

# OCTOBER 7 GSC GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

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# Agenda

1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
  - a. New faces
  - b. Quorum check\*
  - c. Approval of September minutes
2. The upcoming election (5:40-5:50)
  - a. How to register to vote/help your friends register to vote
  - b. NEW GCM TIME for November
3. Sharing suggestions for virtual events (a collaboration between AC, OC, and ASA) (5:50-6:00)
4. Final call for Housing Working Group applications! (6:00-6:10)
5. Officer updates (6:10-6:20)
6. Committee updates (6:20-6:40)
7. Open floor (6:40-6:50)



# THE UPCOMING ELECTION

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# Register to VOTE if you haven't already!

- Voting for Massachusetts residents:
  - Check your voter registration [here](#)
    - Also shows your ballot and polling location!
  - Registration: start [here](#) by Oct 24
  - [Circumstances under which you need ID with you](#)
- Other States:
  - MITVote has state-by-state guides <http://mitvote.mit.edu/>
  - Including Absentee Ballot process



# Help MIT get out the vote!

- Be a **Voter Liaison** for your DLC/living group/org
  - Disseminate voter information, answer questions
  - Sign up [here](#)
- **Impact of your vote** Panel October 24 @ 6:30
  - Free, non-partisan academic panel discussing how your 2020 votes have an impact
  - Register [here](#)
- Stay plugged in with MITVote
  - [Facebook](#) , [Instagram](#)



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# VOTE!

[TINYURL.COM/GOTV-FEST](https://tinyurl.com/gotv-fest)

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**SUNDAY OCT 11, 6PM**

**INTERCOLLEGIATE OnLIVE CONCERT**

**Open to the whole MIT community – grad students, postdocs, other staff invited!!**

*Brought to you by the Undergraduate Association Committee on Public Affairs, MIT Asian American Initiative (AAI), Latino Cultural Center (LCC), American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), Chinese Students Club (CSC), and MITVote with support from South Asian American Students (SAAS) and Black Students Union (BSU).*



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# November GCM will be MONDAY Nov. 2

- The US federal election is Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>
- GSC General Council Meeting will be moved so it's not right after the election



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# SUGGESTIONS FOR RUNNING VIRTUAL EVENTS

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Treasurer, OC, AC and ASA



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# Virtual Events

- What type of virtual event?
  - Informational (mostly one-way communication)
  - Social
    - Host controlled?
    - Everyone equally participates?



# Virtual Informational Events

- Zoom has two main call types:
  - Webinar
    - Only host, co-hosts, and panelists are shown
    - Can interact with audience via polls
    - Audience can interact back via Q&A
    - Need to have special license to host a webinar!
  - Meeting
    - Everyone on the call is shown
    - Great for smaller groups
    - Can have large group broken out into small groups via breakout rooms
      - Limitation in the amount of control the host has



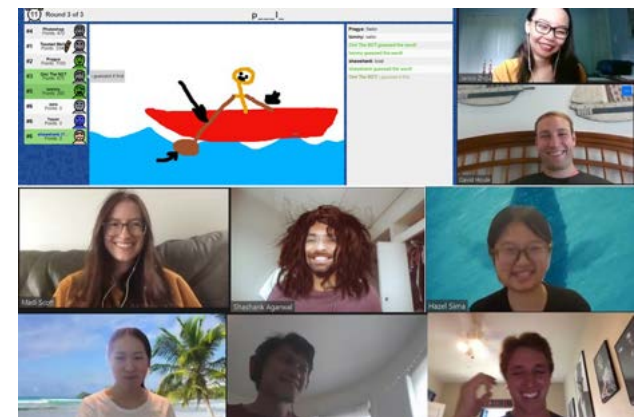
# Virtual Informational Events

- Avoiding Zoom fatigue
  - Have some audience interaction, especially with webinars
  - Interaction among the hosts/panelists to break up single speaker
- Share duties!
  - If someone is presenting, another should be monitoring questions
  - Always assign co-hosts that can take over if the main host disconnects



# Virtual Social Event Planning

- Event should have a central focus
  - Game?
  - Social hour?
- Number of people at the event
  - If greater than 10, should think about splitting up into groups
  - Some moderator, volunteer, or organization member should lead in those groups



# Virtual Social Event Platforms

- Zoom
- External websites, communication through Zoom
- Gather.Town (free for up to 25 people)



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# FINAL CALL FOR HOUSING WORKING GROUP

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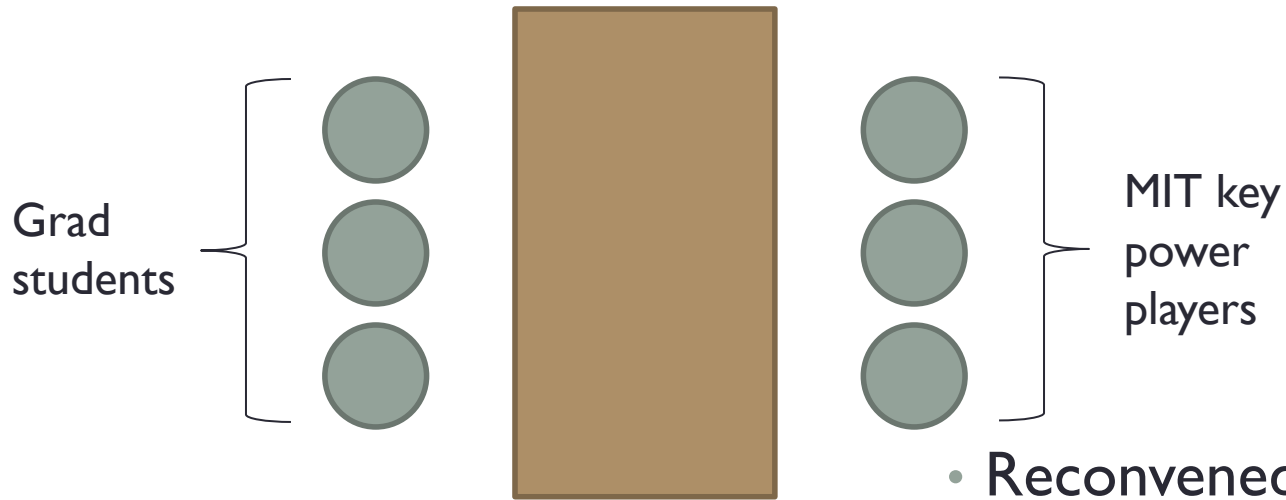


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# Graduate Housing Working Group (HWG)



- Reconvened to oversee Site 4 transition + Vassar St design + response to COVID
- High-impact: Reports used to justify major decisions
- Apply [here](#) by tonight!



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# OFFICER UPDATES

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# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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# ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, & CAREERS (ARC)

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Simone Bruno  
Emre Ergeçen



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# Committee updates

- Next events:

- 1) Talk series: “Innovation during the days of COVID19”

Possible teams: COVIDSafePaths, ProjectManus PPE, E-Vent etc.

When: 8th (**tomorrow**)- 15th of October

Speakers: **Freddy Nguyen** (*MITcovid19challenge*)

**Ramesh Raskar** (*Safe Paths: A privacy-first approach to contact tracing*)

Location: Zoom (<https://mit.zoom.us/j/96984363483>)

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/LBspbzB5ELrahR2K9>



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# Committee updates

- Next events:

2) Co-Sponsorship of Patent Webinar Series @ MIT

3) “Academia vs Industry” event

When: November



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# Alumni Relations Subcommittee

Next: Alumni Fireside Chat w/ Pat Chou



Previous event:  
Alumni Fireside Chat  
w/ Leeland Ekstrom



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- **Improving Advisor-Advisee Relationship:**
  - Noam Buckman & Emre Ergecen
  - Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm
  
- Advising Climate Survey ready.
  - Pruning - current survey is too long :)
  - Will solicit feedback from IR, REFS & you!



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# Interested in joining ARC?

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



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# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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# Updates from September 2020

- Fall Activities Survey sent out – about 55 students have filled out the survey.
- **Fall planned events –**
  - Murder Mystery
  - Jackbox
  - Powerpoint Karaoke
  - Photography scavenger hunt
  - Virtual arts and photography workshop
  - Virtual Stand-up event



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# Events coming up

- Join the *Henry Purcell Society of Boston* for an evening of rousing tavern music from the Restoration-era Alehouse songs of Henry Purcell and his contemporaries. We'll also have recommended English Ale pairings, so you can join us in raising a glass during these rowdy songs!
- Event date – Second/Third Week of October
- The event is co-hosted by Robert Lublin, Professor of theatre history and professional libations reviewer, and MIT's own Shannon Rose McAuliffe, arts professor, musicologist, and singer, and will include live performances by some of HPSOB's most-beloved singers.



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# Gardner Museum visit and discussion

- The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum has extended their exhibition of *Boston's Apollo*, which highlights issues of Black and queer erasure through Sargent's relationship with his artistic model, Thomas McKeller. More details are below!
- For those in the Boston area, we will make free tickets available to those who wish to view the exhibit in person. For those who are outside of Boston, the Gardner is preparing some materials for asynchronous/remote access.
- [Please RSVP here](#) – we'll also be sharing this in the Anno next week.
- Visit the museum anytime before 10/8 – 5:30 PM. Join us for a discussion after.



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# ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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# GBM and event funding

- General Body Meeting will be October 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM ET
  - Dorms, club sports, non-ASA department groups do NOT have to attend
- Using ASA reserves plus unspent LEF and ARCADE to cover event costs
  - Any group with an event that would normally be applicable to those grants should apply via the link on our website
  - <https://asa.mit.edu/group-resources/funding-large-events>



# Group apps and group survey

- Group apps closed last week, 24 applications
  - Starting to work through those this week,
  - Can be up to 3 weeks until groups hear back depending on how much discussion is needed
- Student group survey to get info on what challenges are facing groups



- No responses yet...



# Student org space cleaning

- Walker and Student Center offices have been left mostly untouched
  - Food was left in office fridges... it ain't food anymore. #yikes
  - CAC will do fridge & food cleanouts ASAP in the next couple weeks
    - Risk of rats, cockroaches, etc.
  - Coordinating with SOLE and CAC on deeper space cleaning
    - Give student groups adequate time to get in beforehand



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

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# Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- GSC DEI, BGSA, & G4HMIT [RISE Demands](#)
  - Cambridge City Council passes unanimous support for RISE campaign ([minutes](#))
  - Had town hall on Faculty Hiring & Grad Admissions on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Heard about student advocacy from Physics, ChemE, EAPS, EECS, & DUSP
  - Creating a graduate admissions reform handbook – help us make it!
- [Black Lives Matter Departmental Demands Scorecard](#)
  - Progress on departmental BLM demands through public scorecard to enforce accountability
    - Starting in Physics, BE, EAPS, & DMSE – will be on GSC website too!
- New GSC DEI Event Coordinator – Kebbie Ghaderi
- Looking to join GSC DEI?
  - Open positions for c-reps: 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:

- **Fri., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** at **2:00 pm**: GSC DCI Organizer Meeting via [Zoom](#)

## Next Committee Meeting:

**Thurs., Oct. 22nd** at **4:00 pm** via [Zoom](#)

Contact: [gsc-diversity@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-diversity@mit.edu)



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# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

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# External Affairs Board Updates

- **Statements Passed**
  - Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act
  - Bipartisan AI Resolution
- **Currently Working On:**
  - Welcoming new members! ([gsc-eab@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-eab@mit.edu))
  - Ivy+ Summit ([gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-eab-liaison@mit.edu))
  - DHS Proposed Rule Public Comment
  - Affordable Housing Overlay (PASSED!)
  - Defense Task Force Report ([gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu))
  - Voter Guide for Ballot Questions



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# Events + Newsletter

## **The Impact of Your Vote (GSC + UA + MITvote)**

- October 14th @ 6:30pm
- Register to attend (link also on the newsletter, see below):  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-impact-of-your-vote-tickets-123946482265>
- Panelists will be discussing how your vote counts in a multitude of 2020 elections, far beyond the presidency, and how these elections have a serious impact on the topics that matter to you, like climate change, racial justice, and other issues impacting young people.

## **Graduate Advocacy Newsletter**

- **A monthly newsletter to help students take action** and advocate on issues important to our communities at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Sign up or view past issues** on the GSC website

<https://gsc.mit.edu/committees/external/advocacy-newsletter/>



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# HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Lucio Milanese



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# Graduate Housing Working Group

- High impact institute committee that shapes the direction of graduate housing at MIT.
- Will be providing guidance on current grad housing developments, including the new West Campus residence.
- Apply by tonight!

<https://gsc.mit.edu/represent-graduate-students-on-the-housing-working-group/>



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# Residence Hall Guest Policy

- Ongoing conversation with administration.
- Pushing to implement some form of “bubbles” which would enable small groups of friends to visit each other’s apartments with relaxed physical distancing.
- Details are still TBD, hopefully more news soon.





# Heating Issues

- State sanitary code requires all dwellings to be heated to at least 68°F during the day and 64°F at night.
  - Not supposed to let any rooms surpass 78° in the process
- Received reports that some dorms weren't meeting this requirement; should be resolved soon.
- Know your rights!
  - The [State Sanitary Code](#)
  - [Schedule inspections – start here](#)



# MUDDY CHARLES PUB

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Chair: Jennifer Kaczmarek

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05/06/2020



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# 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 10/19/20**  
**@ 7 PM eastern**

- **Zoom link:**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/92753539476?pwd=QzdibHhScmlEcWdKWGpCU0hLV2lPUT09>



- **Email Jennifer with any questions!**
  - [gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu)



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# ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

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# Orientation Is Done!



**Thursday, August 27**

**ASA Midway**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Sunday, August 30**

**President Reif's Welcome**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Monday, August 31**

**ISO Grad Welcome**

10:00 am – 10:45 am

**Grad Resource Fair**

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 2**

**CAPD + Alumni Association  
101 Webinar**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Thursday, September 3**

**Grad Students of Color  
Welcome**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Sunday, September 6**

**Pride Welcome**

6:00 pm – 7:00 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 Rat Event**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 8**

**Financial Literacy 101  
Webinar**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Thursday, September 10**

**Entrepreneurship and  
Innovation Webinar**

12:00pm



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# Orientation Follow-Up

- Survey sent out last week to gauge effectiveness of different events
- Looking into delivering shirts/masks to first year students on campus
- Depending on public health, may host an in-person welcome event next semester