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General Council Meeting Agenda

December 5, 5:30 PM in 32-155

- I. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
 - a. Quorum Check
 - b. Approval of November GCM Minutes
 - i. Minutes approved
2. Office of Career Advising and Professional Development – Meredith Pepin & Deborah Liverman (5:40 – 6:10 PM)
 - a. March 2018: Ian Waitz changed the name and program from GECD to CAPD
 - b. Think about what it means to do professional development for grads and undergrads
 - c. Professional development working group
 - i. Tried to get some momentum to the whole grad PD initiative
 - ii. Tried to make it more centralized
 - iii. The undergrad group also exists
 - iv. Developed a competency matrix that has 7 competency cores for both undergrads and grads
 1. Career and professional advancement
 2. Communications
 3. Interpersonal skills
 4. Leadership and mentoring
 5. Personal development
 6. Social responsibility
 7. Teaching
 8. We did not consider technology, critical/analytical thinking, and entrepreneurship
 - v. How can it be different from undergrads and grads
 - d. Primary research shows
 - i. A lot of PD opportunities exist
 - ii. Some students avoid getting skills in this area
 - iii. You can never overly develop
 - iv. Real experience is desired
 - v. Employers are in general quite satisfied with MIT PhDs
 - vi. But they want some helps in inter-personal conflicts and



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leveraging constructive criticisms

vii. "MIT grad students are often siloed in their research"
viii. "MIT grad students often have an edge that need to be softened"

ix. "MIT grad students need a smaller ego"

e. Attendees of the GCM believe that

i. Nas: social responsibility: ethics courses.

ii. Some guy: social impact. Humility and cultivation of virtues

iii. Some lady: work with faculties to advocate for us

iv. Meilin: interpersonal skills are important

f. Career:

i. VMock: a 24/7 available platform that gets resume critiques

1. Current on the beta process

2. Will be able to get in automatically next week

ii. IAP Programs

1. Jean Luc-Doumont are coming

iii. Difference between grad and undergrad

1. Undergrad: fast and furious

2. Grad: trial and error

g. BEST Program

i. Road show and program consortium

h. New members

i. Sue Acton

ii. Bob Dolan: postdocs and PhDs

iii. Francis Borrego:

iv. Meredith Pepin

3. VP of IS&T Search (6:10 – 6:30 PM)

a. President: Description of the role

b. Comments –

i. Access to Illustrator and Adobe Suite

ii. Better E-Mail Services

iii. Stellar functionality on mobile for TAs

iv. Better global access

v. Stellar

vi. Lack of centralized data source

vii. Better support for websites



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- viii. Greater adaptability and variability for projectors and computers
4. 65.gsc.4 – Policy Platform Update (6:30 – 6:50 PM)
 - a. Advocacy work and policy platform
 - i. Updates: two resolutions
 1. First amendment
 2. Equity
 3. Campaign finance
 4. Transgender issue
 5. etc
 - b. Two new platform items
 - i. “The GSC firmly supports”
 - ii. Should be concerned for broadly societal impact
 - iii. Give us the leniency to define the ethical code beyond what society puts on us
 - c. Straw poll on loose language
 - i. Most people are ok with loose language
 5. Officer Updates (6:50 – 7:00 PM)
 - a. Orientation
 - i. 5pm next Wednesday: election and info sessions
 - b. Holiday party
 - c. Commencement updates
 - i. Involve the whole MIT
 - ii. Some in Killian court
 - iii. Scenario I: most people are ok; two are not
 - iv. Scenario II: most people are ok; a few are not
 - v. Hooding ceremony:
 1. Separate hooding ceremonies for each department / school: 24 people are ok
 2. Hooding occurs during degree conferral: 22 people are ok
 - vi. Suggestion: Putting speaker at the end?
 - vii. Do you care about president vs. chancellor? Yes (12), No (22)
 - viii. Master & PhD together (1) separate (everyone)
 - d. Spam upgrade
 - e. Council reps funding: claim your \$\$\$
 6. Committee Updates (7:00 – 7:15 PM)



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a. AC

- i. Taste of Belgium
- ii. Taste of Colombia
- iii. ICA Visit and Dinner at Trillium Brewing Company
- iv. Tickets for GradGala

b. ARC

- i. Industry Panel for PhDs – Dec 11
- ii. Destressing your Dissertation - January
- iii. Feedback for Website – gsc.mit.edu/committee/arc

c. Diversity and Inclusion

- i. Meeting on 12/6 – with reps from departments
- ii. Present official mandate in Feb GCM

d. EAB

- i. Federal Affairs –Working on Title IX Changes proposed by Dept of Education
- ii. Advocacy trips next semester
- iii. State House visits next Spring
- iv. Massachusetts Coalition of Universities for advocacy
- v. Comments requested for GOTV Advocacy
- vi. Public Outreach Meeting on 12/6
- vii. Policy Platform Update
- viii. Advocacy 101 – IAP
- ix. December Board Meeting – Dec 12, 6 PM

e. HCA

- i. Housing Implementation Team –
 1. Flexible housing system
 - a. Couples in singles dorms/vice versa
 - b. Renewable length of leases – esp. for MS students
 2. Other pilots – possible
 3. Family needs working group
 - a. Started meeting last week

f. Muddy Charles Pub

- i. Jazz Brunch – Feb 9

g. OC

- i. Open position - GCF

7. Open Floor (7:15 – 7:20 PM)



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Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	TBD
Visiting Students Association (VISTA)	Every Monday, 7:00 PM
Activities Committee (AC)	Thursday, 12/13, 5:00 PM
External Affairs Board (EAB)	TBD
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Public Outreach Subcommittee	Thursday, 12/6, 6:00 PM
Development Subcommittee	Every Friday, 5:00 PM
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	TBD
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	TBD
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	TBD
Muddy Charles Pub	Monday, 12/10, 7:00 PM
Orientation Committee (OC)	Wednesday, 12/12, 5:00 PM
Executive Committee (ExComm)	TBD

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Upcoming General Council Meetings (GCMs)

Note: Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and meetings start at 5:30 PM

No January General Council Meeting	Have a safe and happy holidays!
February General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 2/6, Location TBD
March General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 3/6, Location TBD
April General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 4/3, Location TBD
May General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 5/1, Location TBD