



# Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

General Council Meeting Agenda  
September 12, 5:30 PM in 32-155

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1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
  - a. Quorum Check
    - i. 46 present – we have quorum
  - b. Approval of August GCM Minutes
    - i. Approved
2. Big Issues and Priorities for the Year (5:40 – 5:50 PM)
  - a. Childcare & Families
    - i. Non-significant population that has families, which incurs big costs
    - ii. Talking to MIT admins to try to get data about specific needs and problems
    - iii. Potential working group
  - b. Lower Tail of Stipends
    - i. Some receive less than the livable stipend.
    - ii. We wanna know why that is happening and how to alleviate it
    - iii. OVC is looking into all PhDs in this category
    - iv. Master's students will be the next
  - c. Student Support
    - i. Lots of resources here at MIT, but not all of it is that well advertised to grad students
    - ii. [Grad-help@mit.edu](mailto:Grad-help@mit.edu) is live and can handle emails
  - d. Housing
    - i. We secured 950 new on-campus beds
    - ii. Piloting a lot of additional changes
    - iii. Surveys will be sent out to address students' opinions on this subject matter
3. Immediate Volunteer Opportunities (5:50 – 5:55 PM)
  - a. Career Fair volunteering
    - i. Sign up to volunteer
    - ii. Early access to the career fair



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iii. Prizes given to volunteers

## b. Institute Committees

- i. Committees on MIT & Legacy of Slavery
- ii. Campus Dining Advisory Committee
- iii. Grad Housing Implementation Team

## c. GSC Rep (if department has open positions)

- i. Become departmental reps!
- ii. Check with your departments

## 4. GSC Committee Priorities and Opportunities (5:55 – 6:55 PM)

### a. Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

- i. Interested in everything involving D&I
- ii. Working with identity-based affinity groups
- iii. Working with each department
- iv. Different initiatives on the subject matter
  - I. Application assistance program: provide graduate student support to applicants from underrepresented group
- v. We wish to get more reps from all departments
- vi. Constituency reps: 5 constituents as of now (we don't have religious life)
- vii. Liaisons with other committees
- viii. [Gsc-diversity@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-diversity@mit.edu)
- ix. There will always be dinner

### b. ARC

- i. We want to increase
- ii. A lot of professional development programs
  1. Tripartite programs: funding, networking
  2. Panels, Growing Up In Science, Travel Grant, VISTA, ALC, De-stressing Dissertations
  3. Join ARC through [gsc-arc-members@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-arc-members@mit.edu)
  4. Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm

### c. AC

- i. GSC Ski-trip and GSC Grad Gala
  - I. Gala's tentative venue: cruise



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- ii. Arts subcommittee
  - I. Art gallery in the Fall
- iii. Taste of events
  - 1. Bangladesh
  - 2. Belgium
- iv. Paint night
- v. GSC Coffee Hour
- vi. Summer ventures
  - I. Whale watching
- vii. Needing a second co-chair
- viii. Hacking Arts 2018
  - I. Need to buy tickets
- d. HCA
  - i. Stipend recommendation committee: data-informed stipend
  - ii. Focus group on graduate students with family
  - iii. Improve graduate cost of living
  - iv. Please email [gsc-hca@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-hca@mit.edu)
- e. Sustainability
  - i. Promote sustainable practice at MIT
  - ii. Develop online sustainability training module
  - iii. Collaborate with green lab to teach you how to make your labs more sustainable
  - iv. Encourage recycling
  - v. Seeking a new co-chair
- f. GWAMIT
  - i. Build and strengthen female-identifying graduate students
  - ii. Empowerment conference
  - iii. Departmental representatives: required to attend one 1-hour long meeting/semester
- g. Muddy
  - i. Engage social interactions and serve beers at affordable prices
  - ii. Muddy welcome this Saturday
  - iii. Finance, activities, long-term planning



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- iv. The Muddy wants you!
  - h. P&P
    - i. Richard, in charge.
    - ii. Here to defend the use of the GSC Logo
    - iii. We want the community to know that we exist.
    - iv. We want students to know all the resources we have at MIT.
    - v. We send you bulletins
  - i. EAB
    - i. We are the voice of graduate students at all government levels: federal, state, and local
    - ii. We visit DC
    - iii. Get involved
      1. We have five subcommittees
      2. We have four open board positions
5. Treasurer Special Election (6:55 – 7:25 PM)
- a. GSC needs a treasurer since the last treasurer resigned last month
  - b. Nicole Moody has been nominated to treasurer
  - c. Nicole has been around since 2015
  - d. She was the President of Ashdown, etc
  - e. She wants to continue to be the change figure
  - f. She wants to make sure the money is well-spent given her tie to the money-generating nature of career fair
  - g. She did not nominate herself last time because she was busy with career fair back then
  - h. Nicole Moody has been nominated as treasurer, unanimously
6. 65.gsc.2 – Amendment to the Bylaws concerning the issuance of statements (7:25 – 7:40 PM)
- a. Slow process when going through the council
  - b. Not everything fits the EAB's portfolio
  - c. Remove the Board of Advisors section and replace it by Statements
  - d. Motion to end discussion and vote immediately



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i. 40/46 in favor; passed

## 7. 65.gsc.3 – Executive Committee Online Voting Procedure (7:40 – 7:55 PM)

- a. Enable ExComm to vote in online procedure
- b. We want to mirror the process for EAB
- c. Time for people to request reviews
- d. Voting members send an email out
- e. What time people want a discussion? Well, we would expect people to be reasonable. There's more benefit than downsides
- f. There should be mechanisms for ExComm members to request executive meetings
- g. Yes, it's possible to revise your vote
- h. How about online security?
  - i. Don't worry about it
  - ii. 40/46 passes

## 8. Open Floor (7:55 – 8:00 PM)

- a. Parking and transportation office: Westgate parking price goes up to \$900
- b. The new residents have to pay for the new fee



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## Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	Thursday, 9/27, 6:00 PM
Visiting Students Association (VISTA)	Every Monday, 7:00 PM
Activities Committee (AC)	Thursday, 9/20, 5:00 PM
External Affairs Board (EAB)	Tuesday, 9/25, 5:30 PM
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Public Outreach Subcommittee	Monday, 9/17, 5:00 PM
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	Wednesday, 9/19, 6:30 PM
Development Subcommittee	Every Monday, 6:00 PM
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	TBD
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	TBD
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	Thursday, 10/4, 5:00 PM
iREFS Subcommittee	Tuesday, 9/18, 6:00 PM
Muddy Charles Pub	Monday, 10/15, 7:00 PM
Orientation Committee (OC)	TBD
Executive Committee (ExComm)	Wednesday, 9/26, 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

October General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 10/3, 32-155
November General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 11/7, 32-155
December General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 12/5, 32-155

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