1. **Introduction (5:30-5:40)**
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
   c. Approval of May minutes

2. **Project introduced: Reject Injustice through Student Empowerment (5:40-6:00)**
   a. Presented by Kara Rodby and Ki-Jana Carter
      i. **Campaign**
         1. Extends BGSA “Support Black Lives” petition and demands
         2. Graduate Students for a Healthy MIT’s second campaign, following the success of the mental health campaign
         3. Meant to address some of the root causes of mental health issues
         4. Wins: free weekly off-campus therapy, no co-pay on anti-depressant and anxiety meds, coverage of certain trans services
         5. Same public and collective approach being brought to this campaign.
      ii. **Bias, harassment, discrimination, marginalization, and inequity ALL occur at MIT**
      iii. **MIT pays a lot of lip service to fighting sexism and racism but we’ve seen little change (presented a table of**
completion rates for various recommendations; it was 39% out of 177 recommendations)

iv. Much of what we are asking for is simply holding mIT to their own promises.

v. The “decentralization” of MIT is a weak excuse for inaction

1. DEI should not be department-specific (we are “one MIT”)
2. Department-level advocacy and change is inefficient
   a. Students are spending significant time away from their research and risking personal and professional relationships to fight the same battles students have fought/fighting

vi. The demands (presented by Ki-Jana Carter)

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vii. Learn more at rise4mit.com

viii. Email with questions/comments at rise4mit@gmail.com


b. ExComm voted today to endorse the campaign.

3. Project: Improving veteran services @ MIT (6:00-6:05)
   a. Looking into obtaining resources for veterans equivalent to that of other universities. If interested, contact gsc-vp@mit.edu.
4. ARC Advising Initiative: Roadmap and Updates (6:05-6:15)
   a. ARC subcommittee on improving advisor-advisee relationships
   b. Missions: improve the relationship between advisors and graduate students across MIT
   c. Vision: Advisor relationship is not a negative contributor to graduate student wellbeing
   d. Some current issues:
      i. 2019 summary:
         a. Bad “fit” -- inherent mismatch between advisor-advisee, different research interests
         b. Confusion and unclear expectations -- PhD length, # papers, working weekends
         c. Poor advising -- poor communications, no guidance on topic, not valuing students
         d. Abusive advisors -- insults, retaliation, authorship, loss of funding, harassment
   e. Recommendations
Motion introduced: Creating a GSC Archivist Position (6:15-6:25)

a. GSC has a decades-long history but we can’t easily access it

b. History matters, esp. re. learning about grad student cost of living and past housing victories/issues

c. Proposal: $9,100 expansion of GSC budget (from reserve funds) to:

   i. Digitize, encode, and organize GSC archives

   ii. Donate a copy of archives to MIT library

   iii. Compile a report at end of the year answering historical questions of interest to current members of GSC

   iv. Cost breakdown ($25/hour)*(7 hours/wk)*(52 weeks) = $9100

d. Question: what’s the use case of what the historian does?

   i. History + system for archiving

   ii. We will need more time and consultation to figure out the answer to this.

   iii. (There’s a certain level of confidentiality here)

   iv. Reasons why this will help
i. To learn what previous working groups concluded

6. Orientation event submission guidelines (OC Chairs; 6:25-6:30)

7. GSC transparency: New way to add items to Administration meeting agendas; new bodies @ MIT (6:30-6:35)
   a. Go to GSC Services → GSC-MIT Admin Meetings on the website.
   b. New bodies
      i. Graduate housing working group (HWG) reconvened for Site 4, Vassar St, response to COVID
      ii. Will see recruiting soon
      iii. Needs people willing to do intensive research + speak truth to power.
      iv. HWG reports are seen by audiences with real decision making power.

8. GSC Committee updates (6:35-7:00)
   a. AC
      i. Talked to Student Arts Program manager Shannon Rose McAuliffe. Discussed Fall 2020 events. Planning:
         1. Activism through art panel
         2. Virtual shows
         3. Selection of co-chair for the grad arts forum; open to volunteers (people who have a passion for arts – email AC or Henry)
      ii. Planning a virtual talent show
      iii. Dicto. Spoken work collaboration with Harvard, calling for submissions soon
         1. Submissions will be hosted online
         2. Zoom event early fall for live performances
      iv. Virtual murder mystery
         1. Small group murder mystery game event; first attempt at a virtual AC event.
   b. ARC
      i. MIT Alumni Association panels (8/6 planning your career; 8/13 risk-taking in your career)
      ii. Co-sponsorship of patent webinar series @ MIT during Fall term
ASA Updates: space

- Space committee pushing to get together after Walker issues
  - Better coordination between CAC, MIT Police, and ASA
  - Currently finding campus partners to be on the committee

- Internal courtyards on campus being considered for group gatherings
  - Students are going to congregate, so let’s give them safe spaces to do so in
  - Not open to undergrads who are not living on campus
  - Working on application for groups to get into their office/storage space

Groups and finances

1. Working on system for group applications
2. Updating group types on Engage
3. No word on LEF/ARCADE yet
   a. No student life fee = no grants?
   b. May still get allocations for ARCADE, not guaranteed
   c. Not doing a summer cycle until we get that info

DEI

GSC DEI, BGSAs, & G4HMIT RISE Demands
- Calls on MIT to achieve four objectives:
  - Reform graduate admissions and faculty hiring, increase resources for education and support, reform policies surrounding faculty conduct, advance funding equity
  - Please sign the petition and send to your constituency to sign!

Black Lives Matter Departmental Demands
- Following BLM and #ShutDownAcademia/#ShutDownSTEM – DEI has been collecting departmental demands
- Our Graduate Community Fellow in Institutional Research is creating a public departmental scorecard to enforce accountability

GSC DEI Allyship Guide
- Used to help folks who are navigating discussions around anti-racism and allyship to those underrepresented in academia

EAB
Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Passed Lots of Statements
  - Cambridge Student Alliance
  - ICE-SEVP Congressional Response Letter
  - Amicus Brief
  - NSF Reauthorization Draft Recommendations
  - Affordable Housing Overlay
  - Endless Frontiers Act
  - RISE Act
- Working On:
  - Research Security
  - Racial Justice Statement
  - 2020 Election Programming
  - Virtual Ivy+ Summit
  - Advocacy Newsletter

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f. HCA
i. Advocacy subcommittee
  1. First focus is new grad residence (MIT has floated rents as high as $2800/month); pushing for more student input beyond a survey / focus groups
  2. Recruiting for HWG (brings student/faculty leaders together with high level administrators; will oversee process for designing the new residence)

g. Muddy Charles Pub
i. Next meeting 08/10/2020 @ 7pm Eastern
ii. Email Jennifer with any questions (gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu)

h. Orientation Committee
i. Completed social events
   1. Ice breaker (July 3rd)
   2. Online Pictionary (July 22nd)
   3. Two more social events planned for August
ii. Upcoming Events
   1. ARC-run advisor-advisee webinar
   2. Life at MIT webinar (August 14)
   3. Social Event (week of August 17th)
iii. Tentative schedule
1. Open Floor (7:00-7:15)
   a. Nothing