



Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

General Council Meeting Agenda

February 6, 5:30 PM in 6-120

- I. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
 - a. Quorum Check
 - i. 49 people present
 - b. Approval of December GCM Minutes
 - i. Approved
2. 65.gsc.4 & 65.gsc.5 – Policy Platform Updates (5:40 – 6:00 PM)
 - a. EAB puts together a policy platform updates
 - b. EAB always protects the victims as opposed to those who seek refuge under the political party protection
 - c. EAB received concerns about supporting abortions
 - d. Clause 13 was redundant
 - i. Peter made a motion to revise it. It passed
 - e. Motion to amend section 12 to include the language of “but not limited to”
 - i. 24 for; 20 against; 6 abstained
 - ii. Passed
 - f. Motion to vote
 - i. 47 For; 1 against; 5 abstained
 - ii. Passed
 - g. Another update on the use of ethical research methods and ethical application of scientific results and developments
 - i. “ethical” is too broad
 - ii. Voting results: 34 for; 11 against; 7 abstained
3. 65.gsc.6 – Creation of Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (6:00 – 6:30 PM)
 - a. Nasir presenting
 - b. Many instances before but never came to fruition
 - c. 12th committee similar to EAB or AC
 - d. GSC bylaw updates and presented their committee bylaws as an FYI
 - e. Focusing on protected classes
 - f. Diversity Equity and Inclusion
 - g. Student life and department subcommittees

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- h. Affinity group reps to also help make recommendations to university administration and ICEO
 - i. Concern about how to tie list of protected class to policy platform
 - i. Particularly concerned about the lack of inclusion of political affiliation
 - j. Last sentence wording "these groups" is vague and seems overly specific and divisive
 - k. Student life section: concern that we are self-selecting for groups that are already organized and could be missing groups
 - l. Affinity group vs student group representative
 - m. Comment: Do not believe political group needs to be represented because it is not a pressing diversity issue. Do not want to dilute the goal of DEI
4. 65.gsc.7 – Ratification of Ivy+ Constitution and Rules (6:30 – 6:40 PM)
 - a. Background: University of Chicago has been invited but no way to officially add them
 - b. Small budget school concerns about travel expenses
 - c. How to add members and how to choose who hosts summit
 - d. Concern about how unanimous decision and travel to University of Chicago would mix
 - e. Concern about a single school being obstructionist completely
 - f. Why do we need a constitution?
 - i. University of Chicago
 - ii. Why does it matter if they are official members?
 - iii. Makes them an equal member
5. Proposed Academic Calendar Changes (6:40 – 6:50 PM)
 - a. Commencement too late?
 - b. Three possible changes move commencement up by a week
 - c. When are the other Boston area commencements?
 - i. Do not want them all simultaneous
 - ii. Hotel capacity
 - d. Visa expiration date for international students
 - e. How would it alter thesis due dates
6. Officer Updates (6:50 – 7:10 PM)
 - a. Peter's email about communications
 - i. Resource roundup
 - ii. Presidential memo



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iii. Anno

b. Council Rep funding

i. Spend your money!

c. Sommesh elected as OC Chair

d. GSC Committee needs people

i. Nom board- Lisa Guay Graduated

I. Anthony Fratto IDSS

ii. HCA Mason resigned

I. Mohammed Islam

iii. IC positions

1. Lobdell Dining Committee

2. College of Computing

a. Prefer not course VI

b. Curriculum and Degrees

c. Organizational Structure

d. Infrastructure

e. One meeting per week. About an hour. No outside meeting work

iv. Next year's leadership

7. Committee Updates (7:10 – 7:25 PM)

a. ARC

i. Destressing your dissertation

ii. Roads to academia

iii. Profs on tap each month

iv. Next Meeting Feb 25 GSC Office

v. Big upcoming event: Entrepreneurship panel

vi. SAP SHASS Panel April

b. AC

i. Arts event ICA first Friday

ii. Taste of Colombia

iii. Skitrip

I. Fill out survey

iv. Oil painting workshop

v. Coffee Hour

vi. February School

vii. Taste of Japan upcoming

viii. Battle of the Bands in March



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- ix. Grad arts showcase in March
 - I. Needs volunteers and participants
- x. Grad Gala tickets on sale
- c. DIS/DEI
 - i. Next meeting in two weeks
 - ii. Gsc-diversity
 - iii. Looking to fill positions
- d. EAB
 - i. Fed: dc visits, Title IX
 - ii. State and Local: City Council commission, state house visit, ma grad federation
 - iii. Outreach: cctv, hometown presentations
 - iv. Development: policy platform, advocacy 101
- e. HCA
 - i. Stipend recommendation
- f. Muddy
 - i. Walker Minds
 - ii. Jazz Brunch
 - iii. Spring pub night will be early this year April 16
- g. OC
 - i. Preorientation through alumni association
 - ii. ISO hosted webinars
 - iii. Major reorganization
 - iv. Orientation week shortened
 - v. Events spread through the first half of fall semester
 - vi. Expand idea of resource fair through extended coffee hours
- 8. Open Floor (7:25 – 7:30 PM)
- 9. Adjourned 7:29 PM



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Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	Monday, 2/25, 5:30 PM
Visiting Students Association (VISTA)	Every Monday, 7:00 PM
Activities Committee (AC)	TBD
External Affairs Board (EAB)	TBD
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	Monday, 2/11, 6:00 PM
Public Outreach Subcommittee	TBD
Development Subcommittee	Every Friday, 5:00 PM
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	Friday, 2/22, 3:30 PM
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	Friday, 2/8, 12:00 PM
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	Wednesday, 2/20, 6:00 PM
Muddy Charles Pub	Monday, 2/11, 7:00 PM
Orientation Committee (OC)	TBD
Executive Committee (ExComm)	TBD

*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

March General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 3/6, 2-190
April General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 4/3, 6-120
May General Council Meeting	Wednesday, 5/1, 6-120

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