

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2020

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 February Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email

INSTITUTE DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT RESPONSE (IDHR)

Bianca Kaushal - IDHR



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66.GSC.5 – BUDGET RESCOPE



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66.GSC.6 – BYLAWS UPDATE FOR QUICK TYPO FIXES



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66.GSC.7 – FUNDING TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS AFFECTED BY COVID-19



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GSC EXTERNAL MEDIATION UPDATE



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Progress Update

- iREFS is interested in being another avenue
 - They will not advocate on behalf of the student, but will communicate any concerns if asked
 - They would prefer to aggregate feedback into biweekly/monthly updates to help preserve anonymity
- Working on details of wording and confirming with Ombuds and iREFS before committing anything to writing on website and google form



EXPLAINER ON GSC IMPEACHMENT PROTOCOL



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Location in Bylaws

- Article IV. Election and Removal of Officers
- Section E

Procedures

- “Vote of no confidence” petition by 3+ Council members
 - Petition outlines specific charges against Officer
- Council immediately appoints neutral Council member to preside over impeachment proceedings
 - Cannot be Officers or petition signatories
- Hearing and vote take place 2-6 weeks after petition introduced (not on MIT holiday)
 - Presiding Council member notifies Council of time/date of hearing
 - Hearing is case for, then case against Officer’s conduct
- 2/3 vote to impeach (assuming quorum is met)



HOUSING UPDATE/DISCUSSION



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Site 4 & Eastgate

- Site 4 Rates
 - Eff: \$2,274; 1-bed: \$2,662; 2-bed: \$3,410
- Eastgate Rates
 - 1-bed center: \$1,672; 1-bed corner: \$1,801; 2-bed: \$2,148
- Eastgate Transition Subsidy
 - Individually assessed subsidy offered for all students moving from Eastgate to Site 4
 - Assessment performed by Student Financial Services (SFS)
 - For Eastgate residents: How has this process gone?

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2021 GSC OFFICERS ARE NOW OPEN



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Accepted Nominations

- President
 - Madeleine Sutherland
 - Jerry Ng
 - Bianca Lepe
 - Steven Burcat
 - Becca Black
 - Ifueko Igbinedion
- Vice President
- Secretary
 - Naveen Arunachalam
- Treasurer
 - Becca Black

OFFICER UPDATES



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GSC Leadership Open House

- Saturday, March 14th @ 5-7 PM at the Muddy
- Chat with current and future GSC leaders over food and drink
- Chance to solidify your decision about any potential GSC Leadership roles you are interested in

MIT Grad Gathering

- Grad alumni-student exclusive networking conference
- 2-day event with keynotes, professional development workshops, hackathon
- Meals all covered!
- Please help us spread the words around your department



All MIT graduate alumni are invited back to campus to celebrate the leadership, careers, and ever-rising trajectory of this community at the MIT Graduate Alumni Gathering, March 20–21!

Hosted by the MIT Alumni Association, the [schedule for the two-day MIT Grad Gathering](#) connects MIT's grad alumni community and spotlights the global impact of grad alumni in areas like the environment, public policy, innovation, and entrepreneurship.



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



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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
gsc-arc@mit.edu



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Academic, Research and Career

- Past Events
 - Alumni Relation Subcommittee: two alumni fireside chat in January, well attended
 - VISTA subcommittee: dancing lesson, Valentine's Day karaoke, international networking, ice skating day

Academic Research and Career

- Upcoming Events
 - 3/9: Roads to Academia with Prof. Matthew Shoulders, 5-6:30 @ 32-144
 - 3/12: ARC Meeting (joint with VISTA), 6:30-7:30, GSC office (50-220)
 - 3/14: VISTA Hiking Day @ Blue Hills
- Email gsc-arc@mit.edu if you are interested in joining for the next year!

Institute Awards nominations open February 7 – March 20

Nominations will be open for the following four Institute Awards!

(More here: <https://gsc.mit.edu/committees/arc/institute-awards/#gta>)

1. Graduate Teaching Awards (one per School): Faculty member or a teaching assistant for excellence in graduate teaching
2. Frank E. Perkins Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising (one per School): Faculty member with unbound compassion and dedication to students
3. Edward L. Horton Fellowship Award: Student(s) or student group that fosters fellowship within the graduate student community
4. Irwin Sizer Award: Member or group in the Institute community to honor most significant innovations and improvements to MIT education

Submit your nominations between 12am Friday February 7 and 5pm Friday March 20!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang

Co-Chairs

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Past Events



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GSC Bruins Game Night 02/25/2020

We lost!

Sold out fast. Gave people option to pick up tickets from Lauren in advance and some did. Everyone came on time!

No ticket exchange scramble. Great!

Do it again next year! But please don't lose again, Bruins.



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GSC Taste of China 03/03/2020

Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) helped a lot!
Many people came but not very crowded. A lot of varieties of food.



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Upcoming

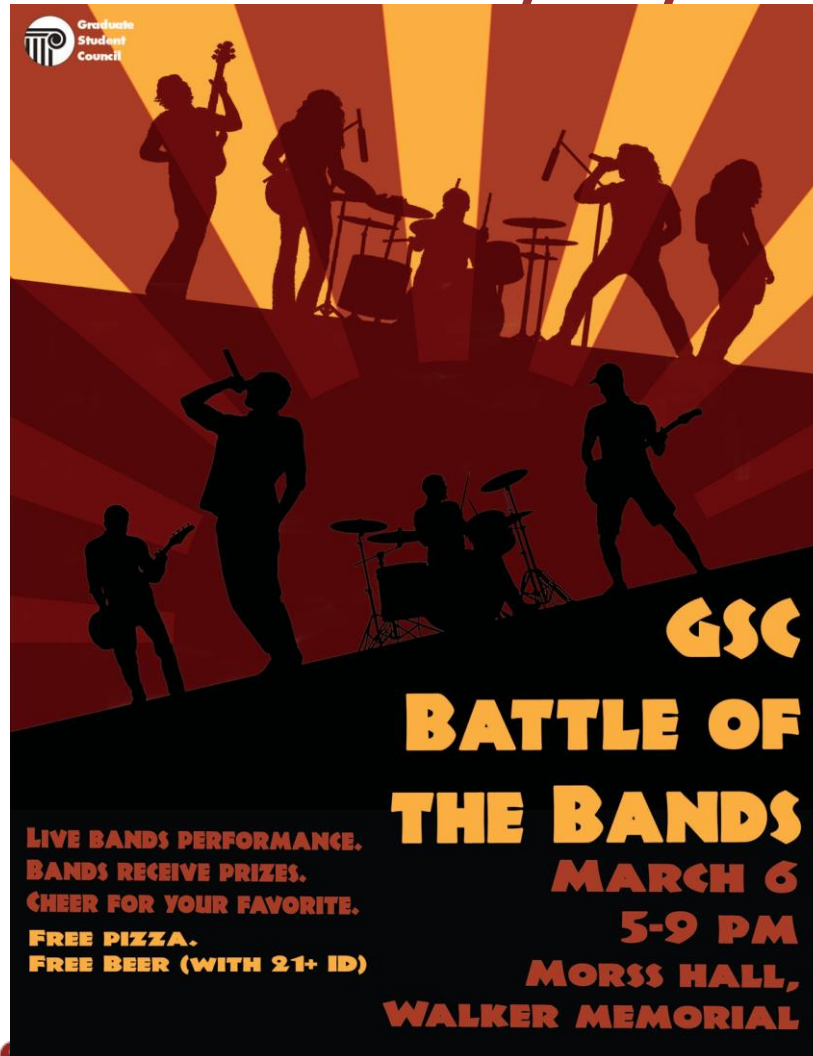


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Battle of the Bands 03/06/2020



GSC
BATTLE OF
THE BANDS
MARCH 6
5-9 PM
MORSS HALL,
WALKER MEMORIAL

LIVE BANDS PERFORMANCE.
BANDS RECEIVE PRIZES.
CHEER FOR YOUR FAVORITE.
FREE PIZZA.
FREE BEER (WITH 21+ ID)

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Battle of the Bands 03/06/2020

When: 5-9pm

Where: Morss Hall, Walker Memorial

Free pizza and drinks (2 drink tickets per person; this is new due to safety concern. Distributing drink tickets is not easy in Walker, but I will wear red to be spotted easily).

Each band receive \$30 tech cash.

8 bands. Performance begins at 5:15.



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Paint Night 03/11

Where: Coffee Lounge.

When: 7pm

Ticket: \$10

There will be instructors and food.



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Grad Art Showcase 03/15/2020

When: 5-7pm

Where: 6F Media Lab

Free appetizers and drinks. Please bring your 21+ ID.

Submit your art <https://forms.gle/pRA5GRPGJ98mGWXH9>

Exhibiting graduate artwork and performances.

Contact: xueying@mit.edu or shanrose@mit.edu



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AC meeting 03/16/2020

When: March 16 5pm

Where: 50-220

Bertucci's dinner will be served. Contact us at gsc-ac@mit.edu if you would like to come.

We are looking for Grad Gala members and art event organizers for the next year.



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Taste of India 03/17/2020

When: 6-8pm

Where: Morss Hall

Jointly organize with MIT Sangam (The Association of Indian Students at MIT)

Indian food and music



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GSC Grad Gala 04/04/2020



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GSC Grad Gala 04/04/2020

When: April 4 8-11:59pm

Where: Westin Copley Place

Website: gsc.mit.edu/gradgala

3 course dinner, dance, photo booth

Price: \$50. Ticket sale ends on March 20. Buy now on <https://mit.universitytickets.com/> (2nd page).

Bamboo photo frame and Asian bamboo fans as giveaways (sponsored by GradRat; order a ring!).

Also sponsored by GSC and COOP.

Red Sox Game 06/16/2020

When: June 16 7:10pm

Where: Fenway Park

Game info: vs Atlanta Braves. The Braves played in Boston as the Boston Red Stockings, Red Caps, Beaneaters, Doves, Rustlers, and **Braves** from 1871 through 1952.

Rafael Devers bobblehead night. Go early to secure bobblehead!

Cost: \$21. Bleachers Section 36, first 3 rows right on the aisle.

Can watch the pitchers warm up and a lot of action off the older scoreboard.

Sale starts in late April. Stay tuned.

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
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ASA Updates

- General Body Meeting will be April 6th @ 5 PM
- New group applications closed on Friday
 - 52 applications in total, 30 on *the day the application closed*
 - [This is going to take a while]
- LEF/ARCADE Spring application close tonight
- CPW Midway (4/16) sign-ups will be sent out next week

Current projects with SOLE:

- SOLE/ASA/student group relationship statement
- First potential draft of space use agreement w/SOLE
- NAD accessibility agreement impact on student groups: still determining which groups specifically it will apply to
 - Likely groups who are sponsored by or work closely with departments – reach out to your department if that’s the case and ask!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair

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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- **GSC-DEI Fellows Program**
 - Training of GSC-DEI Fellows is happening this weekend (March 7 & 8)
 - Fellows will learn how to engage in conversations about race, racism, & social justice
 - Training to be done by the [Interaction Institute for Social Change!](#)
 - We will have ~30 Fellows overall!
- **Department & Classroom Inclusion (DCI) Subcommittee**
 - Met w/GART about Graduate Application Assistance Programs on March 4th
 - Conduit assembly happened!
 - Building new department diversity scorecards
 - Continuing working groups
 - Mixer between DEI & Graduate Students for a Healthy MIT: March 11, 6-8 pm
 - [RSVP](#) by Friday March 6



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

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

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Mon, March 10th at 10 am:** *ICEO pre-meeting @ 50-220*
- **Thurs., March 19th at 4:30 pm:** Meeting w/new ICEO @ TBD
- **Wed., March 11th at 6 pm:** DEI & G4HMIT Mixer @ 32-124

Next Committee Meeting:

Wed., March 18th at 5 pm @ GSC Office (50-220)

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu



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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Jack Reid
Chair

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External Affairs Board

- **Next Meeting: TBD (in 2nd half of the month)**
- Upcoming Activities
 - Spring DC Trips (Two more of them!)
 - NAGPS Northeast Regional - April 4th here at MIT
 - 3 Minute Thesis Competition - April 4th
 - Statehouse Visit - April 15th
 - Cambridge Science Festival - April 18th
- Other Recent Things
 - 1st DC Trip of Semester
 - Ranked Choice Ballot Item Statement



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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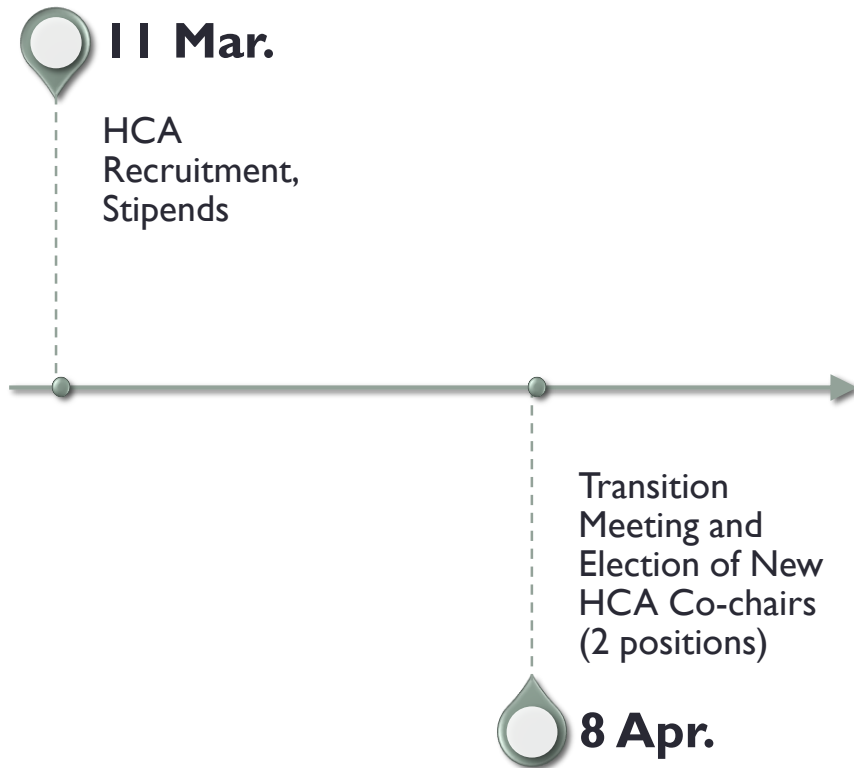


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Stipend Recommendation Committee

- Key Dates:
 - Our next meeting: Friday 3/6 at 4:30 PM in GSC Office
 - Meeting with faculty/staff members (draft presentation): Next Week
 - Final Presentation of Stipend Recommendations to Deans Group:
Tuesday March 17th, 11-11:30 AM

Next HCA Meetings



- Final Meetings
 - March 11th
 - April 8th
- GSC Office at 6 PM
- Dinner provided!
- (Note: To vote for HCA Chairs in April meeting, you must have attended one prior HCA meeting)

MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Richard Park
Chair

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What have we been up to?

1. Vista-Muddy Talent Show, December 14th, Kresge Auditorium
We had 31 performers!!
2. “Spinning Arts/Muddy Charles” Joint Event, Feb 18th,
Around 40 people attended, we provided pizza via OGE Funding

The Muddy Wants You!



See what we're all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (Mar 9)!



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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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SOCIAL @ THE MUDDY!



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