New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve September Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
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MIT & EPSTEIN
Email if you want to submit comments!

- student-forum-record@mit.edu
INITIATIVE APPLICATION
COMMENCEMENT
Likely Scenario(s)

- Favored by Senior Admins and School Deans:
  - PhD Hooding + Degree Conferral in Killian on Thursday
  - OneMIT Speeches Ceremony in Killian on Friday morning
  - Undergrad Degree Conferral in Killian on Friday afternoon
  - Masters Degree Conferral by school in various venues on Friday afternoon

- Favored by GSC Officers:
  - PhD Hooding + Degree Conferral in Killian on Thursday
  - OneMIT speeches ceremony in Killian on Friday morning
  - Undergrad + Masters Degree Conferral in Killian on Friday afternoon
## Benefits of Each Scenario

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<th>Masters by school</th>
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<td>• Significantly shorter degree conferral for Masters &amp; UGs</td>
<td>• Masters also get degree conferral in Killian, like everyone else</td>
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<td>• School personalized/tailored ceremonies for Masters</td>
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Looking Ahead to Next Year

• Can move Masters to Thursday to open up more options

• Currently preferred option:
  • Masters Degree Conferral in Killian on Thursday
  • PhD Hooding + Degree Conferral in Killian on Thursday
  • OneMIT Speeches Ceremony in Killian on Friday
  • Undergrad Degree Conferral in Killian on Friday
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\(^{(3)}!!\)

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Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

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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
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

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Academics, Research, & Careers Committee (ARC)

• VISTA-Orientation Committee: Cultural Night
  Lobdell (W20-208); Friday September 13 6pm

• September ARC meeting
  GSC Room (50-220); Thursday September 19 6-7pm
Academics, Research, & Careers Committee (ARC)

- GSC Networking with Employers
  Lobdell (W20-208); Friday September 20 6:45pm

  Capital One
  Shell
  Sony
  Merck
  Sandia National Lab
  Mackenzie Investments
  MBTA
  DNAnexus
  Health at Scale
  BlinkAI Technologies, Inc.
  Cisco
  Blue River Technology
Academics, Research, & Careers Committee (ARC)

• **Acing Academia: Surviving and Succeeding in the Academic Job Hunt**
  *Wong Auditorium (E51-115); Tuesday September 24 5:30-7pm*

  - Cullen Buie (Mech E)
  - Amala Mahadevan (WHOI-MIT)
  - Jeffrey Grossman (MSE)
  - Warren Seering (Mech E)
  - Anne White (NSE)

• **Alum-on-Tap: Joshua Shifrinson (Boston University)**
  *Muddy Charles Pub (sign-up required); Tuesday September 24 5-6:30pm*
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang
Co-Chairs

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Past Events
Taste of Bangladesh 09/17/2019

Success!
Enough volunteers.
Music was great.
Food was awesome.
GradRat Sold some rings!
September Meeting 09/23/2019

We found a new coffee hour organizer!
We found two Apple picking volunteers!
Upcoming
Apple picking 10/05/2019

Where: Honey Pot Hill Orchard, MA
Price: $17.5/person
94 attendees, set up 90 tickets. Tickets were sold out in 2 days!
Coffee Hour 10/07/2019

When: 6-7pm
Where: Forbes Family Cafe in Stata
1st Paint night 10/16/2019

When: Wed 10/16, 7pm
Where: Morse Hall, Walker Memorial
A professional instructor will guide us!
Theme: hot air balloon in lavender field
Food will be provided
Sponsored by Atlas Center
Ticket sales will be online soon at: tickets.mit.edu
Taste of Brazil 10/21/2019

Brazilian food from Muqueca (probably)
Brazilian music

Jan 13: open
AC October Meeting

Very likely to be Either 10/23 or 10/25, will appear on the coming Anno

Send us suggestions for events!
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
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ASA Updates

• Halfway through group applications
  • New groups include LGSA & other cultural groups, gaming clubs, women’s urban dance team

• Fall LEF/ARCADE posted

• Official meeting time Wednesdays 12-1 in GSC Office

• General Body Meeting October 23rd 5-7 PM
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair
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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- **Department & Classroom Inclusion (DCI) Subcommittee**
  - Had a successful fall Conduit Assembly yesterday
    - established 3 working groups: 1) graduate application policies, 2) implementing graduate application assistance programs, 3) departmental DEI/Title IX trainings
  - Will be meeting with the Office of General Council to have them approve Application Assistance Program Best Practices

- **Student Life (SL) Subcommittee**
  - New members!
    - Vice-chair: Joey Velez-Ginorio
    - First-Generation C-Rep: Tugba Bozcaga
  - Looking for *religious-life* and *international* representatives
  - This term, formulating the structure and scope of this subcommittee
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Upcoming Events:

- **Mondays, 4:15-5:15 pm**: DCI Subcommittee Coordinator Meetings @ the Broad

Next Committee Meeting:

**Thurs. Oct. 17th at 5:00 pm** @ GSC Office (50-220)

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Jack Reid
Chair
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External Affairs Board

- **Next Meeting:** October 16th, 5pm, 50-220
- **Recent Activities**
  - DC Advocacy Trip
  - State & Local Affairs 101
- **Upcoming Activity**
  - Cambridge City Council Candidate Panel / Meet & Greet: October 15th, 7pm, 32-144
Housing Updates - Eastgate Transition

- MIT Graduate Tower/Site 4 is set to come online next year (replacing the current Eastgate)
- Adds 250 beds to graduate student housing stock
- A transition team has been formed to explore a number of factors relevant to Site 4 (physical movement, costs, culture)
Feedback on Changes in Grad Housing

• The Graduate Housing Implementation Team will attend our next HCA meeting (next Wed October 9th at 6 PM)
• Hope to collect feedback on the many changes to the housing allocation process (e.g. applying with roommates, couples housing, 2 year renewable contracts, self-selection with waitlist)
• Attend the meeting and share your thoughts!
• Especially important for dorms to attend (give feedback)!!
Graduate Life Series

• Starting a new event series as a followup to the 101 series
• Overall theme is related to wellness
• Our goal is to organize 1 event in each dorm (with respective mental health liaison) and at least 1 outside of dorms
• Promote graduate student wellness and collaboration between dorms (2 HCA priorities!)
• Meeting tomorrow at 8am in Maseeh!
Updating Bylaws/Improve accountability

- HCA bylaws are very loose
- No information about committee structure, voting membership, expectations
- Add expectations to document (expect 1 rep from dorms, etc.). Hold dorm reps accountable for attending meetings
- HCA is the only forum for grad students to discuss housing! (UG have DormCon which meets very regularly)
Upcoming Meetings!

• Next HCA meeting:
  • Wednesday October 9th (6 PM – 7:30 PM) in 50-220
  • Dinner is provided!
  • Discussions with Housing Implementation Team to provide feedback on housing allocation process

• Graduate Life Series Discussion
  • Tomorrow (Thursday) at 8am in the Maseeh dining hall
  • Discuss topics, logistics with Naomi Carton (Associate Dean for Grad Life)
Muddy Charles Pub

1. OGE Proposal ($1500) received for Walker Exhibit Series
   • 3 events planned for the semester/IAP

2. Talks of a VISTA-Muddy joint Talent Show underway
   • Aimed at late November earliest.

3. Fundraising ideas being discussed with Alum. Assoc.
   • Pi day, online crowdfunding, etc.
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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OPEN FLOOR
COME TO THE POST-GCM SOCIAL @ THE MUDDY!