

NOVEMBER 2 GCM



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Agenda

1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
 - a. New faces
 - b. Quorum check*
 - c. Approval of October minutes*
2. Supports relevant during the federal election (5:40-5:55)
3. Update on campus spaces and how to use them (5:55-6:00)
4. MIT Corporation Overview (6-6:20)
 - a. Q & A (6:20-6:40)
5. Officer updates (6:40-6:50)
 - a. Archivist position recruitment
 - b. Others
6. Committee updates (6:50-7:05)
7. Open Floor (7:05-)

*Requires a vote



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SUPPORTS DURING THE FEDERAL ELECTION

GSC Officers



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International Support Network mailing list

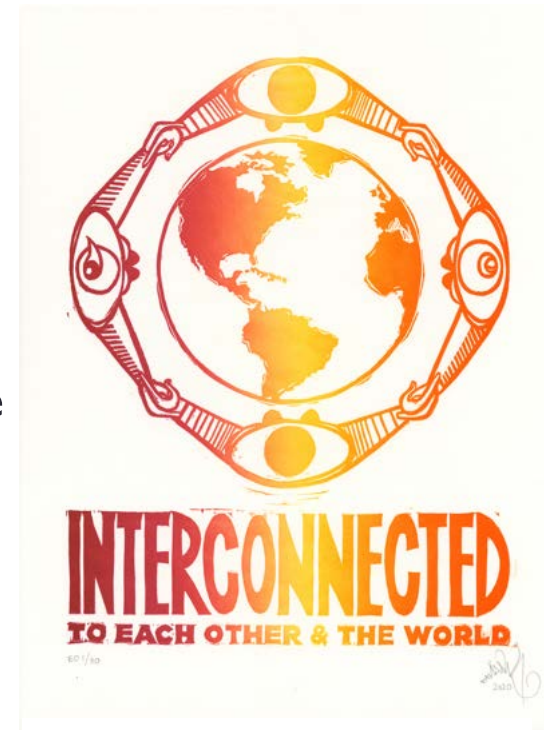
(A resource for all times, especially relevant now)

URL: <https://groups.mit.edu/webmoira/list/international-support-network>

Contact: international-support-admin@mit.edu

- Recent events have highlighted the lack of support and heightened concern among the international community at MIT
- MIT COVID Relief* has created a new mailing list to share information, support each other, and organize future town halls
 - Note: this is **peer support**, not individualized legal advice
- Join the mailing list international-support-network@mit.edu at the above URL
- All members of the MIT community are welcome!
- For more MIT COVID Relief news, see <https://twitter.com/mitcovidrelief>

*MIT COVID Relief is a grad student-led advocacy organization that arose to ensure vital supports during COVID-19. They're not formally part of GSC, but we sometimes collaborate.



“Interconnected” by
Favianna Rodriguez



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Guide to safe civil and political engagement

- MIT has a new [guide for gatherings related to the election](#)
- Goal is to promote civic engagement and community healing without compromising safety
- Main takeaways:
 - Outdoor gatherings **on campus** subject to the usual physical distancing and participant caps
 - There are also many ways to civically engage **virtually**
 - If you do go to **gatherings or protests off campus**, please make a safety plan...
 - Review [MIT Medical's advice for mitigating risks at protests](#)
 - Attend with people you regularly interact with already, and stay together
 - Keep your face covered; use signs and bullhorns rather than shouting
 - Consider quarantining after if safety protocols went awry



MIT Reboot

MIT Reboot = a set of activities November 2-11 dedicated to taking a self care and community care break

- Open to the whole community – students, faculty, staff
- #ConnectedMIT challenge for grad students:
 - Host a virtual research group hangout
 - Post image on social media, tag GradLink and use #ConnectedMIT
 - Get entered into a drawing for gift card prizes



Visit <http://studentlife.mit.edu/reboot> to utilize all the wellness classes, community art, snack stations, and more!



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Current central information repositories

- In a crisis, it's important to know right where to go
- MIT's current COVID information center: <https://now.mit.edu/>
 - “Graduate Students” and “Researchers” sections may *both* be relevant to you
- The GSC's COVID center: <https://gsc.mit.edu/covid-19-updates/>
 - Emphasizes information that's under-reported elsewhere
- Centralized place to ask questions: <https://ask.mit.edu/>
 - General, not just for COVID



CAMPUS SPACES UPDATE

Steven Burcat, GSC Treasurer



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Usable Spaces on Campus

- [“Touchdown” Spaces](#)
 - Non-reservable, first come first serve, Covidpass users only
 - 8-18 person capacity

- Reservable On-Campus Spaces
 - Covidpass users only
 - E17 - email building-access@mit.edu
 - Include date, time, and reason for requesting private space
 - Outdoor spaces - <https://studentlife.mit.edu/cac>
 - Up to 10 people, up to 2 hours, booked 2-7 days in advance



Coming soon

- W20 Reservable Spaces
 - Indoor spaces - will be at <http://cac-ems2.mit.edu/emswebapp/>
 - Username: covidpasstudent | Password: gathering
 - Up to 2 hours, large (12) and small (1-2) spaces
 - Booked between 2 and 7 days in advance
 - No food, masks and other policies still apply
 - Covidpass users only



INTRO TO THE MIT CORPORATION

Vrajesh Modi



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For this part of the GCM, screen sharing switched to our guest speaker, Vrajesh Modi.



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OFFICER UPDATES



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GSC Archivist update

- Recap: Council voted in September to allocate funding for a GSC Archivist
- **Position will be open to all MIT grad students**
 - If international RA or TA hired, can likely work through a *Summer 2021* appointment
- Application will open on the GSC website this week
- Work to start in IAP and continue either Spring or Summer
 - Rate-limiting step may be getting physical documents out of Walker!



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COMMITTEE UPDATES



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ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, & CAREERS (ARC)

Simone Bruno
Emre Ergeçen



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Committee updates

- Next events:

- 1) Co-Sponsorship of Patent Webinar Series @ MIT - Continuing event

- 2) “Academia vs Industry” event

When: November



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- **Improving Advisor-Advisee Relationship:**
 - Noam Buckman & Emre Ergecen
 - Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm
- Advising Climate Survey



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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

Somayajulu Dhulipala and Henry Tran



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Updates

- We had our Murder Mystery Game event on October 31st.
- Organizing the Henry Purcell Society tavern music event mid-November (Dates to be announced through the Anno)



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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black

ASA President

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ASA Updates

- General Body Meeting was Thursday, October 29th 5-7 PM ET
 - Gus Burkett gave DSL updates on Student Center, COVID policies, Grubhub deal (!!!)
- Still hoping more groups ask for \$\$\$
- Slowly getting more responses to COVID impact survey
- Finished first pass on group applications, now handling appeals



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- GSC DEI, BGSA, & G4HMIT [RISE Demands](#)
 - Had town hall about the impact of Diversity Officers on Oct. 29th
 - Heard from EECS, BCS, BE, DMSE, & HST student advocates
 - Ongoing work on creating a graduate admissions reform handbook – help us make it!
 - Meeting with the Office of General Council this Friday
- GSC DEI Fellows training is happening!
 - Will be occurring over IAP across 5 sessions via Zoom – training on facilitating conversations about race and racism
 - Some spots have opened up, let us know if you or others are interested in participating
- Looking to join GSC DEI?
 - Open positions for c-reps: First Generation-Low Income, & Disabilities
 - Become a general member!



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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

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

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

Black Lives Matter [Departmental Scorecard:](#)

- Check out how your department is progressing with recommendations presented by student advocates!

Next Committee Meeting:

Tues., Nov. 17th at 4:00 pm via [Zoom](#)

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu



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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Jordan Harrod
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External Affairs Board Updates

- **Statements Passed**
 - Public Comment on DHS Proposed Rule
 - with 50+ other schools representing 850,000+ students!
- **Currently Working On:**
 - Welcoming new members! (gsc-eab@mit.edu)
 - Cambridge Student Association
 - Defense Task Force Report (gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu)
 - Voter Guide for Ballot Questions
 - Spring Virtual 3MT Competition (with prizes!)



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Jonathan Behrens
Lucio Milanese



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Dorm Guest Policy

- First iteration is now in effect
 - Registered guests from other grad residences
- Will be meeting later in the semester to review

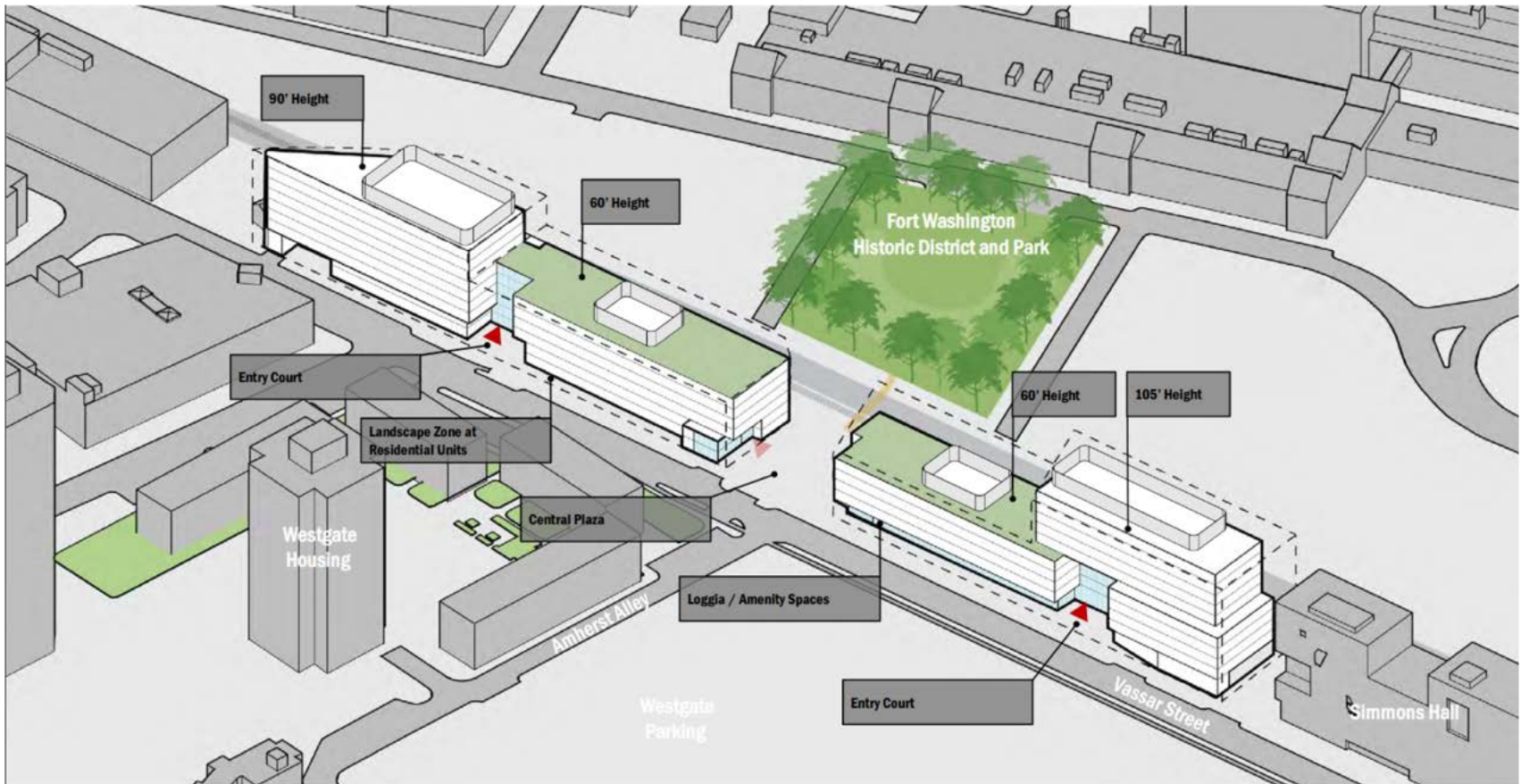


Graduate Housing Working Group

- Charter Finalized
 - An equal number of GSC representatives and faculty/staff
 - Many high profile members:
 - Ian Waitz (Vice Chancellor)
 - Suzy Nelson (Vice President and Dean for Student Life)
 - Krystyn Van Vliet (Associate Provost)
 - Jon Alveretz (Director of Campus Planning)
- Met for the first time last week
 - Discussed plans for the new graduate residence
- Next meeting will deal with rent and stipend setting
 - Currently collecting data to present to group members



New Graduate Residence



MASSING CONCEPT
MIT WEST CAMPUS GRADUATE DORMITORY PROJECT



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New Graduate Residence



VASSAR WEST COURTYARD



VASSAR LOOKING EAST

WEST BUILDING
MIT WEST CAMPUS GRADUATE DORMITORY PROJECT

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MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Chair: Jennifer Kaczmarek

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The Muddy Charles Pub wants you!

- We would be **honored** to have your as a part of the Muddy Charles Pub Board!
- The board is looking for *new graduate student members!*
- **Next meeting 11/9/2020**
@ 7 PM eastern
- **Zoom link:**
 - <https://mit.zoom.us/j/93630805542?pwd=anRRamIMOWVxSjFNCVEzcGpkN00yZz09>
- **Email Jennifer with any quest**
 - **gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu**



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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Shashank Agarwal

Maytee Chantharayukhonthorn



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Orientation Follow-Up

- Looking into delivering shirts/masks to first year students on campus
- Depending on public health, may host an in-person welcome event next semester



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