



# Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## General Council Meeting Agenda

March 6, 5:30 PM in 2-190

1. Introduction, Dinner, New Faces (5:30 – 5:40 PM)
  - a. Quorum Check
    - i. 40 people are here. We have quorum
  - b. Approval of February GCM Minutes
    - i. Approved
2. Vice Chancellor Ian Waitz (5:40 – 6:10 PM)
  - a. we are a bit delayed among our peers
  - b. support and wellness:  $\frac{1}{4}$  in mental health, typical in all Ivy+ institutions
    - i. +1 full time staff member at OGE
  - c. Build a strong network for grad students
  - d. Training for grad students to recognize mental health and distress
    - i. Incognito dropped out
    - ii. We are looking for other alternative with Lauren
  - e. Financial stability
  - f. Stipend recommendation
    - i. Take care of the tail-end
    - ii. Trying to sort out which are the problems and which are not
  - g. Graduate family
  - h. Advising, professional development, and mental health
    - i. Power dynamics
    - ii. Mental health and quality of advisor-advisee relation are positively correlated
  - i. ChemE is piloting advising and professional development training for faculties
    - i. MIT is going through accreditation
    - ii. We are asking for each department to put in professional development
  - j. Academic calendar change
  - k. Graduate Teaching Fellow Network from teaching and learning lab
  - l. Quarterly grad newsletter from OVC/OGE
  - m. Questions
    - i. Mental health: REFs?

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- i. Maryanne Kirkbride is running departmental climate project with individual departments
  - ii. 90%-95% of people at MIT feel they are connected
  - iii. All-but-dissertation = \$50 million (4% of the endowment)
  - iv. Talk to the Deans of the School to have advising groups
  - v. Food and security: fall under Suzy's responsibility
3. Retirement Savings Accounts (6:10 – 6:25 PM)
  - a. Investing during grad school is a smart strategy
4. 65.gsc.6 – Creation of Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (6:25 – 6:45 PM)
  - a. As of now it is a subcommittee. It will dissolve the subcommittee and create a new one
  - b. Amendment passes.
  - c. End to discussion passes
  - d. Full resolution + amendment (need 2/3): 41/44 passed
5. 65.gsc.7 – Ratification of Ivy+ Constitution and Rules (6:45 – 7:15 PM)
  - a. An amendment to include the University of Chicago
  - b. Quorum recheck: 42, yes we have quorum
  - c. Motion to end discussion is passed
  - d. Vote result: 34-2-5: for-against-abstain. Passed
6. Officer Nominations Open (7:15 – 7:20 PM)
  - a. Peter accepts Orpheus's nomination for President
  - b. Alex Joerger accepts his nomination for VP
7. Officer Updates (7:20 – 7:30 PM)
  - a. Friday: GSC Leadership social
  - b. Additional tax resources
    - i. Federal Credit Union offers free sessions
    - ii. FCU advertises Turbo Tax for everyone, but should have the international and domestic versions
  - c. Council rep funding
8. Committee Updates (7:30 – 7:45 PM)
  - a. ARC
    - i. Entrepreneurship panel
  - b. AC
    - i. Battle of Bands
    - ii. Grad Gala
    - iii. Taste of Louisiana



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- iv. Grad arts showcase
- c. DIS
  - i. DIS until June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. GSC-IR Grad Student Worker
- d. EAB
  - i. Federal affairs: trip to DC
  - ii. State House visit
  - iii. Public Outreach: looking for volunteer for Cambridge Science Fest and Education First tours/activities
- e. Muddy
  - i. Walker Mind
  - ii. Jazz brunch
  - iii. Recruit new graduate students
- f. Orientation
  - i. Finalize on orientation
  - ii. Pre-orientation: ISO webinars + AA club send-out
  - iii. Transform GSC Mini Anno to module
  - iv. OneMIT Eat and Meet + GSC Open House
  - v. Pub crawl
  - vi. President welcome + welcome picnic

9. Open Floor (7:45 – 7:50 PM)



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## Upcoming GSC Meetings

Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)	Friday, 3/15, 6:00 PM
Visiting Students Association (VISTA)	Every Monday, 7:00 PM
Activities Committee (AC)	TBD
External Affairs Board (EAB)	TBD
Federal Affairs Subcommittee	Thursday, 3/7, 8:00 PM
State and Local Affairs Subcommittee	TBD
Public Outreach Subcommittee	TBD
Development Subcommittee	Every Friday, 5:00 PM
Housing and Community Affairs (HCA)	Wednesday, 3/13, 6:00 PM
Off-campus Subcommittee	TBD
Sustainability Subcommittee	Friday, 3/8, 11:00 AM
Transportation Subcommittee	TBD
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee	Wednesday, 3/20, 6:00 PM
Muddy Charles Pub	Monday, 3/18, 7:00 PM
Orientation Committee (OC)	TBD
Executive Committee (ExComm)	Wednesday, 3/27, 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

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

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