GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Peter Su, GSC President
Alex Joerger, GSC Vice President
Naveen Arunachalam, GSC Secretary
Robin Lindemann, GSC Treasurer
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve October Minutes

• Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
AAU SURVEY RESULTS - CHANCELLOR BARNHART
STUDENT COMMITTEES
Outside Engagements

- Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor
- Amauche Emenari
- Seiji Engelkemier
- Stephen Filippone
- Vanessa Conzon
Campus Climate, Discrimination, Misconduct

- Abigail Taussig
- Abraham Herzog-Arbeitman
- Madeleine Laitz
- Pedro Reynolds-Cuellar
- Sammuel Mendez
SUSTAINABILITY IN SIDPAC/ASHDOWN
66.GSC.4 – BYLAWS UPDATE
OFFICER UPDATES
Nominations Board Opening

• Katie graduated. Congrats!

• One open position

• Low time commitment but important role
Orientation Looking for Next Chair

- Orientation is looking for its next chair now
  - Allows new team to start planning with lots of time to spare

- Election likely to happen at December Orientation meeting

- Contact gsc-oc@mit.edu for more info or if interested
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

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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

Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
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Academic, Research and Career

• ARC Committee Meeting, Oct. 24\textsuperscript{th}
  o Highlighted Advising Subcommittee

• Advising Subcommittee
  o Subcommittee meeting Oct. 17\textsuperscript{th}
  o Goal: Central voice for students on advising (Point-Person to GSC, OVC); Expert advice for other student groups or departments; Implement initiatives that aren’t implemented by departments; Keep MIT and departments and advisors accountable on advising issues; Central repository of information on advising
Academic, Research and Career

• Advising Subcommittee
  o Next Steps
    o Draft Letter to the Tech in Response (Draft written, publication on hold)
    o Summer Report of Recommendation (In progress)
    o Central Resource / Coordinating Department Initiatives
    o Data Collection (TBD)
Academic, Research and Career

• Roads to Academia, Oct. 25th

• Alumni Relation Subcommittee
  o Alumni Fireside Chat, Oct. 1st and Oct. 15th
  o Alumni Panel, Oct. 8th
Academic, Research and Career

• VISTA Subcommittee
  ○ FAIL!, Oct. 18th
    ○ Very high turnover > 500 people
    ○ Next FAIL! In April
  ○ Halloween, Oct. 31st
    ○ Costume contest
    ○ Food: pizza, drinks, and pumpkin pie.
    ○ Followed by pubcrawl

Will keep organizing awesome events! You are all welcome to join!!
Academic, Research and Career

• Next ARC Committee Meeting
  o Nov. 21st 6pm
  o 50-220 (GSC office)
  o gsc-arc@mit.edu
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang
Co-Chairs
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Past Events
Apple picking 10/05/2019

Very nice!
Got an appreciation email!
Coffee Hour 10/07/2019 & 11/04/2019

Very good.
Zach from the Transportation Subcommittee under HCA came on Nov 4 to raise awareness of the subcommittee and try to recruit.
Paint night 10/16/2019
Taste of Brazil 10/21/2019

Very good Brazilian BBQ.
Taste of Brazil 10/21/2019
Art Gallery Tour 10/25/2019

Guided tour of the Vose and Pucker art galleries on Newbury street.

Followed by free dinner reception in the media lab.
Upcoming
Coffee hour 11/04/2019

Zach from Transportation subcommittee under HCA is gonna come and try to “recruit”
When: 6-7pm
Where: Forbes Family Cafe
GradRat Ring Delivery 11/7/2019

When: 7pm
Where: Lobdell
Come for food, giveaways and order a ring.
When: 6-8pm
Where: Morse Hall, Walker Memorial
Bruins game 02/25/2020

Ticket sales stats next semester
Projected price: $55
Children under 2 get free admission. Older kids pay regular price
ASA Updates

• Group applications DONE, handling appeals

• GBM October 23rd
  • >250 student groups represented
  • Generally good responses to operating guidelines changes, mostly concerns around membership definitions & rights

• Upcoming: new groups/group leaders guide
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

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

- Sent in funding applications to MHH Innovation Fund and CRD Grant
  - GSC-DEI Fellows program + gradCommunity Dialogue Series
  - Working with GradSAGE DEI subcommittee on DEI issues

- **Department & Classroom Inclusion (DCI)** Subcommittee
  - Conduit working groups are continuing to meet:
    - 1) graduate application policies, 2) implementing graduate application assistance programs, 3) departmental DEI/Title IX trainings
  - Met with the Office of General Council and they approved our Graduate Application Assistance Program (GAAP) Best Practices
    - ChemE, EAPS, & BCS to start a GAAP program

- **Student Life (SL)** Subcommittee
  - Looking for *religious-life* and *international* representatives
  - Working on a map of DEI efforts between graduate students and administration
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Graduate Enrolled Student Survey Data Request Form:
• To request data, please fill out: https://forms.gle/tuyufcV2TJW66hT77

Upcoming Events:
• Mondays, 4:15-5:15 pm: DCI Subcommittee Coordinator Meetings @ the Broad

Next Committee Meeting:
Thurs. Nov. 14th at 2.00 pm @ GSC Office (50-220)

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu
External Affairs Board

- **Next Meeting:** November 22nd, 5pm, 50-220
- **Recent/Current Activities**
  - Cambridge Municipal Elections
  - Ivy+ Summit
  - NAGPS National Conference (ongoing)
  - Reviewing results of the EAB Survey (ongoing)
  - First Boston Federation Meeting of the academic year
- **Upcoming Activity**
  - MA Statehouse Visit - Nov. 20
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mohammad Islam
Chair
gsc-hca@mit.edu
October HCA Meeting Summary

- Graduate Housing Implementation Team attended
- Discussed and collected feedback on housing allocation process:
  - 2-yr renewables contracts, couples in single housing pilot, roommate groups, self-selection system for waitlist
  - 99% occupancy achieved for on campus housing
- Some points of discussion
  - Move-out experience: Sustainability and Ease
  - On-demand availability of housing: convenience vs. community
  - On-campus housing rates
  - Incentives for house government officers
  - Accommodating postdocs and visiting students
November HCA Meeting

• Committee on Campus Planning
  • Chair of Committee on Campus Planning will present and explain the role of the committee
  • Discussional committee rather than decisional committee
  • Topics this year: Recent capital projects, Capital renewal and building priorities, and the role of Sustainability in campus planning

• Grad Life Series with Naomi Carton
  • Promote graduate student wellness and collaboration between dorms (2 HCA priorities!)

• Updated bylaws
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 is currently meeting to explore a number of factors relevant to Site 4 (physical movement, costs, culture)
Housing Updates – Washlava

- New washers and dryers with Washlava technology installed in on-campus dorms
- Previous laundry vendor contract expired July 31, 2019
- Prices are raised from $1.00 to $1.25
Comments/Questions/Issues?

• Contact gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
• Goal is to make sure student issues are heard
• Anonymous feedback form?
Jazz Brunch Dec 1 2019

This is last semester’s poster

There will be another soon

Details:

Sunday Dec 1

Noon-2pm tentative

Mimosas/Food available
Also in the works

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.
The Muddy Wants You!

See what we’re all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (Nov 18)!

+ Post GCM Social Today
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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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