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* Indicates council vote will be held.

- I. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
 - a. New faces
 - i. Ethan Klein – Nuclear Science & Engineering department rep
 - ii. Viraat – EAB
 - iii. Gabriel Nahmias – Political science
 - iv. Kruthika Kikkeri (Kru) – Ashdown rep
 - b. Quorum check*
 - i. Qualtrics poll sent out to official GSC reps (first of five votes today)
 - ii. 38 present (34 needed for quorum)
 - c. Approval of May minutes
 - i. Qualtrics poll sent out to official GSC reps
 - ii. Passed with 33 yes and 2 abstain
2. Budget approval vote (5:40-5:50)
 - a. Budget spreadsheet – nothing has changed from May except for colors
 - b. Sheet by sheet, line-by-line overview, with time allowed for objections.
 - c. No objections.
 - d. Qualtrics poll sent out to official GSC reps.
 - e. Budget proposal is approved with 38 votes yes, 1 vote abstain.
3. Funding Board member-at-large (5:50-6:00)*
 - a. One candidate, Webster (he has a mustache now)
 - i. Sidpac experience has given experience w/ handling unprecedented budget situations. Fixed budget deficit. Looking forward to allocating funds.
 - b. Questions
 - i. When you were treasurer, did you have a situation where you had to cut a budget for an event you didn't want to cut?
 - I. Annual orientation BBQ: funded by GSC and ASA. Funding situation was tighter this year, so decided not to fund BBQ. Used internal sources such as house tax. We threw a smaller orientation BBQ together.
 - ii. What if you're in a pandemic situation? How to choose what to give \$ to?
 - I. Collect data

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2. Maintain larger/more-established events
- iii. How will you work to get feedback and involvement from others in your decision-making process?
 1. Have meetings and present info in a precise way to student groups and ask for feedback.
- c. Webster removed for private discussion.
- d. Qualtrics poll sent out; ranked-choice vote without abstain option.
- e. Webster got 34 votes.
4. Nominations Board vote (6:00-6:40)*
 - a. Call for any new nominations
 - b. 1-minute talks
 - i. Jennifer Cascino
 1. I recognize the power in this position. The role I want to fulfill: as an introverted person who is deeply interested in how policy affects our world, I'd be suited in serving the nom board. I can contribute a commitment to understanding the full dimensionality of the problems, the people, and the landscape of the committees
 - ii. Joe Melville
 1. It's important to have strong grad student voices.
 - iii. Nicholas Selby
 1. EECS, build communication systems for drones, educational robots, etc.; GS4HMIT campaign; seen worst of MIT, e.g. briefly funded by Epstein money and had an abusive PI. Wants to make sure diverse advocates are in place making decisions backed by concrete evidence.
 - c. Discussion with candidates
 - i. Bylaws allow delegating power to committees
 1. Nicholas: Collaboration is key
 2. Jonathan: purpose of nom board is to nominate people; delegating doesn't serve purpose of nom board; however I want to work closely w/ committees
 3. Jennifer: Agree with Jonathan; agree that collaboration is key.
 - ii. What criteria will you use to select nominees (leadership skills, demonstrated advocacy, etc.?)

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- i. Jonathan: Nominee needs to be tailored to committee; we're not necessarily looking for loudest / most vocal voices; want to make sure we're reaching into communities most directly affected by what committee in action is working on. Use connections within GSC and various GSC committees and make sure nominees are not just good advocates in general, but good advocates for their committee. The best student advocates are representative and plugged into communities and will do legwork of outreach and networking.
 2. Jennifer: As a first year w/o much experience in MIT community, experience is valued but I also want to include new voices. No one definition of "best". We want to find diverse voices. "Best" student advocates have experience and/or care deeply about their community and want to listen to the voices around them.
 3. Nick: Joe and Jenny hit the nail on the head. Diversity component is important; because student body at MIT is so heterogeneous, we should consider that as well. How do I define "best student advocates"? Yes, prior work doing advocacy is important. If you're interested in doing committee work, you're probably well integrated into the community.
- iii. How will you make sure feedback you collect are not just from your own personal circles?
1. Jenny: That's a great question. One strategy is to design email campaigns to the entire student populace, what values/perspectives do you want to see reflected? Have it as an open form so people can write anything.
 2. Joe: I second everything Jenny just said; emails can be a really useful way of getting those messages out there to the grad student community. Collaboration with various GSC committees and subcommittees.
 3. Nick: A big part of this is expanding our own personal networks. In my own advocacy work it has been easy to reach out to people/groups already involved on the ground.

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- iv. How will you make sure committee reps will remain connected with GSC instead of strike out on their own?
 1. Nick: Maintain personal connections
 2. Joe: It's a bonus if you know the people, and make sure they're sitting on meetings and representing grad students
 3. Jenny: Reach out occasionally to nominees, check how things are going, maybe have those elected student representatives come to GSC meetings and report back on policies.
- v. Committee apps are due in 12 days. Will you commit to meeting within the next week to strategize to recruit the best candidates?
 1. Joe: yes, I will look at my calendar, and schedule an event
 2. Jenny: yes, I'm doing virtual orientation and have a free schedule
 3. Nick: Yes, I will look at my calendar.
- d. Procedure
 - i. Candidates moved to waiting room
 - ii. Private comments/discussion period
- e. Vote
 - i. Qualtrics poll sent out. 4 candidates (3 present + Bharat).
 - ii. Results: 37 votes; Nick, Joe, and Jenny elected.
5. (Re)-introducing the HCA Advocacy Subcommittee (6:40-6:45)
 - a. Mandates:
 - i. Make sure stipend increase covers cost of living increase, takes competitiveness into account
 - ii. Work towards eliminating financial distress for all grad students
 - iii. Work on issues related to grad student housing.
 - iv. Structure
 1. Chair (or co-chairs)
 2. HCA co-chairs, GSC ExComm liaison
 3. Any interested grad student
 - v. Relationship with officers/ExComm
 1. Topics approved to ExComm
 2. Report to HCA and liaising officer
 3. GSC officers are main point of contact with administration

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- b. Questions
 - i. Why should GSC have one voice w/ administration?
 1. Admins have a habit of not talking to individual advocates, and asks them to go through GSC, which sometimes doesn't work.
 - ii. We're setting up new institutions, so now we can create norms that protect us from situations like that.
 - c. Committee will be a home for the cost of living survey
 - d. To join: reach out to gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
6. Officer Updates (6:45-7:00)
- a. GSC website has a weekly-updated COVID page.
 - b. COVID LEE (Legal, Ethical, Equity) responds to PI coercion. Recruiting one more member: <https://gsc.mit.edu:444/representatives/become-an-institute-representative/>
 - c. Student Solutions Group: <https://gsc.mit.edu/join-the-student-solutions-group/>, organized into thematic "wings" (research safety, international student support, residential life, etc.)
 - i. How will GSC make sure student concerns are taken into account? How do we make sure this isn't performative representation?
 1. We will draw from SSG directly when we need to fill committees.
 2. A lot of these committees have a lot of influence
 - d. Works in progress
 - i. Website improvement
 - ii. Electronic voting and "special meeting" progress
 - e. GSC letter: Black Lives Matter
 - i. Systematic racism against black people is prevalent in our society, we need to unroot it from our institutions
 - ii. Talks about nonracism vs antiracism
7. Committee updates (7:00-7:15)
- a. ARC
 - i. Supporting MIT COVID challenge; next possible events include talk series (Innovation during the days of COVID 19); COVIDSafePaths, ProjectManus PPE, E-Vent, etc. (Other possible teams?)

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- ii. VISTA: Carrying on with weekly events (movie nights, game nights, and so on) for the visiting students still at MIT
- iii. Next event: Virtual Roundtable Discussion Series: Science Communication
 - I. Friday, June 12th, 6:30PM
- iv. Advisor-Advisee work
- v. Alumni Relations Subcommittee
 - I. Fireside chat (informal conversation about alums' career paths after MIT), involves a lot of GSC alumni
- b. AC
 - i. Anyone is welcome to join
 - ii. If you have fun ideas, let us know at the next meeting (Wed, June 10, 6 PM @ <https://mit.zoom.us/j/99707151149>).
- c. ASA
 - i. Following up on re-recognition of ASA groups (~60 remaining to complete process late)
 - ii. Continuing to delay LEF/ARCADE applications (on-campus programming cancelled through the summer, but NOT orientation events so far)
 - iii. Beginning discussions on CAC fees for use of space on campus for non-ASA groups
- d. DEI
 - i. Has been doing a lot
 - ii. COVID-19 and DEI memo sent to MIT leadership on May 1st
 - iii. Student evaluation of BGS/BSU Recommendations progress
 - 1. Called MIT to establish DEI strategic plan (long-term)
 - 2. Measure to increase number of Black graduate students
 - 3. Backed by "purse strings" \$\$\$ of Institute
 - iv. Roundtable on Harassment and Discrimination
 - 1. Representatives from Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biology, Media Lab, Aero Astro will give a broad overview of their advocacy and recommendations process
 - 2. Date TBD
- e. EAB
 - i. Next meeting TBD
 - ii. Passed two statements: Early Voting and Vote By Mail

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- iii. International Student Inclusion in COVID Relief Stimulus
- iv. Presidential Proclamation on Chinese Graduate Student Visas
 - I. If you'd like to get involved or share experiences, email gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu.

f. HCA

- i. No specific updates this time
- ii. Trying to complete process of starting up all subcommittees, including the co-chairs, which we'll have by the next council meeting.

g. Muddy

- i. Be part of the Muddy!
- ii. Looking for new grad student members
- iii. Next meeting 06/08/2020 at 7PM eastern
 - I. Research safety, International student support, residential life, campus life, academic policy, etc.

h. OC

- i. Completed webinars: Housing, Medical & ISO, Finance & MIT admin
- ii. Orientation Facebook page: 1150 students signed up out of 2000 incoming grads
 - I. Informal place for students to meet each other and interact
- iii. Future webinars and plans
 - 1. GSC webinar (chance for committees to discuss what they do and recruit)
 - 2. Lead to individual webinars
 - 3. General webinars mid-July
 - 4. Finance late-July
 - 5. Meeting w/ grad admins to coordinate orientation w/ departmental orientations
 - 6. Orientation Leaders

8. Open Floor

- a. Motion to adjourn and seconded