

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 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 November Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email

MIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW

Whitney Espich, MIT Alumni Association CEO

Erich Caulfield, MIT Alumni Association President



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LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

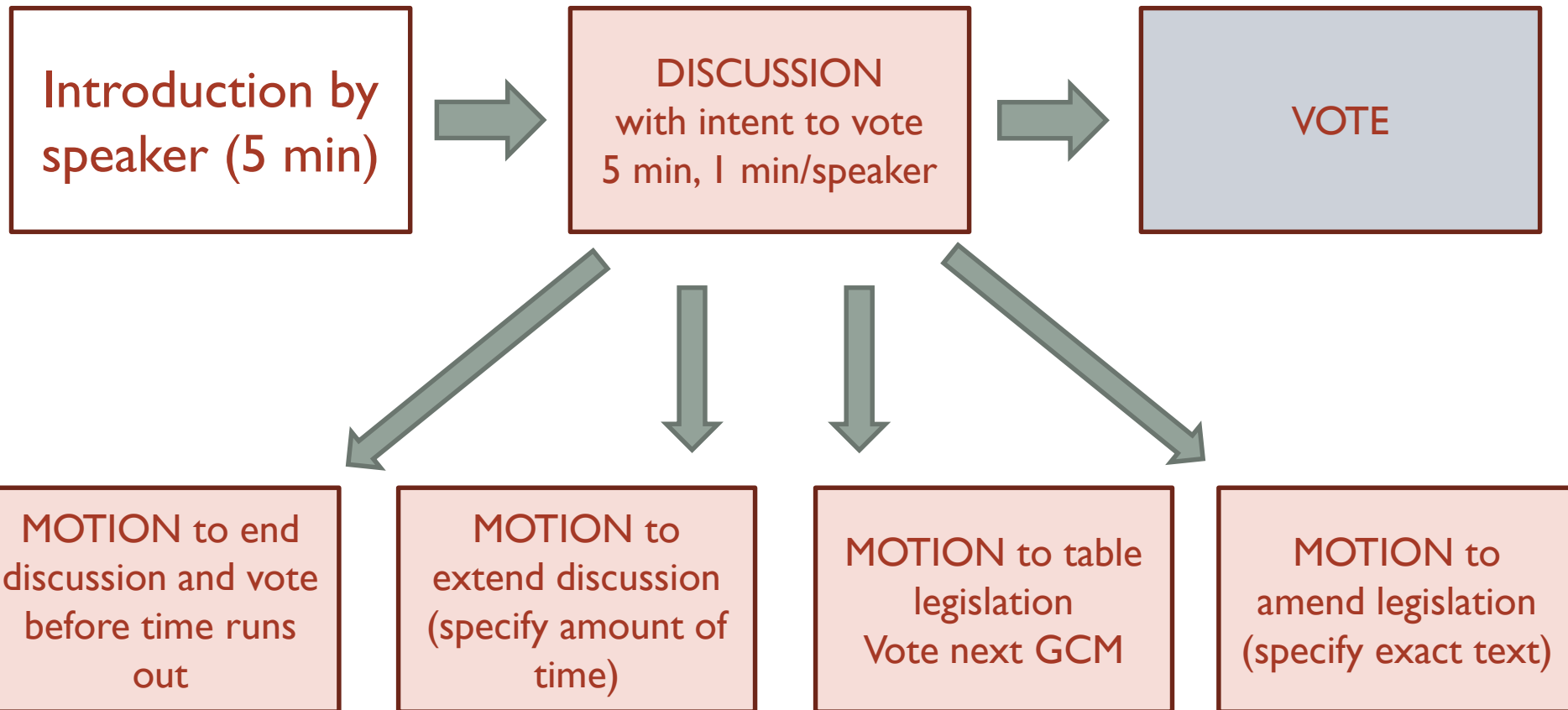


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Voting on Legislation



Motions must be **specific, seconded**, and require **simple majority** to pass

Voting outcomes

Chair decides the method and means of voting (Bylaws V.C.5)

Yes > No	Yes + No \geq $\frac{1}{2}$ Quorum	Outcome
		Approve
		Legislation dies
		Legislation tabled
		Legislation tabled

66.GSC.4 – BYLAWS UPDATE



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REDESIGNATION OF AT-LARGE MINORITIES SEAT



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Proposal

- Redesignate to At-Large Diversity seat
- Intention is to bring underrepresented voices onto Council

GSC EXTERNAL MEDIATION



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Need & Proposal

- No current feedback mechanism if uncomfortable directly approaching ExComm or Officers
 - Results in missed opportunities for improving GSC
- Could designate a 3rd party (likely Leah Flynn Gallant) as mediator
 - Student can approach Leah with feedback
 - Leah passes feedback anonymously to Officers/ExComm
 - Leah tells student feedback has been shared with Officers/ExComm & passes on any resulting actions/response

OFFICER UPDATES



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Nominations Board Opening

- One open position still
- 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 soon!
- Contact gsc-oc@mit.edu for more info or if interested

Student Conversations

- Discussion of hypothetical situations involving MIT and outside engagements
- Gather input on values and guidelines that students think should be used in evaluating whether MIT should engage
- Sun, Dec 8th @ 2 - 3:30 PM in 26-152
- Tues, Dec 10th @ 7 - 8:30 PM in 32-082
- RSVP here: tinyurl.com/rsvp-student-conversations



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Gift Process Committee

- Looking for feedback from grad students about MIT's Gift Process
- Starter Questions:
 - What has been your exposure to philanthropy, either at MIT or elsewhere?
 - How does fundraising and gift processing affect you?
 - What is your role in fundraising and gift processing?
 - How can fundraising and gift processing be improved?
- Contact Mahi Elango (melango@mit.edu) if you have additional thoughts/feedback

GSC Winter Holiday Social 2019

When: Thursday, **12/12/19, 5:30 – 9:30 pm**

Where: @ [Za Cambridge](#)

What: Celebrate the end of classes, get into the mood for the winter holiday, and recharge your batteries before finals!

Thank you for your hard work this past year!

Questions or dietary restrictions? Let us know (gsc-vp@mit.edu)



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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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Academic, Research and Career

- ARC Committee Meeting, Nov. 21st 6pm
- Postdoc Panel, Dec. 9th 6:00pm in 32-141, food provided
- Thesis Lounge, Jan 6-10th, Dewey Library, breakfast, lunch and beverages for registered attendees

Academic, Research and Career

- Alumni Relation Subcommittee
 - 10/31: Alumni Fireside Chat w/ Bharath Krishna, VP of Salesforce.
 - 11/07: Alumni Fireside Chat w/ David Cheng, CEO of Arbor Biotechnology.
 - 11/19: Alumni Fireside Chat w/ Patric Anquetil, CEO of Portal Instruments
 - 11/19: Alumni On-Tap w/ Sara Spencer, data scientist at CRISPR Therapeutics.



Academic Research and Career

- VISTA Subcommittee
 - 11/28: Thanksgiving Board Games, Dinner and Movie Night



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang

Co-Chairs

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Past Events



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Taste of Turkey 11/18/2019

Lots of people. Great!



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GSC Coffee Hour 12/02/2019

Last one of Fall semester. More food.

GSC Paint Night 12/02/2019

There was dinner and cakes. There was an instructor. They painted a simplified version of Boston skyline.



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Upcoming



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Hiring: Art event organizer

Organize Paint Night, Grad Art Showcase, and Art Gallery Tour.

Free tickets, early free food and fun.

Email gsc-ac@mit.edu if interested. We will help you.



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GradRat Holiday Party 12/11/2019

When: 6-8pm

Where: E14 6F (Media Lab)

Fancy food and swags.



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AC Meeting 12/13/2019

When: 5-6pm

Where: Outside 50-220

Come to wrap up the fall semester and chill.

Email gsc-ac@mit.edu if joining.



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Taste of somewhere 01/13/2020

Let us know if your student group would like to partner with us

When: 6-8pm

Where: Morse Hall, Walker Memorial

Food and music from somewhere.



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GSC Ski Trip 01/24-01/27/2020

May extend the ticket sale by one week. Ticket exchange is happening.



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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
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ASA Updates

- Operating guidelines changes approved by ASA Board
- Only 6 new groups left in appeals (27 accepted)
- LEF/ARCADE Winter cycle applications due tonight, late deadline Dec. 11
- First draft of space allocation written, undergoing SAO/SOLE edits

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair

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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- Received funding from MHH Innovation Fund and CRD Grant
 - GSC-DEI Fellows program + gradCommunity Dialogue Series – to be organized, training dates in Feb. to be announced
- **Department & Classroom Inclusion (DCI) Subcommittee**
 - Conduit working groups ongoing:
 - They have created a space for conduits to share progress in their departments
 - Upcoming social to increase interaction between the committee and larger graduate student community
 - GSC-IR GCF in Surveys:
 - Publicized department climate data requests in the GSC Anno & GSC website
 - Interviewing students to ask how they used data to advocate for dept change

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Graduate Enrolled Student **Survey Data Request Form**:

- To request data, please fill out: <https://forms.gle/tuyufcV2TJW66hT77>

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 5-7 pm:** *GSC-DEI Pizza Social @ 4-149*
 - RSVP by Friday, Dec. 6: <https://forms.gle/MvCTKRZKWGGwEvFY8>
- **Mondays, 4:15-5:15 pm:** *DCI Subcommittee Coordinator Meetings @ the Broad*

Next Committee Meeting:

Tues. Dec. 10th at 2.00 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: Dec 11, 5:30pm, E14-514b**
- Recent/Current Activities
 - NAGPS National Conference
 - Benjamin Lane is the new Northeast Region Director
 - MA Statehouse Visit
 - Cambridge Municipal Elections (success!)
- Upcoming Activity
 - Advocacy 101 (in IAP)
 - Spring DC Trips
 - NAGPS NE Regional Conference: April 4th

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mohammad Islam
Chair
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November HCA Meeting

- HCA Documentation
 - GSC Guide For Graduate Dorms
 - Bylaw Updates
- Washlava Laundry System
- Eastgate



December HCA Meeting

- Wednesday December 11th at 6 PM in 50-220
- HCA Meeting feat.:
 - Housing & OVC (rates and student support)
 - Committee on Campus Planning? (either this meeting or in IAP)

Stipend Recommendation Committee

- Rough timeline: January (IAP) – March
- Some Tasks:
 - Analysis of Cost of Living Survey
 - Case studies of expenses of different students
 - Understanding on-campus/off-campus rents
 - Comparison of stipends/expenses with peer institutions
- Expect email blast through grad-dorms, gradadmins, and anno soon
- Interested in cost of living data, housing prices, data analysis?
Join us.



MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Richard Park

Chair

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Jazz Brunch Dec 1 2019



Jazz Brunch
Muddy Charles | Feb 9 | 12-3 pm
Cafe Luna Hors d'oeuvre (10\$)
Live Music by Ceeband
Serving Mimosas
Cash Only | 21+ ID

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Muddy Charles Pub
Est. 1968

Went well

Maybe 40-50 people showed up.

Also in the works

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

2. **Vista-Muddy Talent Show**

- **December 14th, Kresge Auditorium**

The Muddy Wants You!



See what we're all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (Dec 9)!



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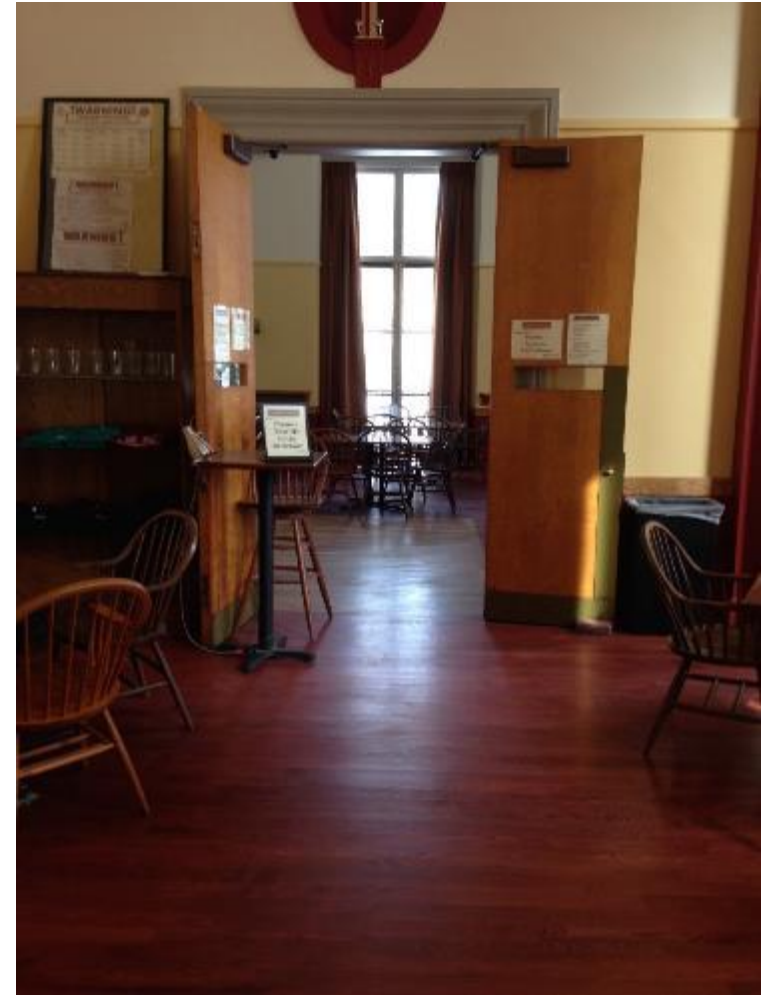


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