GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2019

Peter Su, GSC President
Orpheus Chatzivasileiou, GSC Vice-President
Richard Zhang, GSC Secretary
Nicole Moody, GSC Treasurer
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve March Minutes

• Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
OFFICER ELECTIONS
Elections – A quick and dirty primer

- Nominations have to be seconded
- 4 Positions (elected in that order)
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- Whoever’s not elected for one position is eligible to run for positions below.

- Candidates each make 5 minute speech
- Q&A: 1 minute/question with 2 minute responses/candidate
- Then voting happens
Elections – A quick and dirty primer

• Voting happens by ranked choice
  • You list ALL the candidates in order of preference
  • If there’s a clear first-place majority, that person wins
  • Otherwise, least popular candidate(s) get(s) eliminated, their votes go to other candidates.
  • Repeat until clear majority
  • We have provisions in place in case of ties.

• Reminders
  • You **have** to list all candidates in order of preference.
  • You **cannot** vote against a candidate
  • If there is only one candidate, **that candidate will get elected**
OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN
VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR
OFFICER UPDATES
GradSAGE for other schools

- Graduate Student Advisory Group in the School of Engineering
  - Directly advises the Dean of Engineering

- Pressure from students really helps move things along

- Could be a good model for other schools to follow
  - Consider talking with your fellow reps and other students in your departments about potentially getting your school deans to start a similar advisory group
Increasing Focus on Advising

• Several new initiatives just starting up
  • Chemistry & ChemE developing advising training for junior faculty
  • Vice Chancellor’s Office is looking at individual development plans
  • GradSAGE is pushing advising philosophies for PI websites

• Administration, faculty leaders, and staff are showing a lot of interest
Corporation Recent Alumni Election

- For all graduating students (and any of your friends who are alumni from within the most recent 2 years)

- Election for the Recent Alumni position on the MIT Corporation Board is happening now (polls close April 30)
  - https://alum.mit.edu/corpballot/
  - Grads don’t tend to vote much, so it would be good to get higher turnout to represent our issues and perspective on the Corporation Board
Council Rep Funding

• **Apply for your funding!**
  - 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
    - Spring: Feb 16–Oct 15, Fall: Oct 16–Feb 15
  - 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](http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding)
  - Application: [http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/](http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/)
  - Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu
Council Rep Funding

USE IT OR LOSE IT!
Up to $250\(^{(1)}\) could be yours\(^{(2)}\)!!

Apply now to take advantage of this unique offer\(^{(3)}\)!!
http://mitgscapp.knack.com/funding#applications/councilrepfund/

Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

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Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sridipta Ghatak and Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs

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GRADUATE WOMEN @ MIT

Molly Bird and Yinying Ren
Executive Chairs
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Graduate Women at MIT

Leadership Conference

April 22 - 26, 2019

SAVE THE DATE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ROBIN CHASE

Co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar,
TIME Magazine’s 100 most influential people
Schedule of Events April 22-26th

• **Tuesday, April 23rd:**
  - Leadership Skills Improv Workshop with Jake Livengood (CAPD)

• **Wednesday, April 24th:**
  - Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop with CAPD and AAUW

• **Thursday, April 25th:**
  - Keynote Fireside Chat with Robin Chase (Co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar, TIME Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People)
  - Professional Image Workshop with CAPD
  - Professional Headshots

• **Friday, April 26th:**
  - TEDx Panel and Workshop
Events to be added

• How to become a more visionary leader: Workshop with David Nino (Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership Program)
• Leading abroad
• Women empowering women in the workplace
• More details soon!

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• Also need secretary starting in May! Email us at gwamit-exec@mit.edu if interested!
• Website: gwamit.org (conference website to come soon!)
• Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/gwamit
• Twitter: @gwamitweb
• Instagram: @gwamitweb
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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# Battle of Bands

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Taste of Louisiana

• 3/12 Morss Hall

Menu:
Cajun fried rice
Seafood étouffée
Crawfish mac & cheese
Garlic noodles
Brussel sprouts & cauliflower
Salad
Beignets
Paint Night: 4/2 7 to 9pm

- Co-sponsored by Community Wellness and ISO
- During Grad Appreciation week
Paint Night: Fish in a martini glass
Whale in a beer mug
Upcoming Events
Grad Gala

• 4/6 6 to 10pm
• 5 deans on call, so let’s behave ourselves
• Giveaways: flip flops
• Buses will be leaving from Ashdown (one way)
• Sign the waiver and bring it to gala
GradRat

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Decorate Easter Eggs

- 4/20 location & time TBD
- Easter is around the corner, come decorate your Easter eggs!
- There'll be chocolates
- Craft supplies will be provided
Taste of Lebanon

• 4/22 in Lobdell
Grad Arts Showcase

- May 1\textsuperscript{st} in MIT La Sala de Puerto Rico (W20-202)
- Google form in anno
Paint night 5/14
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
SUBCOMMITTEE

Nasir Almasri
Chair
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

Woo! We’re (gonna be) DEI!

Continuing work on Vision, Mission, and Structure
- Continuing to workshop at next meeting

Sent College of Computing “Community Feedback” to Marty

Recruit for next year’s DEI – promising candidates, always looking for others!

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: April 17, 2019
Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

NEW POSITION: **GSC-IR GRAD STUDENT WORKER**

This new position seeks to increase student input in institute surveys, support student leaders designing surveys, and support a DEI focus in both.

10hr/week, $15/hr
Apply by: **Monday, March 11**

Contact: **gsc-diversity-dci@mit.edu**

Apply here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr_2zKgL-D4m5EPXqrWiYhWP2yRnMlmpOtECIXuj4NHJaPDw/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr_2zKgL-D4m5EPXqrWiYhWP2yRnMlmpOtECIXuj4NHJaPDw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
April Updates

• Federal Affairs
  • Total DC Trips This Semester
    • Appropriations (3 individuals)
  • Spring LAD (NAGPS, 4 individuals)
    • 28 different offices representing 10 different states (MA, NC, KS, PA, MD, MI, TX, NM, TN, MN). Of these, 13 were Senate offices and 15 were House offices. They met with representatives from both parties, with 18 being Democrat offices and 10 being Republican offices. In accordance with GSC’s platform, the students advocated for the following topics:
      • i) a steady and sustained increase in funding for various science agencies,
      • ii) high-skilled immigration reform to strengthen innovation and job creation,
      • iii) support for climate research, and investment in a low-carbon future, and
      • iv) opposing the Department of Education’s proposed rule changes to Title IX
  • AAAS CASE (2 individuals +2 from SPI)
April Updates

• State and Local Affairs
  • Working on Statehouse Visit
    • Collaboration with other Boston Area Schools+MIT Vote

• Public Outreach
  • Looking for volunteers for a number of projects
    • Cambridge Science Fest
    • Education First tours/activities
April Updates Cont.

- NAGPS Northeast Regional
  - Benjamin Lane was elected director of finance for the northeast region!
  - Talk Content:
    - Mentorship appreciation
    - Public Comment Writing
    - International Student Issues/Support
    - How to assess and improve student involvement
    - Conference/event accessibility
    - “Micro credentials”
    - Community Service
    - State Advocacy
    - Mental Health Advocacy
Stipend Recommendation

• Presented March 12th to the Deans’ Group
• Data Analysis from 2017 Cost of Living Survey
• Proposed a roughly ~3% increase in the baseline stipend
• Proposed more effort to identify and support students who struggle to make ends meet (9-month stipends, graduate student families)
Next HCA Meeting - Elections

- Time and Place – April 10th (6 PM) in the GSC Office
- Topics:
  - Elections for new HCA Chairs!
  - Brainstorm ways to help HCA address Housing and Community Affairs effectively
- Email gsc-hca@mit.edu if you’d like to get involved! (lots of committees, subcommittees)
Muddy

SPRING PUB NIGHT

Tuesday April 16
6pm-8pm
Morss Hall in
Walker Memorial

Families welcome!
Beverage service 21+
with your MIT ID &
government issued ID.
Free burritos & churros

Muddy
Charles Pub

Graduate Student Council
The Muddy Wants You!

See what the Muddy is all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (4/8)!
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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