GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2020

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 March Minutes

- Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
A QUICK WORD FROM THE ASA
Student life got you like…
Join the ASA!

asa-exec@mit.edu

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GSC OFFICER ELECTIONS
Election Rules

- Nominations have to be seconded
- 4 Positions (elected in that order)
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- Whoever’s not elected for one position is eligible to run for positions below.

- Candidates each make 5 minute speech
- Q&A: 1 minute/question with 2 minute responses/candidate
- Then private discussion and voting happens
  - Candidates with Council positions CAN vote
Election Rules

• Voting happens by ranked choice
  • You list ALL the candidates in order of preference
  • If there’s a clear first-place majority, that person wins
  • Otherwise, least popular candidate(s) get(s) eliminated, their votes go to other candidates.
  • Repeat until clear majority
  • We have provisions in place in case of ties.

• Reminders
  • You have to list all candidates in order of preference.
  • You cannot vote against a candidate
  • If there is only one candidate, that candidate will get elected
President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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EAB CHAIR ELECTION
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- Same voting rules apply
66.GSC.8 – REDIRECTING UNUSED FUNDS
OFFICER UPDATES
The Officers are open to feedback

- We want to give you all a chance every GCM to give us any feedback that you all have on anything GSC or MIT related

- Note that you can always give the Officers feedback via email (gsc-officers@mit.edu)
  - We’re always looking to do what’s best for MIT grad students, so feedback to help us notice things is important!

- External mediation stuff is a bit delayed due to COVID
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
Academic, Research and Career

• ARC Committee Meeting
  o Thursday April 24th 4pm
  o ARC co-chair election
  o Zoom link: https://mit.zoom.us/j/139502774

• Virtual Alumni Fireside Chat Event w/ Nelson Lin
  o Thursday, 04/09, at 6:00pm EST
  o RSVP required
Institute Awards nominations Deadline Extended to April 24th

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 April 24th!
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang
Co-Chairs
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Postponed. Lost $125 City of Cambridge One-day entertainment/alcohol license fee. Still give each band $30 Tech Cash for their hidden effort.
GSC Battle of Bands 10/30/2020

Booked Morss Hall.
Probably 5-9pm, free pizza, super cheap drinks, or 2 drink tickets per person (depends on what the license require)
Paint Night 03/11

Where: Coffee Lounge.
When: 7pm
Ticket: $10
There was instructors and food.
It actually happened. Last AC in-person event.
Canceled events

Grad Art Showcase
Taste of India, Taste of Belgium
Acoustic BBQ
Grad Gala
Some planned but not advertised yet events
Red Sox Game 06/16/2020

MLB season postponed for at least two weeks. Probably longer. Everything will be messed up. Will follow up.
Virtual event resources

Paint With Me Boston (the next paint party is on Friday)
IMleague Spring quarantine games/tournament
MLB free past games
Wellbeats fitness app (free until April 30; check email from MIT Recreation)
Thirsty Ear virtual trivia
AC Meeting/Election 04/05/2020

When: Monday April 6 5pm
Zoom: Meeting ID 512 093 818
https://mit.zoom.us/j/512093818?pwd=bGtjRGxoSfSTZwa0NPcGRGU2mNmalZqdz09
Password: 008182

We will elect new co-chairs.

Come to make suggestions on virtual events and of-course, in-person events when things return to normal.

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
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ASA Updates

- Currently working on virtual CPW plan w/SOLE, Admissions, Busy Beavers
  - Current top plan involves group individual Zooms
  - Website allowing browsing by group type, “network” map, each individual group having its own page w/media, etc.

- LEF/ARCADE funding ($50K) going to student group losses

- GBM/elections via Zoom call, April 15th (probably)
ASA Updates

• We finished group applications!!!
  • 16 accepted, 20 tabled

• Student org office space walkthrough results, space use agreement sort of on hold

• Did I mention recruitment has begun???
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair

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

- **GSC-DEI Fellows** Program
  - Training of GSC-DEI Fellows was postponed for student safety
    - Reminder that the training was for fellows to learn how to engage in conversations about race, racism, & social justice – will work on rescheduling with the IISC

- **21-day racial equity challenge** w/OGE
  - Food Solutions New England (FSNE) offers a small online module to help participants deepen understanding of, and confronting, racism
    - Sign ups are ongoing and more information can be found on the [website](#)

- **Met with New ICEO** John Dozier
  - Joint meeting between the Graduate Students of Color Advisory Council (GSOC-AC) and GSC-DEI
    - Learned about John’s previous DEI experience and frameworks he will use for role
    - Keen on starting monthly meetings w/graduate students
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- **Masks On Non-profit – volunteer to assemble masks!**
  - Work with hospitals around Boston to assemble and deliver PPE
  - They are ramping up production to hit 1000 masks/day
  - No specific experience is required
    - They ask that individuals are healthy, have practiced social distancing, and had no recent travel history or contact with sick individuals
  - Masks On will train volunteers on how to assemble masks
  - If interested – please fill out the following form
    - [https://tinyurl.com/bostonPPE2020](https://tinyurl.com/bostonPPE2020)
  - Any questions can be sent to BostonPPE2020@gmail.com
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Graduate Enrolled Student **Survey Data Request Form:**
- To request data, please fill out: [https://forms.gle/tuyufcV2TJW66hT77](https://forms.gle/tuyufcV2TJW66hT77)

Upcoming Events:
- **Mondays at 3 pm:** Weekly DCI Meetings @ Zoom

Next Committee Meeting:
- **Thurs., April 9th at 4:30 pm @ Zoom**

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

Jack Reid
Chair
gsc-eab@mit.edu
External Affairs Board

- **Next Meeting: TBD**
- Most events cancelled, including NAGPS NE Regional
- **Still Occurring Events**
  - Apr. 15 Statehouse Visit is being reformulated
  - Grad Caucus Launch is Postponed (but will happen)
- **Currently accepting nominations for subcommittee positions**
  - Most positions are co-chairs, so no prior experience needed
  - Email gsc-eab@mit.edu with questions
Stipend Recommendation

• All wrapped up! Zoom meeting yesterday with Deans’ Group.

• Final Recommendation
  • Baseline Stipend: 2.94% Cost of Living Increase
  +
  • Additional Targeted Programming:
    2. 12-month stipends for all doctoral students
    3. Continued assistance for families
    4. Internal dissertation completion funding
April HCA Election Meeting

• Our last meeting for this GSC year!
• Elect two HCA co-chairs
• Time/Date: TBD…(I will schedule the meeting once we have interested people – before Officer Retreat at end of April)
The Muddy Wants You!

See what we’re all about!
Run for a Board position!

Come to our next Board meeting (Apr 6 @ 7pm)!

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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Shashank Agarwal & Maytee Chantharayukhonthorn
Co-Chairs
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Orientation Committee

• First OC Meeting 4/3/2020 at 3 pm
  • Contact Maytee at mchantha@mit.edu for details if you would like to join the Zoom meeting
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