Agenda

• Introduction (5:30-5:40)
  • New faces
  • Quorum check*
  • Approval of May minutes
• Presentation on the new Title IX regulations (with guest Sarah Rankin, 5:40-6:10)
• Vote: allocation of funds to GSC Archivist position (6:10-6:20)*
• General COVID-19 update (6:20-6:30)
• Updated budget (6:30-6:40)
• Officer updates (6:40-6:50)
• Committee updates (6:50-7:10)
• Open Floor (7:10 on)
NEW TITLE IX REGULATIONS

Sarah Rankin, slides separate
ARCHIVIST BUDGET
The GSC has a decades-long history...

• But we can’t easily access it!
  • Some piles of papers, some jumbled Dropbox folders
  • Not easily searchable

• History matters!
  • How did we win housing victories in the past?
  • What’s happened to the grad student Cost of Living over time?

• What we need:
  • Several months of dedicated, professional work
  • Close collaboration with ExComm
Proposal

Be it resolved, that the GSC budget for FY21 be expanded in the amount of $9,100* via reserve funds, in order to fund a graduate student historian to:

- Digitize, encode and organize the GSC archives,
- Donate a copy of those archives to the MIT library system,
- Compile a report at the end of the year answering historical questions of interest to the current members of GSC.

- Cost breakdown: ($25/hour)*(7 hours/week)*(52 weeks) = $9,100
- Same as the webmaster budget
COVID-19 UPDATES

Madeleine Sutherland
Testing for grad students accessing campus

• COVID-19 testing ramped up to 2x/weekly for residents + people accessing campus 4+ times/week, 1x/weekly for people accessing campus less frequently
• Time in queue “on the clock” for hourly workers; PI’s must accommodate
• If the queue is physically inaccessible to you, you can get a letter allowing you to check in another way. Start by emailing DAS at das-student@mit.edu
• For religious accommodations to any COVID procedure, email askachaplain@mit.edu
• GSC Officers also happy to provide support
Where is all this data going?

- **MIT COVID Response System**: data-driven pandemic response
  - MIT decision makers view **de-identified, aggregate** building data
  - Users of data register with Legal, Ethical, Equity Committee
  - **Useful FAQ, old news article**: more communications forthcoming

![Diagram](image-url)
BUDGET UPDATES

Steven Burcat
OFFICER UPDATES
COMMITTEE UPDATES
Committee updates

• **Next events:**

1) Talk series: “Innovation during the days of COVID19”
   Possible teams: COVIDSafePaths, ProjectManus PPE, E-Vent etc.
   *When:* first half of October

2) Co-Sponsorship of Patent Webinar Series @ MIT
   *When:* Fall term
Sub-Committee updates

- Alumni Relations Subcommittee:
  - Alumni Fireside Chat keeps on happening. This month’s alumni include: Brian Spatocco (‘15 PhD in DMSE, GSC President) and Sam Ford (‘07 Sm in Comparative Media Studies)
• Improving Advisor-Advisee Relationship:
  • Noam Buckman & Emre Ergecen
  • Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm

• Current focus: Advising climate survey
  • Survey to be finalized on 19 September

• Garner feedback from REFS & Dept. Student Groups
ARC-Advising: Orientation Advising 101

- Attendance: ~150 incoming students
- Recorded for future online orientation/Canvas
- Slides and recording on GSC Orientation website
- Q&A very successful! Great questions and answers
- Hope to do similar events in the future

Advising Q&A Panel

Caroline Werlang  
REFS  
Biological Engineering

Madeleine Laitz  
REFS, THRIVE  
EECS

Suraiya Baluch  
Associate Dean of Graduate Support

Devora Najjar  
MAS / Media Lab

Noam Buckman  
MechE / CSAIL

Emre Ergecen  
Moderator

Graduate Student Council  
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
ARC-Advising: Survey on Advising

Timeline Update:

- **Draft Survey Finished**: Mid-September
- **Feedback from GSC, REFS**
- **Final Survey Finished**: End September
- **Institute-Wide Survey Launch**: Jan/IAP

Faces of the Committee:

1. Joe Johnston - Physics
2. Paula do Vale Pereira - AeroAstro
3. Hampton Smith - Architecture
4. Emre Ergecen - EECS, ARC co-chair
5. Noam Buckman - MechE, Chair

Contributors:
- Rahul Jayaraman
- Vinayak Agarwal
- Joe Johnston
- Paula do Vale Pereira
- Hampton Smith
- Emre Ergecen
- Noam Buckman

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Graduate Student Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Interested in joining ARC?

Feel free to reach us anytime through gsc-arc-chair@mit.edu
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Somayajulu Dhulipala and Henry Tran
Updates

- Selection of co-chair for the Grad arts forum. Open to volunteers – people who have a passion for arts (both visual and performing) – message us or email AC.
- GradRat Orientation on September 4th at 5PM.
- MIT-wide Murder Mystery event planned for fall.
- Planning to attend the Arts on Radar event as a group. So if you’d like to join us please reach out to us.
- [https://arts.mit.edu/on-the-radar/](https://arts.mit.edu/on-the-radar/)
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
asa-exec@mit.edu
ASA Updates

• Midway happened 8/27
  • Technical issues ~30 min in, but great feedback from groups overall
  • midway.mit.edu will remain up for students to explore

• Finalizing new system for group applications
  • New backend is taking longer to roll out than expected

• Still no word on LEF/ARCADE $$$
  • Current guidance is for groups to submit budgets to us if they’re interested and we’ll see what happens
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- GSC DEI, BGSA, & 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 Scorecard**
  - Following BLM and #ShutDownAcademia/#ShutDownSTEM – DEI has been collecting departmental demands and progress on those demands
    - Public scorecard to enforce accountability

- Looking to join GSC DEI?
  - We have open positions for c-reps: Underrepresented Minorities, First Generation-Low Income, & Disabilities
  - Become a general member!
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

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

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

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Wed., Sept. 9th at 5:00 pm:** GSC DEI Orientation Event via [Zoom](https://forms.gle/npBZEppcB1U3epWPA)
- **Wed., Sept. 23rd at 4:30 pm:** GSC DEI Conduit Meet & Greet Via [Zoom](https://forms.gle/npBZEppcB1U3epWPA)

**Next Committee Meeting:**

- **Tues., Sept. 15th at 4:00 pm via [Zoom](https://forms.gle/npBZEppcB1U3epWPA)**

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu
External Affairs Board Updates

- Statements Passed
- RISE Act Endorsement
- Endless Frontier Act Endorsement
- Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act

Currently Working On:
- Candidate Questionnaire
- Fall Events
- Advocacy Newsletter
- Affordable Housing Overlay
- Public Outreach
Fall Events

• Orientation Events
  • Intro to State and Local Politics - Tuesday, 9/1 at 11AM EST
  • Intro to Federal Politics - Thursday, 9/3 at noon EST

• Advocacy 101 - email gsc-eab@mit.edu for more info
• September 23rd
• September 30th
• October 7th - Policy Panel
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (HCA)

Lucio Milanese and Jonathan Behrens
HCA Committee Updates

• The HCA committee has been working closely with graduate dorms and the MIT administration to optimize COVID-related policies.
  • We pushed for a review of the guest policy (currently, no guests are allowed in MIT dorms at any time). A committee will be formed in early October to review this policy. If you’re interested in participating, let us know (gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu)

• Advocacy subcommittee is focused on
  • Designing the 2020 cost-of-living survey
  • Working with the MIT administration and the private company ‘American Campus Communities’ to optimize the design of the new Vassar street dorm.
    • If you’re interested in participating, email us at gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
The Muddy Charles Pub wants you!

• Be a part of the Muddy Charles Pub!
• The board is looking for new graduate student members!
• Next meeting 09/14/2020
  @ 7 PM eastern
• Zoom link: https://mit.zoom.us/j/94661172911?pwd=YTFEZ0VieWUrMFICZUVvRUVsYNR4UT09

• Email Jennifer with any questions!
  • gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Orientation Is Here!

**2020 Calendar**

**Thursday, August 27**
ASA Midway
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Monday, August 31**
ISO Grad Welcome
10:00 am – 10:45 am
Grad Resource Fair
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Thursday, September 3**
Grad Students of Color Welcome
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Sunday, August 30**
President Reif’s Welcome
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Sunday, September 6**
Pride Welcome
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 2**
CAPD + Alumni Association 101 Webinar
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 9**
Libraries 101 Webinar
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Friday, September 4**
GWAMIT Welcome
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Grad Rot Event
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 8**
Financial Literacy 101 Webinar
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Thursday, September 10**
Enterprise and Innovation Webinar
12:00 pm
Orientation Calendars
Canvas
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