

General Council Meeting

December 6, 2017

GSC President Sarah Goodman

GSC Vice President Lisa Guay

GSC Secretary Orpheus Chatzivasileiou

GSC Treasurer Krithika Ramchander

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

MIT Washington DC Director David Goldston
Vice President and General Counsel Mark DiVincenzo
Chancellor Cindy Barnhart
Vice Chancellor Ian Waitz

Quorum check

Approve November Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email

New Faces

- Welcome to General Council!

Future of Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Arolyn Conwill

Past GSC President (2016-2017)

Michael McClellan

Past GSC President (2015-2016)

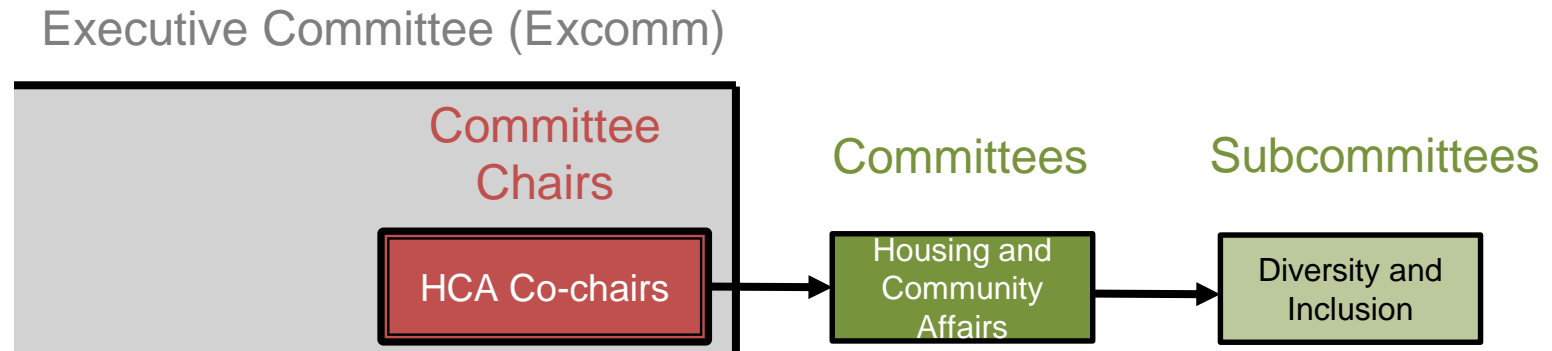
Future of Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Purpose

Determine the ideal structure and scope of the diversity and inclusion efforts of the GSC, and develop a proposal to enact the necessary changes so that the GSC can better support sustained engagement on diversity and inclusion for many years to come.

Motivation

- GSC's current diversity and inclusion efforts are led by DIS, a subcommittee of HCA created earlier this year
- Based on numerous interviews, there are challenges with current (and past) structure(s)
- How can we support future of D&I initiatives?



Process Leading to FDIWG

- Early summer: Arolyn and Michael brought onto DIS as At-Large Members to study options for future of DIS
- September: Arolyn and Michael met with HCA Co-Chairs and DIS leadership about current challenges
- October-November: Conversations with each DIS C-Rep on challenges their constituencies face and how they envision the future of D&I on GSC
- Late November: Synthesis of conversations into themes

Tentative Schedule for FDIWG

(all meetings in 50-220)

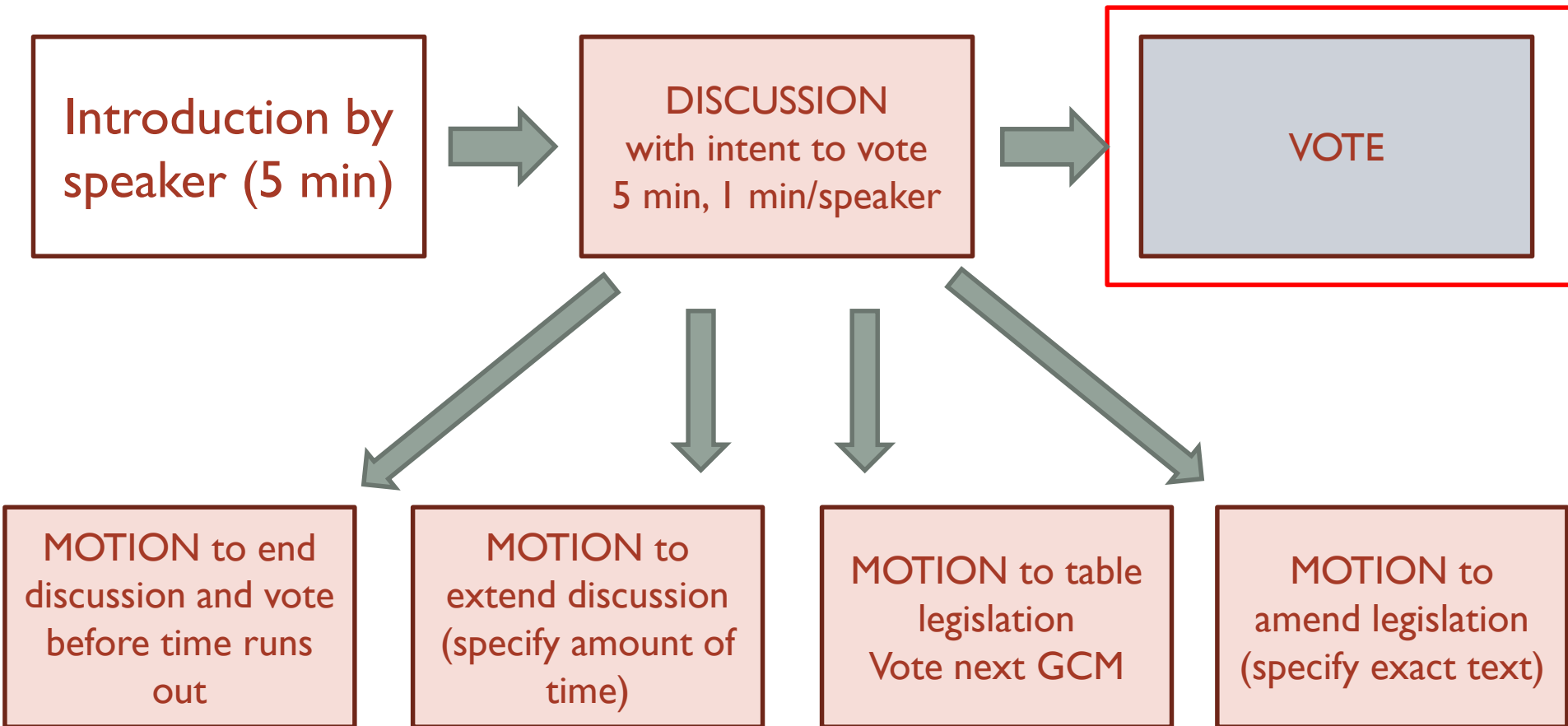
- Kickoff Meeting: Friday 12/8, 1:00 PM
 - Logistics of working group
 - Big-picture discussion of GSC's role in diversity and inclusion
- Meetings covering specific topics (December-January)
 - Membership/relationship with student groups and institute groups
 - Membership/relationships within GSC
 - Communication
 - Advocacy
- Next update: February GCM

What do we need from you?

- Come to working group meetings, especially when planned topics matter to you
- Sign up for our email list for updates
 - <https://mailman.mit.edu:444/mailman/listinfo/gsc-fdiwg-all>
- Stay in touch
 - gsc-fdiwg@mit.edu
- Share this information with your constituents!

Legislative Process









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.4: Updates to the Policy Platform

Peter Su

External Affairs Board Chair

Officer Updates

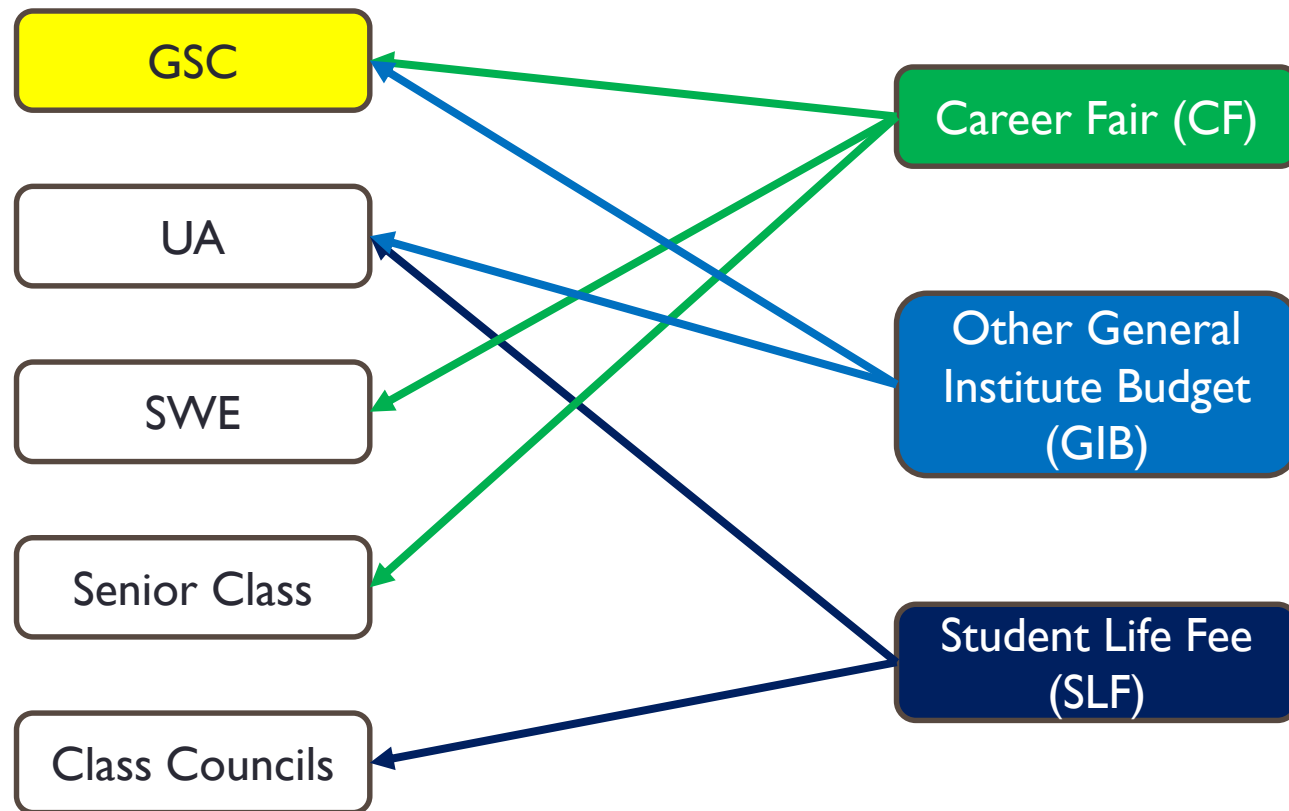
Student Funding Reorganization

- This has been a long-term GSC effort!
- Still a work in progress, but we will give a brief overview and status update today

Current Student Funding at MIT

Organizations

Funding Sources



Current Career Fair Model

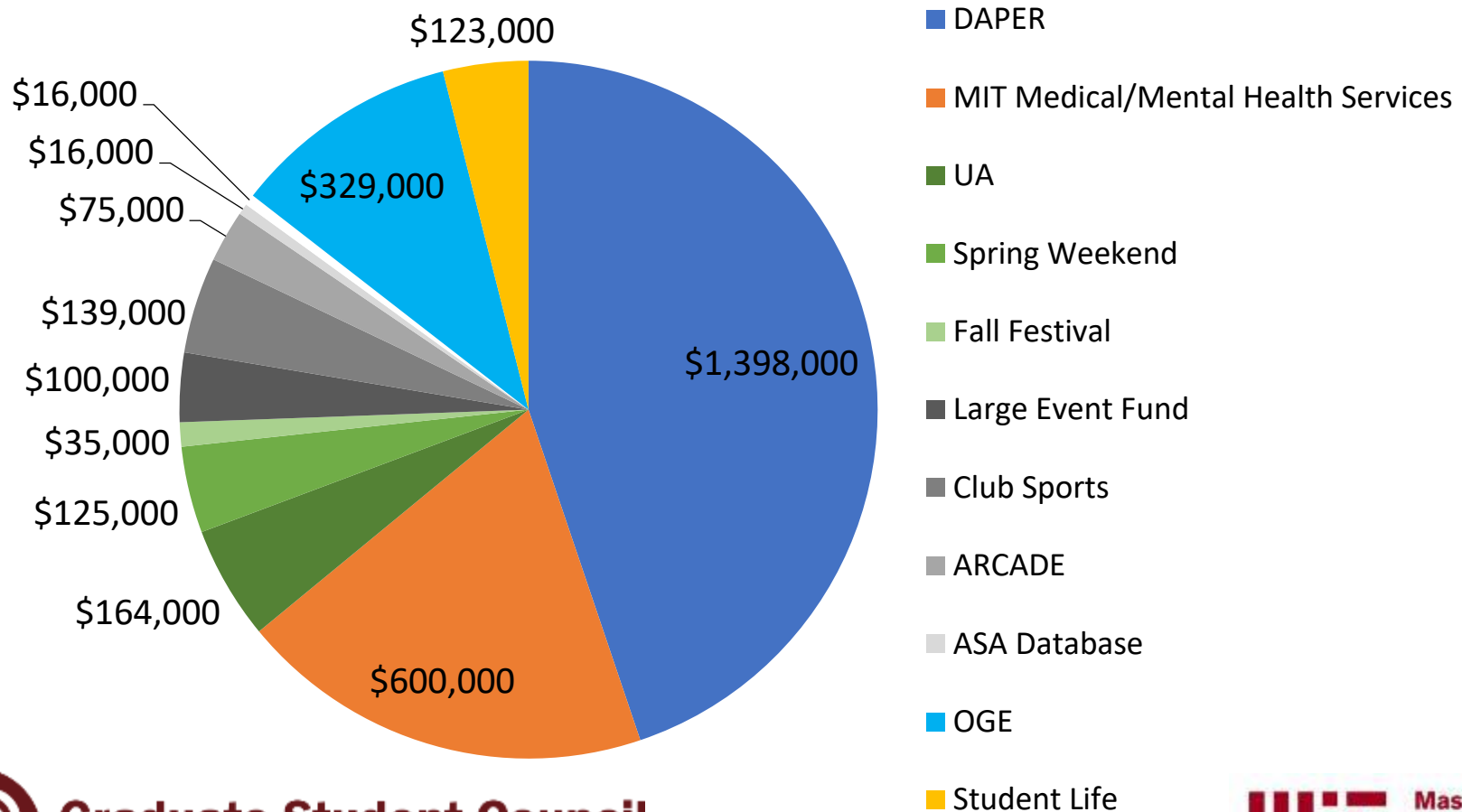
- Student group revenue source

Organization	Share	FY16 Revenue
GSC	43.3125%	\$382,959
SWE	14.4375%	\$127,653
Senior Class	42.2500%	\$373,565

- Key part of career development at MIT

Current Student Life Fee Model (FY17)

- \$312/student
- Outflows based on exactly 10,000 students



Student Funding Working Group

- Launched Spring 2017, still in progress
- Members:
 - DSL, OGE, OUE
 - GSC, UA, SWE, Senior Class

GSC Priorities & Progress Updates

1. Increased transparency
 - Revenue sources, budgets, and spending
 - DSL will be responsible for maintaining
2. Accounting for all SLF funding
 - Working with Provost's Office to recover missing ~\$400k and tie to actual student enrollment
3. Centralization and simplification of funding
 - All money will go to central fund before being distributed to groups
 - Increase stability for groups currently funded by Career Fair

GSC Priorities & Progress Updates

4. Equity between undergraduates and graduate students
 - Graduate Orientation will be funded separately (~\$50k net GSC increase)
 - SWE and Senior Class budgets likely to be reduced
 - Movement of UG funding to joint resources
 - Need-based support for ticket sales, travel grants
 - Creation of overall reserve to smooth fluctuations
 - Aim to better align FinBoard, Funding Board, ASA funding practices

GSC Priorities & Progress Updates

5. Sustainable and fair process for changes
 - Annual budget proposal submissions
 - 3-year review process
6. Broad professional development discussion (beyond Career Fair)
 - Career Fair Working Group coming in spring
 - Graduate Professional Development Working Group

Institute Committee Openings

- Graduate Housing Implementation Team
 - Need 2-3 grad students
 - Off-campus and grad dorm leadership perspectives especially needed
 - Charge:
 - Translate recommendations of the Graduate Housing Working Group into concrete policy changes and pilot programs
 - Determine feasibility and timelines for change (as early as spring 2018 allocation)
 - Work closely with HoHs, House governments, and Housing staff
 - Commitment through Spring 2018
 - Apply by Friday, December 8th!
 - <https://gsc.mit.edu:444/representatives/become-an-institute-representative/>

Institute Committee Openings

- Planning Group for New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation
 - Need one grad student ASAP!
 - Familiarity with admissions, student services, and extracurriculars
 - Interest in governance and higher education
 - Charge:
 - Assess the Institute's evolution over the last 10 years, critically examine MIT's strengths and opportunities for growth, and articulate goals for the future
 - Commitment through Fall 2019, regular meetings and writing sessions
 - More info:
 - <https://cihe.neasc.org/about-accreditation>
 - <http://web.mit.edu/accreditation/overview/index.html>
 - Email gsc-vp@mit.edu if interested!

Reminder for Council Rep Funding

- **Current cycle Nov 1st – Feb 15th**
- 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
- Program info: <http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>
- Application:
<http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/>
- Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

HOLIDAY PARTY!!!



Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology



**Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology**

Committee Updates

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Karthik Akkiraju and Yijin Wei

Co-Chairs

gsc-ac@mit.edu

Taste of Series



11/20 Monday



11/17 Wednesday

GSC Sustainability Subcommittee is getting involved to encourage the use of reusable products



9REAT SUCCESS



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**Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology**

Arts Gala

- Harvard Natural History Museum: Nov. 17, 7pm – 10pm
- One spring arts event

Ski Trip

- Ticket sales closed, ticket exchange open
- 400+ signed up, exceeded the original target

Grad Gala

- Mar. 24, 2018, Saturday 8pm – 12am, Museum of Science
- Contract finalized and signed
- Ticket sales should start late January or early February

ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Pat O'Shea and Richard Zhang

Co-Chairs

gsc-arc@mit.edu

December 2017 GCM ARC Updates

- Profs on tap with Professor Joel Schindall on 12/05: first event with a professional; great turnout, excellent conversations, big success



December 2017 GCM ARC Updates

- Leadership certificate
 - Currently developing a certificate program with the Gordon Engineering Leadership program
 - Straw poll
- De-stressing dissertations
 - January 8th-12th
 - In correspondence to the January thesis deadline
- ARC December Meeting
 - December 13th @6:15pm GSC Office
 - Free food!!!

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Kelsey Becker
ASA President
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Peter Su
External Affairs Board
gsc-eab@mit.edu

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

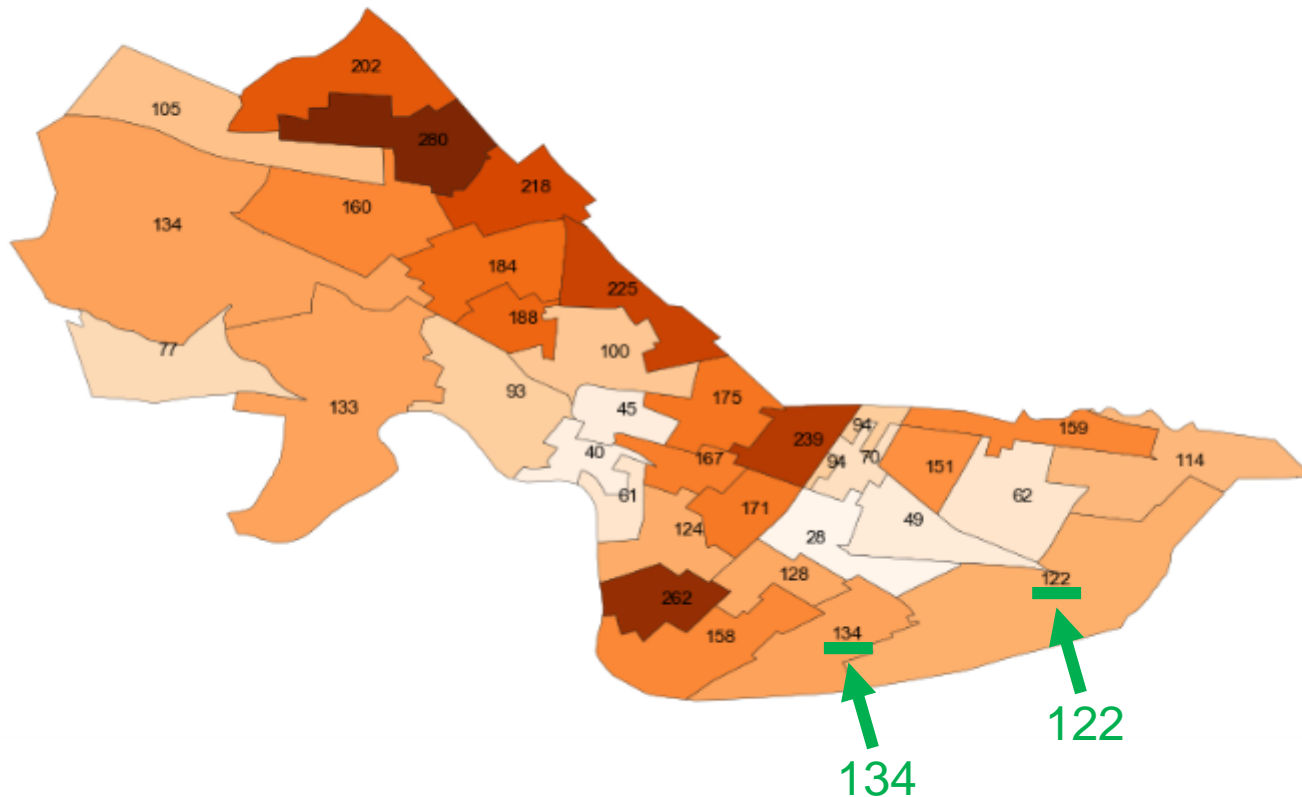
- Already well covered today, and much of our work this month
- Special shoutout to the 4 students who dropped everything to go to DC and talk to Congressional offices for us last Wednesday!
 - Lisa Guay
 - Ryan Hill
 - Nicole Moody
 - Angela Phillips

NAGPS National Conference

- Happened Nov 2 - 5
- NAGPS has been key in coordinating response to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act across universities
- MIT's delegation put a lot of work into improving the governance of NAGPS for improved effectiveness moving forward
 - 5 Resolutions introduced and passed

City Council Election

Raw Increase in Number of Voters in Cambridge
Municipal Election, 2015 to 2017



Policy Platform Updates

- It's Policy Platform Update Season!
- Can always give us suggestions here:
<http://gsc.mit.edu/eab-suggestions/>
- We'll be discussing updates at our next Board Meeting as well

Next Statehouse Visit in Feb

- If you're interested in advocating at the Statehouse in February, talk to me or email gsc-eab-state@mit.edu
- Topics previously covered
 - Sexual violence on college campuses
 - Bike and Pedestrian Safety
 - Voter Registration Laws

Next EAB Meeting:

Thursday, December 14th at 4:30pm
GSC Office (50-220)

gsc-eab@mit.edu

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Malvika Verma and Nicholas Triantafillou

Co-Chairs

gsc-hca@mit.edu

Changes to CostCo Shuttle

- Currently makes 4 round trips (4.5 hours)
- Early times are much more popular than late times.
- Shuttle is expensive (\$110 per hour).

Proposal for Spring 2018:

- Reduce to 2 round trips (3 hours)
- Either run more weekends or save 1K for other uses.

Comments/Questions? – email gsc-hca@mit.edu

Join the Stipend Recommendation Team!

- Help us argue for higher pay.
- Present to the Deans' Group.
- Learn how the tax bill will affect you.
- Email gsc-hca@mit.edu if you're interested.

Next HCA Meeting:

- 12/11 @ 5:00PM in the GSC office (above the Muddy).

GSC Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee Presents

Dr. Cornel West



Speaking Truth To Power!!

FEBRUARY 7, 2018 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM | BUILDING 10 | ROOM 250

iREFS (Institute-wide Resources for Easing Friction & Stress)

Who are we? Grad students trained in conflict management skills by the (former) office of Conflict Management@MIT,

What do we do? Provide confidential, peer-to-peer support for all grad students at the Institute.

How do you meet with an iREFS? Email irefs-contact@mit.edu to set up a meeting; you'll get free coffee/tea and a safe space to vent/chat/get coaching/advice on all thing in/out of grad school!

We are recruiting!

Sustainability Subcommittee

- Carbon Consumption Education
 - with Office of Sustainability and Energize MIT
 - Goal: Influence everyday decisions
- Proposal to sell reusables at on-campus cafeterias.
 - In progress
- Reducing Waste at GSC Events
 - Shorter line at Taste Of if you bring reusables!
- Lab Energy Minimization Training Module

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 5-6 pm, GSC Office (50-220)

MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Alex Genshaft
gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu

Help shape the Muddy commun

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



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

Our next:

Board meeting meeting 6:30 @ 12/11! (GSC Office)

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

Celebrate the Muddy's 50th anniversary!

- Our activities subcommittee needs help!
- Interested in coordinating or helping day of?
 - Email gsc-muddy-ac@mit.edu

Host a cultural event at the Muddy!



Muddy Charles Pub

edge University of Cambridge
Graduate Education

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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

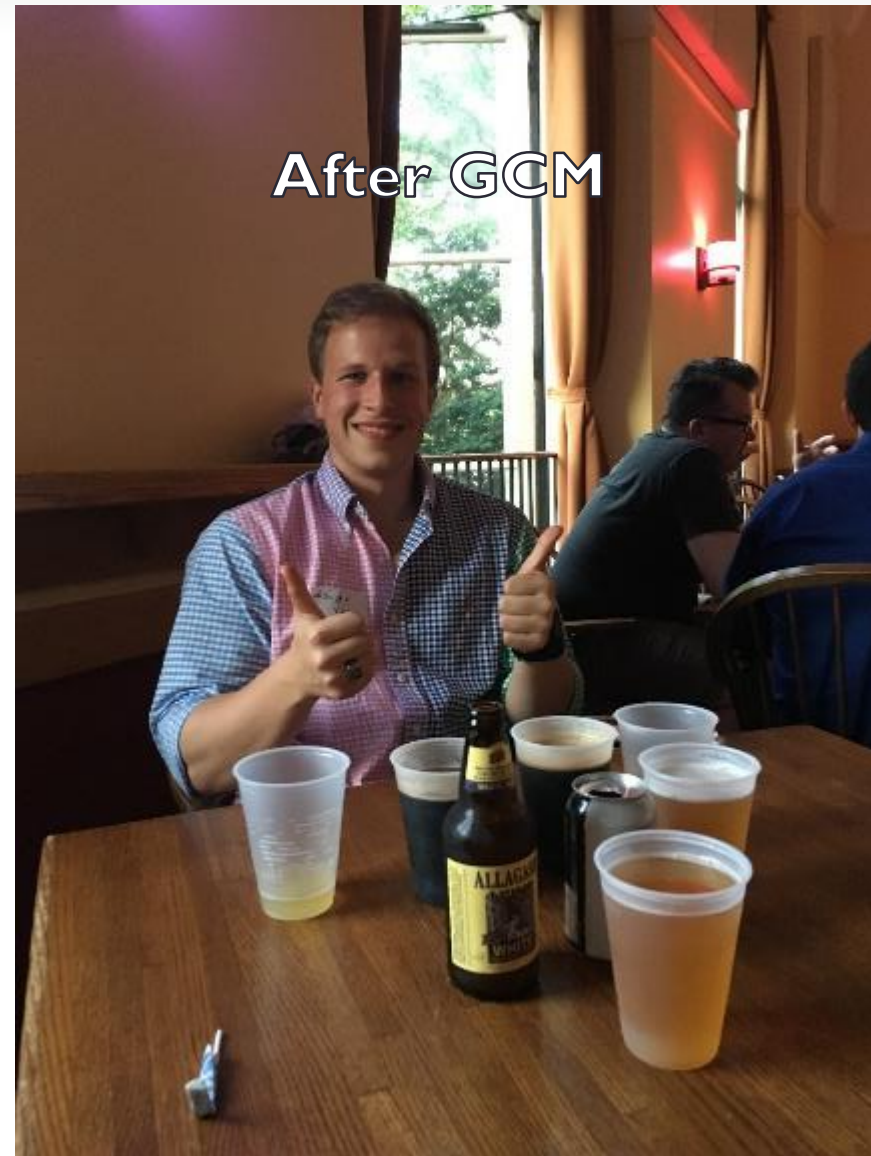
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After the GCM

Come hang out at the Muddy!!



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