

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2019

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!



Quorum check



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Approve June and July Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email



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66.GSC.2 – UPDATES TO THE GSC POLICY PLATFORM



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Q&A

WITH THE OFFICERS



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OFFICER UPDATES



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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

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
 - Capital purchases
 - Gifts or prizes
 - Sales tax
- All funding must be used in compliance with Institute policies
- Program info: <http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding>

Examples of Successful Utilization

- End of semester coffee hour (Mathe, 2 reps): **500 USD**
- MEGA Muddy Monday (AeroAstro & MechE): **300 USD**
- Summer Garden Party (70 Amherst): **250 USD**
- Quals practice sessions (HST): **200 USD**
- And many more ...
- Total of allocated Council Rep Fund: **6,340 USD**

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⁾!!!

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

Questions? Email 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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COMMITTEE UPDATES



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ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
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Academics, Research and Careers (ARC) Committee

- Thesis Lounge (formerly De-stressing Your Dissertations) ongoing!
 - 9am-5pm daily this week at Barker Library 5th and 8th floors
 - **Volunteer needed for cleanup (<5 mins) at 5pm Thursday and Friday (please contact gsc-arc@mit.edu) ! 😊**
- Academics job panel in September; postdoc panel in December
- Advising Initiative 3rd meeting held last week (if interested, contact subcommittee chair Noam at nbuckman@mit.edu)
- First ARC meeting of new academic year: September (date TBD) in the GSC Office (50-220) – all welcome, email gsc-arc@mit.edu to stay informed!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang

Co-Chairs

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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
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ASA Updates

- Collecting applications for Orientation Midway booth assignments
- Ongoing bylaws/operating guidelines reviews

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair

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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- Orientation Events:
 - **Aug 19, 12-1pm:** Pre-Orientation Conduit Pizza Social @Stata Lawn
 - **Sept 3, 1-3pm:** GSC Resource Fair, GSC-DEI Booth @Johnson Rink
 - **Sept 19, 5-8pm:** GSC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion BBQ @Kresge Pits
- Still looking to fill the Secretary position
 - All interested individuals are welcome to contact us for more info!
- August meeting:
 - finalizing events for upcoming year, finalizing structure of DEI conference money allocation

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: Wednesday Aug 14th at 5 pm in the GSC Office (50-220)

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Jack Reid
Chair

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External Affairs Board Update

- Next Board Meeting
 - Thursday, August 15th, 6:00pm-7:30pm, 50-220
- Working on various orientation events. Possibilities include:
 - Intro to State and Local Politics
 - Intro to Federal Affairs
 - Various international student oriented events (working with ISO)
- Working with Institutional Research to develop a student survey on preferred advocacy, outreach, and federal research spending topics
- Various statements, white papers, and letters are happening
 - Combating Sexual Harassment in the Sciences Act of 2019
 - CMU-MIT immigration reform white paper
 - Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act
 - CMU-MIT letter on food insecurity
- Developing a questionnaire for Cambridge City Council candidates



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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mohammad Islam
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GSC Wellness Subcommittee

- Officially a subcommittee of HCA!
- Committee Goals/Tasks:
 - Organize wellness events/workshops
 - Advocate for grad wellness initiatives to MIT administration
 - Supporting peer-to-peer support (REFS program)
- Fill out Google Form [here](#) or email gsc-hca-wellness@mit.edu to get involved
- Initial Meeting in September

No August HCA Meeting

- Next HCA meeting in September
- Tentatively: September 18th at 6 PM in GSC Office

MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Richard Park
Chair

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Overview

1. Sailing Pavilion Sundowners

- Successful event on July 1, 6-10pm
- **Next event planned Aug 12, 6-10pm**

2. OGE Proposals underway for event funding

3. GSC Orientation Event, Sept 14th, 4 – 7 pm. 50-70 attendees (?) **TBC**

The Muddy Wants You!



See what the Muddy is all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (8/19)!
(7pm, GSC Office, 2nd Floor Walker Memorial)

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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