



Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

General Council Meeting Agenda

October 3, 5:30 PM in 32-155

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1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
 - a. Quorum Check
 - i. 41 people are here. We have quorum
 - b. Approval of September GCM Minutes
 - i. Approved
2. Diversity & Inclusion Reorganization (5:40 – 6:10 PM)
 - a. Only in the second year
 - b. Currently a subcommittee of HCA
 - c. Forming and developing on campus related diversity and inclusion
 - d. Suggestion to move it forward with a board or committee
 - e. Three levels
 - i. Department
 - ii. Affinity Group
 - iii. GSC: Liaisons
 - f. Proposed structure:
 - i. Department and class subcommittee
 - ii. Student life subcommittee
 - iii. Two Vice chairs, five officers, five school conveners
 - g. Introduction of bylaws will be by February, if not faster.
 - h. Name needs change
 - i. Departments vary on their priorities of diversity, equity, and inclusion, as shown in the latest Conduit Assembly
 - j. Recruitment doesn't go through departments
 - k. For more information, contact gsc-diversity@mit.edu
 - l. There will be a by-law change, a two-month change
3. Graduate Spaces on Campus (6:10 – 6:30 PM)
 - a. Advocate for spaces for graduate students
 - b. Any space that you want repurposed
 - c. 2nd floor Walker Memorial, there is a lot of space
 - i. There were some discussions about walling it off
 - ii. GCM Comments:



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1. Too far from main campus
 2. Phone call
 3. Sloanies will be interested in meeting non-Sloanies in the new space
 4. Comfortable seating
 5. Outlets don't work (they should work if they want to be attractive to graduate students)
 6. 4 people said they would use the space; the rest wouldn't
 7. Incentives would make people go (eg. free coffees)
 8. Architecture (lounge but no coffees), mechE, chemE don't have their own lounges/coffees/common space
 9. Events: evening ones may be zero sum; lunch-hour and day programming would be more appropriate
- d. If there were a space made for graduate students, would you go there and what would you like to see?
- i. Better than Walker due to proximity to food
 - ii. Would be nice to have somewhere else to work
 1. Eg. Libraries
 2. Quality is more important than location. The libraries are already nice enough. Why adding another location
 - iii. What would be the purpose of the space? Work or relaxation?
 - iv. Straw poll: slightly more people say they don't want to go there
- e. Do you want an additional working space?
- i. More people want a lounge
- f. Nap-pods?
- i. We definitely graduate student exclusive nap-pods
- g. Any other spaces that you would like to see on campus?
- i. Reserve work spaces for graduate students
 - ii. Writing space for graduate students
- h. There's a diminishing quantity of rooms on campus



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- i. Metropolitan Warehouse:
 - i. Updates: mostly going be for architecture and urban study
 - ii. School of Architecture is moving there.
 - iii. Gonna take 2-3 years
- j. Some discussion about the Banana Lounge
- k. Institute Archive Collection Library (I4N) has some rooms that can be used

4. Officer Updates (6:30 – 6:40 PM)

- a. Statement process implementation
 - i. We have a Statement Subcommittee
 - ii. Peter will be reviewing the statements
 - iii. We have done two statements
 - iv. Not much additional work
- b. Teaching and Learning Lab and OVC are looking to hire fellows on grad advising
 - i. Academic oversight, career oversight, and professional oversight
 - ii. We can put you in contact with people who will be doing the hiring directly
 - iii. [Gsc-officers@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-officers@mit.edu)
- c. Council Reps
 - i. \$250/council rep
 - ii. Cannot fund alcohols
 - iii. Feel free to reach out to gsc-vp@mit.edu

5. Committee Updates (6:40 – 6:55 PM)

- a. Orientation
 - i. This project is inspired by what the MIT Indian community is doing
 - ii. Country/region-specific orientations
 - iii. Match current graduate students by country or language
 - iv. Pre-orientation webex
 - v. What we did differently
 - I. President's letter



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2. Chancellor's office

3. Mini-annos work

b. ARC

i. Alumni Leadership Conference was a success

ii. Oct. 24th ARC meeting

iii. Gsc-arc-members@mit.edu is our mailing list

iv. Gsc-arc@mit.edu reaches the leadership

v. We will also send out meeting minutes

vi. Oct. 26th Growing Up In Science with Prof. Prather

1. Not research but professional achievement

2. 10:00am-11:30am

3. Gonna have food

vii. Profs-On-Tap will happen

c. Activities

i. Taste of Bangladesh went well

ii. Taste of Canada will happen

iii. Open bar and dance floor for grad gala

d. DIS

i. Email Nas (gsc-diversity@mit.edu) about departmental rep

ii. We need religious life rep

iii. Meeting 10/04 at 5pm

e. EAB

i. Conference with NAGPS

ii. Federal live tweeting

f. HCA

i. Childcare is at work

ii. Stipend recommendation is happening

g. Muddy

i. Muddy Beer and Food pairing went nicely

ii. Future of furniture may need some help

iii. Check us out next Monday

6. Open Floor (6:55 – 7:00 PM)



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Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	Wednesday, 10/24, 6:00 PM
Visiting Students Association (VISTA)	Every Monday, 7:00 PM
Activities Committee (AC)	TBD
External Affairs Board (EAB)	Monday, 10/22, 5:30 PM
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Public Outreach Subcommittee	Thursday, 10/25, 6:00 PM
Development Subcommittee	Every Friday, 5:00 PM
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	Friday, 10/26, 3:30 PM
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	TBD
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	Thursday, 10/4, 5:00 PM
Muddy Charles Pub	Monday, 10/15, 7:00 PM
Orientation Committee (OC)	TBD
Executive Committee (ExComm)	Wednesday, 10/31, 6:30 PM

*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

November General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 11/7, 32-155
December General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 12/5, 32-155

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