New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve April Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
BUDGET REPORT
## FY19 Income

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<th>Income Source</th>
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*Still awaiting complete transfer from SAO*
FY19 Funding Board Allocations

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*Total Budget : $248,000

**Average utilization rate over the past three cycles was ~80%
## FY19 Travel Grant Allocations

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*Total Budget : $45,000*
FY19 Athletics & Performance Grants

- Annual budget: $13,000
- Total requests: $15,960
- Total allocations: $11,860
FY19 Council Rep Fund

- Annual budget: $14,000
- Total allocations: $4,790
**FY19 Spending**

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*Note that these expenses are those that have been processed and do not include open allocations or commitments. All charges will be updated by end of June (closure of fiscal year)*
END OF YEAR REPORT
Highlights: External Advocacy

• Started Massachusetts Grad Federation
  • 9 Boston area schools: MIT, (BC, BU, Babson, Tufts, Brandeis, UMass Boston, Northeastern, Bentley)
  • Joint visit to Massachusetts State House
• Collaboration with MITvote for voter registration and turnout
• Increasing interaction and collaboration with Cambridge City Council
• 3 student articles published in hometown newspapers
Highlights: Amazing Social Events

- Whale watching trip
- Paint nights
- Taste of Series
Highlights: Communications

• Piloting Resource Round-Ups
  • Highlight resources available to grad students once a month
  • Pilots have focused on professional development resources
• Holding regular communications meetings with all administration offices for tighter coordination

GSC Resources Round-up
Career Advising and Professional Development
February 27th, 2018

First GSC Resource Round-up!

短吧: CAPD has many professional development resources, including one-to-one resume/CV critique, interview practice, career planning, career talks & company presentations, and various online resources, as well as programming and resources in the areas of communication, interpersonal skills, leadership and mentoring, personal development, social responsibility, and teaching. The entire office is fully open to graduate students of all courses. 

CAPD will be hosting a graduate student open house on Wednesday March 6th 2-4pm. We invite all MIT grad students to stop by to learn about our resources, meet advising staff, and have their LinkedIn headshot taken. Refreshments will be provided.

One-on-One Career Support

• Experienced career advisors with course-focused specialty are available to meet with you in person (30 min to 1 hour appointments) and help with job searching and career planning. Topics for discussions include, but are not limited to:
  ○ CV to resume conversion
  ○ Academic and non-academic search process
  ○ Academia vs. Industries
  ○ Career path decision making/ exploration
Highlights: Professional Development

• This year
  • Piloted GSC Networking event, attracting 200+ students and 30+ employers
  • Inserted 4 concurrent alumni career panels during the Alumni Leadership Conference
  • Supported CAPD on development of Professional Development Competency Chart

• Next year
  • Continue the organization of GSC Networking event
  • Expand alumni-supported professional development programming, including alumni-on-tap, fireside chat, and career panels

GSC Networking Event on evening of Career Fair
Highlights: Revamped Orientation

• This year: Piloted GSC Orientation Bulletins
  • Emphasize information before arrival on campus
• Next year: Refocusing on welcoming students
  • Cutting back on events to make Orientation feel less stressful and more welcoming
  • Adding more information to pre-orientation so students arrive ready
Highlights: Grad Housing

• This year’s changes:
  • Enter housing lottery with roommates as group
  • Grad couples in large efficiencies in single dorms
  • Single students in unfilled efficiencies in family dorms

• Next year’s changes:
  • 2 year renewable leases for incoming students
  • Leases end July 31st (end of month)
  • Queue-based lottery with self-selection of specific room in private-market-like fashion (still working out technical kinks)
Highlights: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

• This year:
  • Organizing and bringing together department representatives to discuss DEI efforts at department level via Department & Classroom Initiative
  • Hired pilot Grad Community Fellow focused on department climate surveys and processing and utilizing that data
  • Engaged upper administration on ICEO replacement and important DEI questions and considerations around College of Computing

• Next year:
  • New Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!
  • DEI-focused positions across GSC’s committees to embed DEI initiatives across GSC
Highlights: Financial Distress & Families

• Stipend Recommendation focused on highlighting different experiences of grad students
  • 9-month or half stipends, all-but-dissertation
  • International students & families

• Grad Family Support Working Group exploring how to better support grad students with families
  • Better and more consistent data collection to identify issues
  • Benchmarking against programs at other schools
OFFICER UPDATES
AAU Campus Climate Survey

• Due date extended to this Friday, May 3

• Email from GSC President today with the link

• Please take if you haven’t already!

• Thanks!
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](mailto: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/

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3. Terms and conditions apply, see http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding
WELCOME TO THE NEW TERM!

Peter Su, GSC President
Alex Joerger, GSC Vice-President
Naveen Arunachalam, GSC Secretary
Robin Lindemann, GSC Treasurer
NOMINATIONS OPEN – FUNDING BOARD & NOMINATIONS BOARD
Funding Board

• 1 position

• Helps review applications for GSC funding for student groups (this is ~40% of our budget!)

• Quarterly review cycle

• You’ll also get a gift for your effort

• Nomination this GCM, vote next GCM
Nominations Board

- 3 positions
- Selects the nominees for institute committees
- Minimal time commitment
  - 3 meetings during summer + additional ad hoc meetings
- You’ll also get a gift for your effort
- Nomination this GCM, vote next GCM
66.GSC.1 – FY20 BUDGET
VISION FOR THE YEAR
Continuing Efforts

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Improved Communications
  - Resource Roundups
  - GSC Website
- Professional Development
- Revamping Orientation
- Families & Financial Distress
New Focuses for Next Year

- Advising & the Advisor-Advisee relationship
  - Building momentum amongst schools and administration
  - To be spearheaded by ARC Committee

- Student Well-being & Support
  - Working on giving iREFS a permanent home within GSC
  - Additional efforts to be spearheaded by HCA Committee
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
Grad Gala
Decorate Easter Eggs

- 4/20 W20-491 2:45-5:30pm
Taste of Lebanon
Upcoming Events
Grad Arts Showcase: Tonight!

- May 1st in MIT La Sala de Puerto Rico (W20-202)
- 7 to 10pm
- 21+ event
GSC Coffee Hour

5/6 6pm Stata Center Forbes cafe
OneWorld
Paint night 5/14
Acoustic bbq

- Friday 5/17
- Stata amphitheatre
- Rain location: Morss Hall
Art gallery tour

• May or June
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
gsc-asa@mit.edu
Changes to Operating Guidelines

- Meeting between GSC/UA representatives to discuss changes and collect feedback (September)
- Major changes considered
  - Not implementing ‘no-application’ policy
  - Restructuring of board roles, for clarity
  - Changing formal amendment policy to match GSC records
  - Suggesting that groups have a policy for removing members
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SUBCOMMITTEE

Bianca Lepe
Chair
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Elections Completed for DEI 2019-2020
  - Congrats, Bianca! (Chair)

- ESS Survey Townhall occurred on April 30 (yesterday)

- Final Conduit Assembly on Thursday, May 9

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: May 15 at 6 PM in the GSC Office (50-220)
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Jack Reid
Chair
gsc-eab@mit.edu
External Affairs Board Update

- Statehouse Visit!
  - 19 offices, 11 MIT students
  - First time other grad schools participated
  - 4 attended, 7 were involved with writing statements
- Most EAB positions filled
  - Still looking for a Development Subcommittee Chair
- We’ve submitted a bid to host the NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference in Spring 2020
  - Opportunity to learn from and teach other graduate students
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mohammad Islam
Chair
gsc-hca@mit.edu
Vision & Goals for the year

- **Vision:** “Make MIT a home for everyone” through community building, information sharing
- Promote graduate student wellness
- Increase interaction between dorm governments
- Build off-campus community
- Support graduate student families
- Facilitate communication between housing offices/administration and graduate students/dorms
Promote Graduate Student Wellness

• Establish a Wellness subcommittee
• Charges to subcommittee:
  • 1) Partner with wellness resources on campus and publicize what is available (work with Naomi Carton)
  • 2) Support REFS program (schedule monthly meetings, create best practices list, manage REFS Resource Pool)
Our Meetings

- Address important housing concerns (e.g. graduate housing allocation process)
- Subcommittees:
  - Sustainability
  - Transportation
  - Family
  - Off-campus
  - iREFS
  - Dorms
Looking for HCA Co-chair!

• Email us at gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
• Interested in housing, wellness, community building (and other community affairs)?
• Off-campus and family perspectives welcome!
• Looking for off-campus housing co-chairs as well! gsc-hca-offcampus-chair@mit.edu
MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Richard Park
Chair

gsc-muddy@mit.edu
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Somesh Mohapatra
Chair
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Pre-Orientation

- Pre-Orientation Webinars – Volunteers from 14 regions/countries confirmed

- Orientation Cultural Mixer – In talks with volunteers from above countries Discussions starting with Office of Multicultural Programs
Welcome

Hello Incoming Grads!

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is happy to welcome you to your new home. We are a group of graduate students (just like you) and our mission is to enhance the overall graduate student experience. We have a wide range of programs and initiatives, and urge you get involved with at least one of them when you arrive to campus. The first of those initiatives is the GSC 2019 Orientation Welcome Picnic which will begin on Sunday, August 25th 2019. We are the largest student run orientation for graduate students in the nation and we can’t wait to welcome you to the MIT community!
Events

- Tentative Schedule is out.
- Logistics and reservations being figured out for the events at present.

### 2019 Graduate Orientation TENTATIVE Schedule

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