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
SUPPORTS DURING THE FEDERAL ELECTION

GSC Officers
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.
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](http://studentlife.mit.edu/reboot) to utilize all the wellness classes, community art, snack stations, and more!
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
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: covidpassstudent | 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
For this part of the GCM, screen sharing switched to our guest speaker, Vrajesh Modi.
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!
COMMITTEE UPDATES
Committee updates

• Next events:

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

2) “Academia vs Industry” event
   When: November
• Improving Advisor-Advisee Relationship:
  • Noam Buckman & Emre Ergecen
  • Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm

• Advising Climate Survey
Interested in joining ARC?

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

Somayajulu Dhulipala and Henry Tran
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)
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
asa-exec@mit.edu
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

Bianca Lepe

gsc-diversity@mit.edu
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!
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Graduate Enrolled Student **Survey Data Request Form**:  
• To request data, please fill out: [https://forms.gle/tuyufcV2TJW66hT77](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](https://zoom.com)

Contact: [gsc-diversity@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-diversity@mit.edu)
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
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
New Graduate Residence
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=anRRamlMOVWxSjFNCzFEzGpkN00yZz09](https://mit.zoom.us/j/93630805542?pwd=anRRamlMOVWxSjFNCzFEzGpkN00yZz09)

• **Email Jennifer** with any quest!
  • gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Shashank Agarwal
Maytee Chantharayukkhonthorn

Graduate Student Council
of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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