

# GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

## JUNE 5, 2019

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Peter Su, GSC President

Alex Joerger, GSC Vice President

Naveen Arunachalam, GSC Secretary

Robin Lindemann, GSC Treasurer



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# New Faces

- Welcome to General Council!



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# Quorum check



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# Approve May Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email



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# 66.GSC.1 – FY20 BUDGET

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# Bylaws regarding the Budget Meeting

The Budget is passed in the following manner:

1. Revenue and the beginning-of-year reserve represent the professional opinion of the Treasurer, and are not voted upon.
2. Each representative is given an opportunity to object to any number of line items. If no objection is raised regarding a given line item, it is approved automatically without a vote.
3. The remaining line items are approved either individually, or in groups of any size. The following rules apply:
  - i. *Line items may be approved at the original amount or at a lower amount, but not at a higher amount.*
  - ii. *A majority vote is required to approve a line item individually, while a two-thirds vote is required to approve a group of line items.*



# FUNDING BOARD & NOMINATIONS BOARD ELECTIONS

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# 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
  
- Nominations from last GCM:
  - Sandya Subramanian



# 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
  
- Nominations from last GCM:
  - Daniel Marquez
  - Nicole Moody
  - Katie Shulenberger



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# OFFICER UPDATES

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# Officer Liaison Assignments

- AC – Naveen
- ARC – Naveen
- ASA – Robin
- DEI – Peter
- EAB – Peter
- HCA – Alex
- Muddy – Alex
- OC – Alex



# Apply for Institute Committees by June 14<sup>th</sup>!

- **What are Institute Committees?**

- Make many important decisions at MIT
- Address issues of educational curricula, discipline, student life, many aspects of life and work at MIT, wellness, health & safety, medical services, intellectual property, and diversity

- **Why be part of an Institute Committee?**

- Learn how MIT works
- Interact with faculty and MIT administrators as equals
- Share your perspective
- Gain leadership experience (excellent professional development opportunity)
- Make a difference

The **student perspective** on Institute Committees is **highly valued**, and we **need your help** to make sure **graduate students** are **well-represented!**

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/30V2rsf>



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# Apply for Your Council Rep Funding!

- Available to all Council members except those who are members by virtue of their GSC position
  - i.e., department rep, dorm rep, etc.
- \$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



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# Council Rep Funding: Conditions

- Applicant must be current representative in good standing (discretion of VP)
- Events must be accessible to entire constituency
- Apply BEFORE having an event
  - Allow time for processing (at least one week)
  - **Follow publicity guidelines**
- Funding may NOT be used for:
  - Alcohol
  - Gifts or prizes
  - Sales tax
- All funding must be used in compliance with Institute policies
- Program info: <http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>



# Council Rep Funding

**USE IT OR LOSE IT!**  
**Up to \$250<sup>(1)</sup> could be yours<sup>(2)</sup>!!**

**Apply now to take advantage of this unique offer<sup>(3)</sup>!!!**

<https://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>

Questions? Email [gsc-vp@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-vp@mit.edu)

1. \$150/rep/term or \$250/rep/term with GSC or Institute committee involvement
2. Money to be used in Events must be accessible to entire constituency
3. Terms and conditions apply, see <http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>



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# Costco Card Program Shutting Down

- Costco did not renew GSC membership
- Card program will likely shut down
- Costco shuttles will continue to run
- Discounted student membership (\$20 / 1<sup>st</sup> year only):  
<https://www.costco.com/join-costco.html>



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# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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# ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

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Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun  
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# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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# AC in Review

- Grad Arts Showcase (5/1)



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# AC in Review

- GSC Coffee Hour (5/6)
- Paint Night (5/14)



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# AC in Review

- Acoustic BBQ (5/17)



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# Upcoming Events

- Art Gallery Scavenger Hunt – 06/13 – 5 PM to 9 PM
  - We will be touring a few art galleries in Boston.
  - \$5 per person. Email [guptam@mit.edu](mailto:guptam@mit.edu) for payment.
- Whale Watching – 07/20
  - Tickets will go on sale soon. Check the ANNO.



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# Upcoming Events

- Six Flags Trip – 08/10
- Apple Picking – Early October



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# AC Wants You!

- Become a part of AC!
  - Commitments as low as 1 hour per month.
  - Help make our events and your events a reality. Free tickets!
  - Email: [gsc-ac@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-ac@mit.edu)
  - Interest form in Anno:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdoGd2hyi\\_VlbjxEbz9my96L-oBoiFI83nk6xWOUYaDg9dWFw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdoGd2hyi_VlbjxEbz9my96L-oBoiFI83nk6xWOUYaDg9dWFw/viewform)



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# ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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# ASA Update 5/6/19

- Completed:
  - On-time group re-recognition
- Ongoing:
  - Summer LEF/ARADE submissions
  - Re-recognition fines & appeals
  - Space use agreement
  - SAO student group handbook



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SUBCOMMITTEE

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# Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee

- New committee members for DEI 2019-2020
  - LGBTQIA+ c-rep: Lupe Cruz
  - GWAMIT c-rep: Rachel Soble
  - URM c-rep: Arthur Brown
- Still looking to fill the Treasurer and Secretary positions
  - All interested individuals are welcome to contact us for more info!
- June meeting: setting our goals for the upcoming year
  - Let us know what we should prioritize

Contact: [gsc-diversity@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-diversity@mit.edu)

Next Meeting: Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the GSC Office (50-220)



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# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

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# External Affairs Board Update

- Next Board Meeting
  - Thursday, June 13th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, 50-220
- Currently working on plans for the year
  - Adding a Diversity Liaison and an International Student Liaison to the Board
  - Proposing a mentorship item for addition to the policy platform
  - Planning for the NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference
  - Cambridge Elections



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# HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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# Graduate Student Wellness

- Interested in graduate student wellness?
- Reach out at [gsc-hca@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-hca@mit.edu)

Several initiatives:

- Organizing wellness workshops
- Interface with other MIT resources (OGE, MindHandHeart)
- Support the REFS (Resource for Easing Friction and Stress)



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# Looking for HCA Co-chair!

- Interested in housing, wellness, community building (and other community affairs)?
- Off-campus and family perspectives welcome!
- Email us at [gsc-hca@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-hca@mit.edu)



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# Our next meeting

- Date: June 12<sup>th</sup> (next Wednesday)
- Time: 6 PM
- Place: GSC Office (50-220)
- Topics: Housing concerns, family support, financial distress



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# MUDDY CHARLES PUB

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# Muddy

1. Event held with WMBR, positive experience
2. Weekly Wednesdays (wings) to reduce in frequency, OGE grant cut by 1/3  
No wings after 6/5 till Fall, or during IAP.
3. New OGE grant application for showcasing Walker groups at Muddy on Wednesdays.

••• SPECIAL COLLABORATION •••

## SPINNING LIVE WMBR RADIO AT THE MUDDY



### LINEUP

James Dean Death  
Car Experience **6-8pm**  
power pop, drone, psychedelic

Backpacks and Magazines **8-9pm**  
synth-pop, cold-wave, shoegaze, death-rock

Cuentame **9-10pm**  
stories from listeners w/music breaks

### DETAILS

**MIT ID required, 21+**  
guests of MIT community allowed

Special Spring Beers on Tap

**6pm - 10pm**  
**Saturday, May 11**

**wmbr 88.1 fm**  
**the muddy charles**  
Walker Memorial, Building 50



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# The Muddy Wants You!



See what the Muddy is all about!

**Come to our next Board meeting (6/10)!**  
(7pm, GSC Office)



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# ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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# Pre-Orientation

- Planning for in-person summer send-offs starting this month – MIT AA
- Webinars are getting scheduled now – ISO



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# Events

- Dorm-level Event Coordination Meeting – June 5
  - Mini-Golf – Involving all dorms
  - Other events involving dorms individually
- Goosechase App – Campus Scavenger Hunt



# OPEN FLOOR

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