal Affairs Subcommittee | TBD |
| State and Local Affairs Subcommittee | Monday, 2/11, 6:00 PM |
| Public Outreach Subcommittee | TBD |
| Development Subcommittee | Every Friday, 5:00 PM |
| Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) | Friday, 2/22, 3:30 PM |
| Off-campus Subcommittee | TBD |
| Sustainability Subcommittee | Friday, 2/8, 12:00 PM |
| Transportation Subcommittee | TBD |
| Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee | Wednesday, 2/20, 6:00 PM |
| Muddy Charles Pub | Monday, 2/11, 7:00 PM |
| Orientation Committee (OC) | TBD |
| Executive Committee (ExComm) | TBD |

*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

| March General Council Meeting | Wednesday, 3/6, 2-190 |
| April General Council Meeting | Wednesday, 4/3, 6-120 |
| May General Council Meeting | Wednesday, 5/1, 6-120 |