



# Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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## A Resolution

### To Update the Policy Platform of the Graduate Student Council

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*Whereas*, graduate students at MIT are stakeholders in policy issues at MIT and at all levels of government; and

*Whereas*, the External Affairs Board (EAB, or "the Board") shall coordinate the external affairs and activities of the GSC, including statements of the positions of the GSC or the graduate student body on issues of significance to the welfare of graduate students at MIT; and

*Whereas*, the Board is responsible for assisting the GSC in development of its policy positions by submitting proposed Policy Platform updates for consideration and approval by the membership; and

*Whereas*, the GSC recently amended its bylaws to enable all standing committees of the GSC to make statements based on platform documents, such as the Policy Platform; and

*Whereas*, the GSC has recently accelerated its efforts to address issues of professional development and mentorship of grad students; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the text included in Appendix 1 of this resolution be appended to the end of the Policy Platform section entitled "Quality of Life", with appropriate numbering.

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## Appendix 1

1. Policies that encourage effective and high quality academic and professional mentorship, advising, and development.
2. Policies that allow students to explore and pursue diverse career paths, including those in academia, industry, government, entrepreneurship, and elsewhere.
3. Policies that foster general well-being and a healthy and productive work-life balance for graduate students.
4. Policies that provide support for graduate students in adverse situations involving advisors or administrators that negatively impact the student experience or outcomes.

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