GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
Voting on Legislation

Introduction by speaker (5 min) → DISCUSSION with intent to vote 5 min, 1 min/speaker → VOTE

- MOTION to extend discussion (specify amount of time)
- MOTION to end discussion and vote before time runs out
- MOTION to table legislation Vote next GCM
- MOTION to amend legislation (specify exact text)

Motions must be specific, seconded, and require simple majority to pass
Voting outcomes

Chair decides the method and means of voting (Bylaws V.C.5)

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65.GSC.6 CREATION OF COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Nasir Almasri
65.GSC.7 RATIFICATION OF IVY+ CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Peter Su
Background

• In past 3 years, University of Chicago has been invited to the Ivy+ Summit, but no consensus could be reached on how to include them officially on the roster

• Problem has been financial limitations of some schools of travel to U Chicago

• The following Constitution and Rules came out of the Ivy+ Summit discussions this year to solve this issue and help Ivy+ make group decisions
FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR CHANGES
Background

• Complaints about Commencement being too late
  • 2 week gap between finals and Commencement
  • Shorter summer
  • Delayed employment/internships
  • Extend housing through entire month of June
  • Overlaps with research and conference travel in early June
  • Delayed start to summer programs
Possible Changes

1. IAP ends Thursday & Spring classes start Friday

2. Spring classes start Monday & Patriots’ Day holiday (mid-April) is only 3-day weekend instead of 4

3. Spring classes start Monday & Saturday is a final exam day
Communication Updates

- Organizing communications into 3 buckets
  - Anno – weekly event digest
  - Resource Roundups – monthly topical newsletter about resources at MIT
  - GSC Presidential Memo – news and updates for all grad students

- Any initial thoughts and feedback are appreciated
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
USE IT OR LOSE IT!
Up to $250(1) could be yours(2)!!

Apply by Feb. 15 to take advantage of this unique offer(3)!!

http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/

Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

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3. Terms and conditions apply, see http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding
Welcome Somesh as Orientation Chair!

- Somesh was elected at the Orientation meeting on Dec 12
GSC Committee Positions Open

• Nominations Board – 1 member
  • Replacing Lisa, who graduated
  • Ad hoc meeting schedule (quite infrequent)

• Housing and Community Affairs Co-Chair
  • Mason resigned

• Interested? Email gsc-officers@mit.edu
Institute Committee Positions Open

• Lobdell Dining Committee
  • Discussing concept changes to Lobdell dining (2nd floor Student Center)
  • 1 or 2 meetings per month

• College of Computing Committees
  • Curriculum and Degrees
  • Organizational Structure (governance and administrative structure)
  • Infrastructure (of computing resources at MIT)
  • ~1.5 hrs per week

• Interested? Email gsc-officers@mit.edu
Thinking About Next Year’s Leadership

• If you’re remotely interested in being in GSC Leadership next year, contact member currently in that position & start to get a sense of what that position entails

• For Officers specifically:
  • Interested students may be invited to attend parts of Officer meetings
    • See what we do, how we work, and the types of things we deal with
  • Email gsc-officers@mit.edu or contact any one of us individually
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sridipta Ghatak and Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Xueying Zhao
Chair
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Arts Night: 12/7 First Friday @ ICA
Taste of Colombia: 1/15/19
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Live band!
Dessert
Painting
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The National Flower of Colombia

Figure One: Col抟ia Fuctive

[Image of a flower diagram with labels]
Ski trip happened!

• Fill out the survey and you have the chance to win a $50 gift card!
• Leave your email in the survey if you’d like to plan next year’s ski trip
GSC Oil Painting Workshop
Monthly GSC Coffee Hour
February School
Taste of Japan: 2/20

• Lobdell (W20-208)
• 6:30 to 8:30pm
• There’ll be a photo booth
Battle of Bands

• 3/8 Morss Hall
• Call for submissions!
• Contact: gsc-ac@mit.edu
• There’ll be prizes!
Grad Arts Showcase

• 3/16 evening
• Media lab 6th floor
• Submit your art: painting, performance, origami, knitting project, etc.
• Seeking volunteers to check people in and clean up on the day of
Grad Gala 2019

- Ticket sales have started!
- Tickets.mit.edu, Grad Gala might be on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} page
- Each MIT grad student can buy up to 2 tickets
- Contact: gsc-gradgala@mit.edu
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
SUBCOMMITTEE

Nasir Almasri
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Katie Shulenberger
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February Updates

• Federal Affairs
  • Title IX changes (w/ GWAMIT)
    • Public Comment Submitted
  • Three Upcoming DC Trips

• State and Local Affairs
  • Passed statement and attended city council meeting about young adult commission
  • Working on Statehouse Visit Plans
  • MA Grad Student Federation had their first meeting!
February Updates (cont.)

- Public Outreach
  - Science It Out!
    - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_kRZV9l_GQ&feature=youtu.be
  - Students Presented at High Schools over break

- Development
  - You saw the platform update!
  - Advocacy 101 happened
    - Included policy panel with City Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui, State Rep Mike Connolly, and Warren Staff Member Farrah Ridore
MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Matthias Ginterseder
Chair
gsc-muddy@mit.edu
Muddy

Walker Minds

- Bringing student organizations in Walker together
- Had our first meeting late January
- Next meeting this week, Saturday (2/9) at 4pm
Muddy Jazz Brunch
• This Saturday!

Jazz Brunch
Muddy Charles | Feb 9 | 12-3 pm
Cafe Luna Hors d’oeuvre (10$)
Live Music by Ceeband
Serving Mimosas
Cash Only | 21+ ID

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Muddy Wants You!

See what the Muddy is all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (2/25)!
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Somesh Mohapatra
Chair
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OPEN FLOOR