

General Council Meeting

October 4, 2017

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Lisa Guay
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New Faces

- Welcome to General Council!

Quorum check

Approve September Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email

Graduate Housing Working Group

Abigail Regitsky

Interim Report Due Oct. 13

- **Cost accounting** of current housing options and potential future options, including housing dynamics of the Cambridge market
- Rigorous **conjoint analysis** to understand which combinations of features and pricing will be valued by different population segments
- **Match results of the conjoint with estimated cost to build, and policy recommendations** to inform strategy and recommended number of new units
- Senior administration will share response to report on Oct. 16

Cost Accounting & Comparisons

- What does it cost to provide certain attributes/amenities in graduate housing?
- What does the future of the Cambridge housing market look like and how will that affect students?
- What do peer institutions provide for graduate housing/financial assistance?

New Housing Survey – Conjoint Analysis

- Respond by this Friday, Oct. 6
- \$100 and \$50 raffle prizes!
- <http://bit.ly/gradhousing17>
- Online survey for all graduate students to understand demand for different types of housing and willingness-to-pay for these options
- Survey design informed by GSC Housing Survey and focus groups, along with other past surveys and questionnaires

DEPARTMENT BEST PRACTICES

Lisa Guay

Krithika Ramchander

Sharing Department Best Practices

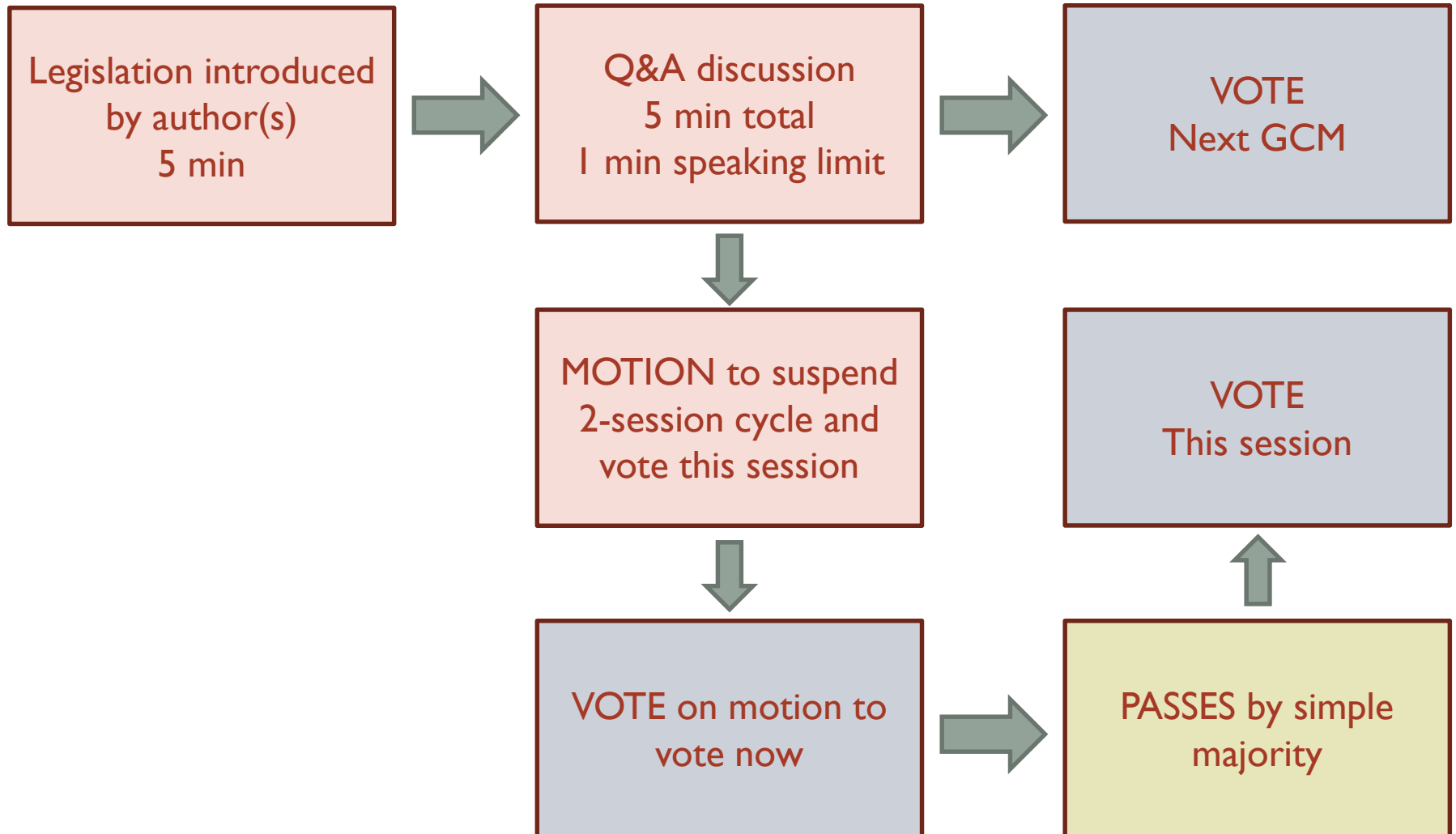
- Break up into groups of 3 or 4 to talk about things that your department does/does not do well
- Identify best practices that you could borrow from other departments
- Some topics could include the following:
 - **Academic support & advising**
 - Support for students with off-campus advisors
 - Resources to help students prepare for qualifying exams
 - Support for first-year and graduating students
 - Access to and effectiveness of REFS programs
 - Professional development resources
 - Mechanisms to track degree progress
 - **Departmental climate**
 - Responsiveness of student office/department head/graduate officer to student concerns
 - Accessibility of professors
 - Student-organized events
 - Social events and department community
- Please fill out this form with your feedback:
 - <https://goo.gl/forms/6WcAYxPrVFkDrs8u2>

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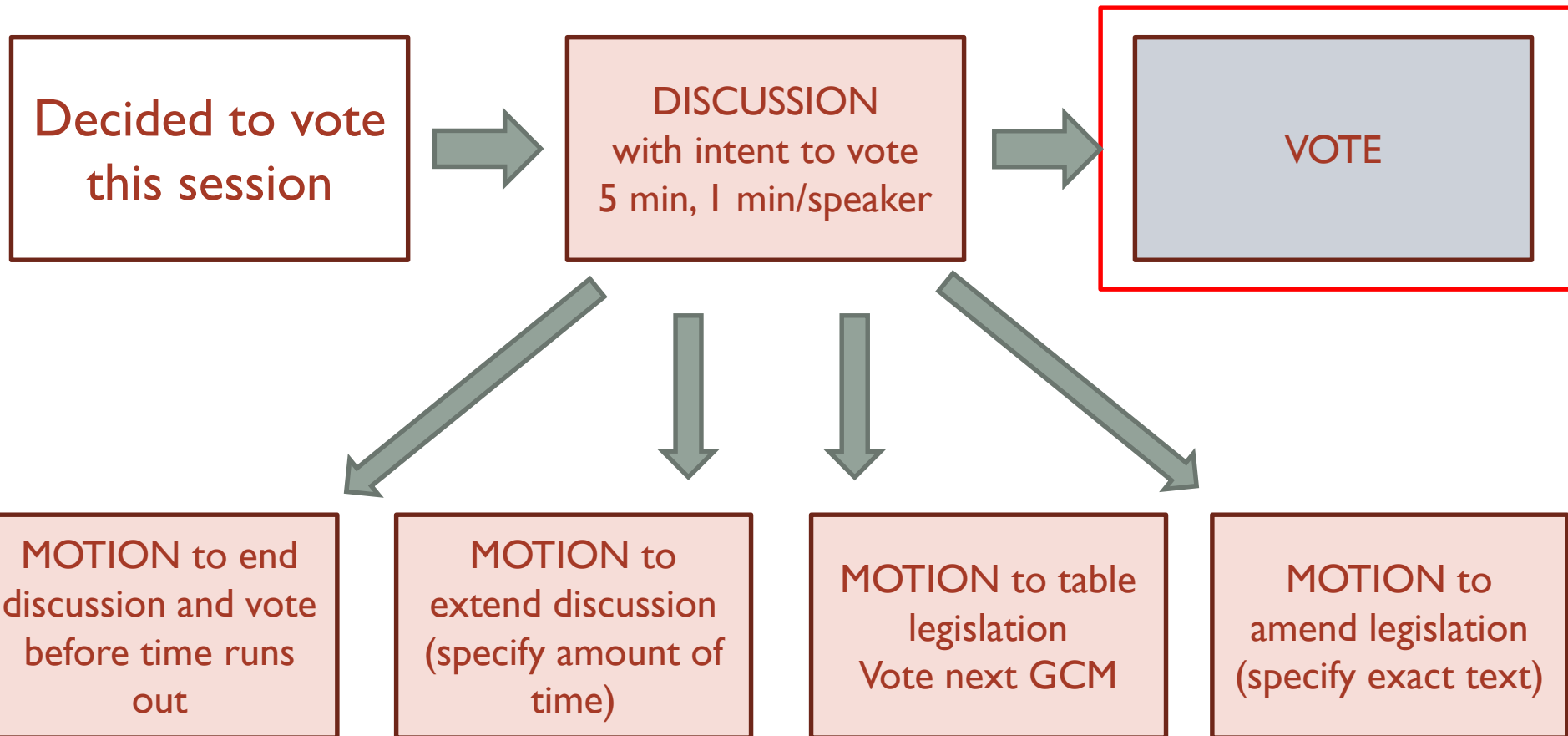
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 - Goo.gl/wM57mo

Legislative Process

Introduction of Legislation











Voting on Legislation



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)

Yes > No	Yes + No \geq $\frac{1}{2}$ Quorum	Outcome
		Approve
		Legislation dies
		Legislation tabled
		Legislation tabled

64.gsc.3: Resolution to Support the Renaming of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day at MIT

Resolution to Support Renaming “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” at MIT

- Whereas over 40 cities in the U.S., including Cambridge, MA, have voted to rename “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day”;
- Whereas we as a community support honoring history and recognize the devastation and suffering that Indigenous communities in the US have experienced;
- *Resolved*, that the Graduate Student Council supports renaming “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in MIT media and publications.

Officer Updates

MIT Fall Career Fair 2017

- 400+ companies, 60+ info sessions
- THANK YOU to our volunteers who made last week possible!
 - Package sorting
 - Welcome packets
 - Info session set-up
 - Day-of event support
 - Interview day support



MIT Fall Career Fair

- Directors estimate profit will be similar to last year
- Take the Career Fair survey! (Even if you didn't attend.)
- New Career Fair Working Group
 - Task will be to reimagine Career Fair at MIT
 - Starting later this fall, will be chaired by Ian Waitz
 - CF Directors, GSC, UA, Senior Class, SWE
 - Ideas? Comments? Email gsc-officers@mit.edu

Council Rep 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
- Double your \$150 if you collaborate with a rep outside your department
- Events/items must be accessible to entire constituency

Council Rep Funding

- I have only processed 5 funding requests since May 😞
- Why aren't you using your funding?!
 - I didn't know/forgot this program existed
 - I don't know how to apply for funding
 - I don't think my idea will qualify for funding
 - It's too much work to plan something
 - My department doesn't need any money
 - I don't know what to plan
 - Other?

Council Rep Funding

- Extended fall semester deadline until Oct 31st
 - Events must be held by Oct 31st
- Funding will reset Nov 1st and unused funding will be lost
- Program info: <http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>
- Application: <http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/>
- Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

Institute Committee Openings

- Student & Affiliate Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SAHIAC)
 - Need one grad student
 - Charge:
 - Reviews benefit change requests, recommendations for premium rates, coverage for student activities
 - Reports to Provost and Executive Vice President & Treasurer
 - Time Commitment:
 - 2 meetings in fall, 3-4 meetings in spring (during rate setting)

Committee Updates

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Karthik Akkiraju and Yijin Wei

Co-Chairs

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Event Updates: Taste of Series



9/19



10/17



GREAT SUCCESS



Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Coffee Hour is Back.

Monday: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9

7PM, Stata Center

HAPPY HOUR

MIT Sustainability



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Art Night-1

- Night at the Museum: Formal hangout in the week of Nov 14.
- FREE sign-up

Ski Trip Update

- Advertisement out later this month
- \$300+50 per ticket
- Free laser tag ticket for the first 200 signups.



Grad Gala Update



ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Pat O'Shea and Richard Zhang
Co-Chairs
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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Kelsey Becker
ASA President
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Peter Su
External Affairs Board
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Legislative Action Days – Fall 2017

- This past weekend
- Topics:
 - Research Funding
 - Immigration/International Student Issues
 - Graduate Student Finances
- Attending members:
 - GSC President Sarah Goodman
 - Federal Affairs Chair Katie Shulenberger
 - University Liaison Greg Dreifus



City Council Election

- Voter Liaison Mixer/Training right after this meeting outside this room
 - Feel free to come by! Technically starts at 7:15pm
 - Learn about how you can help get students registered and voting in the local elections this year!
- MIT and Local Politics with Nadeem Mazen and Leland Cheung on October 12!
 - Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30pm in 32-144
 - Introduction to Cambridge city government and politics
 - Both MIT alums and current Cambridge City Councilors
 - Potential Cambridge Election Candidate mixer afterwards

City Council Election (cont)

- Voter Registration tables in Lobby 10
 - Next week, Wed-Fri (10/11 – 10/13)
 - Email vote2017@mit.edu if you'd like to help out!
 - Or come to the liaison mixing/training meeting outside this room at 7:15 or later
 - Or talk to me
- In general, gearing up for the final voter registration push before the October 18th registration deadline

Statehouse Visit – Fall 2017

- Tuesday, October 24th
- Current topics:
 - Sexual Violence on campuses
 - Voter Registration (automatic and same day)
 - Carbon Tax
 - Road Safety (biking, walking, driving)

Public Outreach

- **Hometown Heroes – Local Media + MIT researchers**
 - Will work on compiling curated list of stories so that more people can try to connect MIT researchers with their local media
 - So more manpower = more opportunities to learn what works
- **Open Access MIT Research Slides**
 - Hosting event in November to excite people before Thanksgiving break, stay tuned!
- **Faces and Stories of Incoming Grad Students video**
 - Editing now!

University Liaison

- Ivy+ Summit: Oct 27-29 at Harvard
 - Discussions about what's working in graduate student governments at the Ivy League schools + MIT and ideas for improvement
 - MIT Representatives include GWAMIT, Orientation
- NAGPS National Conference: Nov 2-5 at Syracuse
 - Discussions about what's working in graduate student governments at schools across the country and ideas for improvement
 - NAGPS business

Other Activities

- Sustainability policy survey of grad student opinions
 - tinyurl.com/GSC-SuCCES (note the lack of a second 's' in succes)
 - Due by **tonight at midnight!**

Upcoming Events

- MIT and Local Politics Panel
 - Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30pm in 32-144
 - Learn more about Cambridge city government & politics
 - Hear an insider perspective from current City Councilors Nadeem Mazen & Leland Cheung (both MIT alums)
 - Potential mixer with current Cambridge City Council candidates afterwards outside the room

Next EAB Meeting:

Thursday, October 19th at 5pm
GSC Office (50-220)

gsc-eab@mit.edu

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Malvika Verma and Nicholas Triantafillou

Co-Chairs

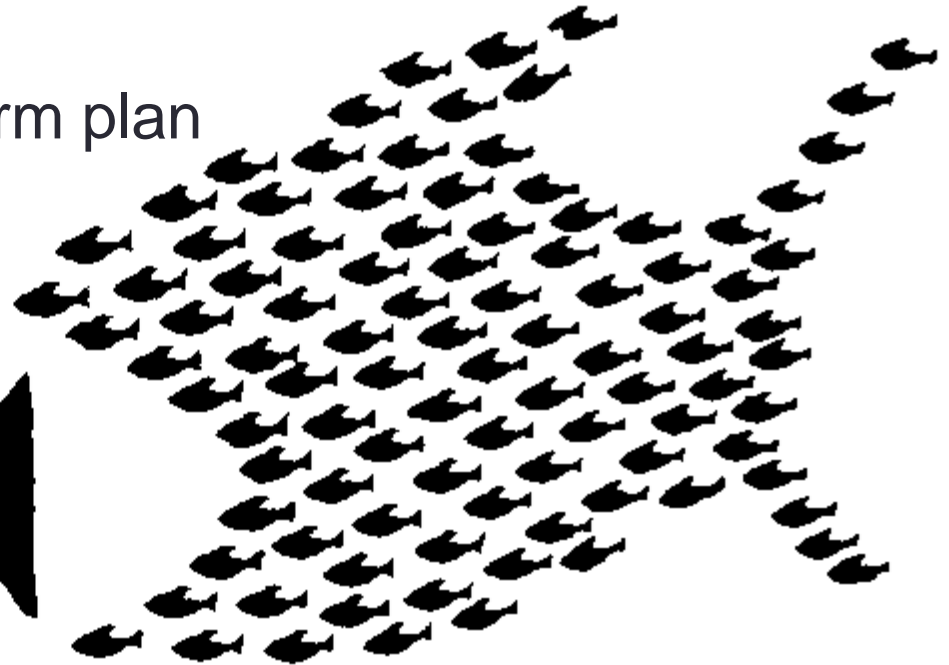
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Graduate Housing Working Group

- See earlier slides.
- Reminder: Take the survey! Make it a party!

70 Amherst

- So far, so good
 - If you've heard anything different, let us know
- No official word on long term plan



- Mural committee ongoing
 - Ultimate decision to residents

Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee



Inagural DIS Event – Muddy Town Hall

(Some) Subcommittee Updates

- Cost of Living
 - Triennial survey launches in ~3 weeks.
- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Getting people talking to each other – new institute committee
 - Storytelling series in the works
- Family Subcommittee
 - 3 month maternity leave [GW@MIT activity from past years]
- iREFS
 - Learn conflict management!
 - Destress at office hours – every Thursday 1-2 PM in 4-146
- GRTs, Off-campus, Sustainability, Transportation
 - Also hard at work!

MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Alex Genshaft
gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu

Help shape the Muddy community!

Please fill out our Muddy survey! muddy.mit.edu/survey

Successful Muddy Orientation event!

Successful DIS Muddy Mondays event!



Join the board or a subcommittee and help run a small company!

Our next:

Board meeting meeting 6:30 @ 10/16! (GSC Office)

Long term planning meeting 6:30 @ 10/10! (Muddy)

Please email: gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu

Host a cultural event at the Muddy!



Muddy Charles Pub

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Host your next cultural group event
with Muddy Mondays!

With 5:1 matched
Food funds up to \$400

21+ always only
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Building 50
142 Memorial Drive



Enjoy wings & vegetarian options weekly!



Muddy Charles Pub
Join us for Weekly Wednesdays

Wings & Vegetarian Dumplings Served at 8 & 9pm
Limit 4 per person per serving

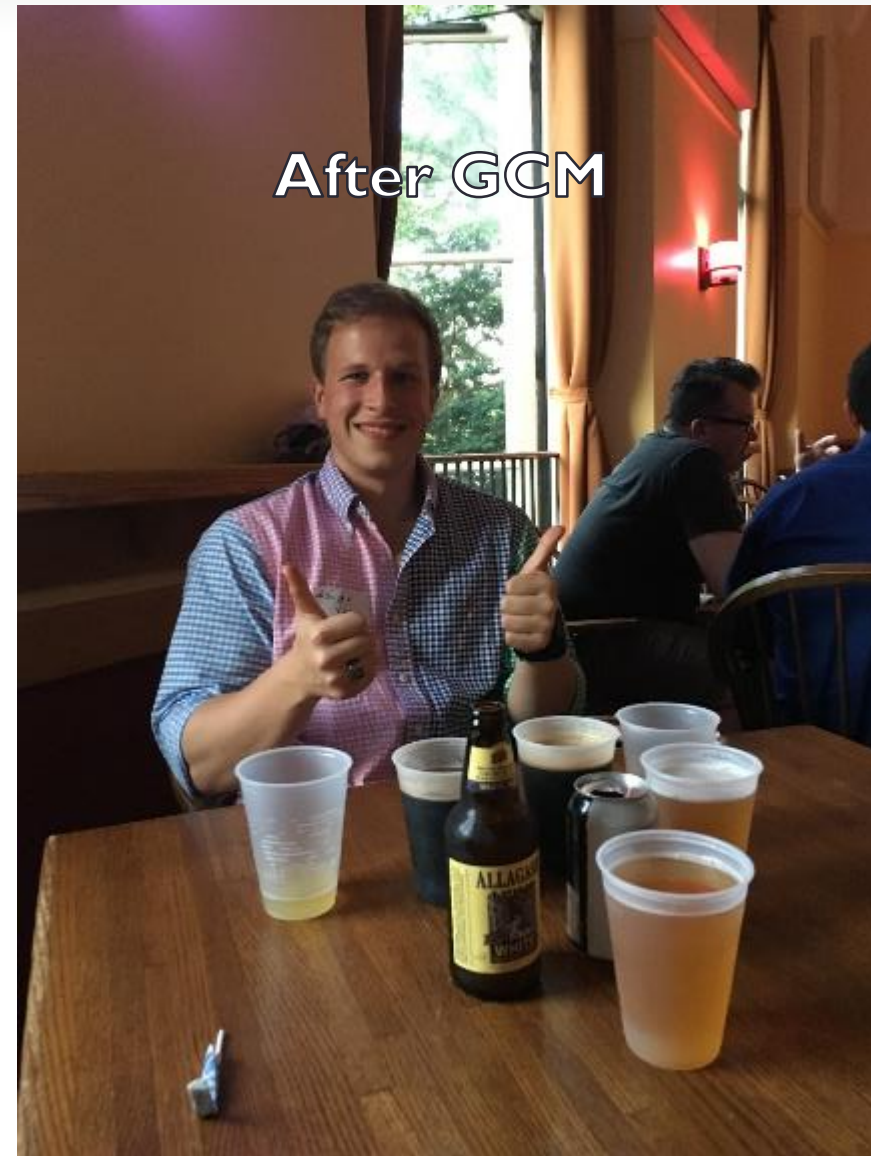
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After the GCM

Come hang out at the Muddy!!





ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

German Parada and Akshata Krishnamurthy

Co-Chairs

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Housing Survey

Take the Graduate Housing Needs Survey!

- Help us shape the future of MIT Graduate Student Housing!

- <http://bit.ly/gradhousing17>

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