1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
      i. Passes: 42 in attendance
   c. Approval of February minutes*
      i. Passes: 39 yes

2. Budget rescope vote* (5:40-6:10)
   a. Steven presented the budget rescope document (attached)
   b. Please use your council rep funding!!
   c. Passes: 35 yes

3. Nominations for GSC Officer positions (6:10-6:30)
   a. Intro and motivation
      i. You can learn to navigate administration and get ideas implemented
      ii. Looks good on CV, you can learn project management and leadership skills
   b. Opening of nominations
      i. Procedure: election proceedings in Article IV of Bylaws
      ii. Nominations open at March GCM
      iii. Nominees may submit Statement and CV up to one week prior too April GCM
      iv. Internal coffee hour 5-7 days before April GCM
   c. Nominations
      i. President
         1. Madeleine Sutherland – declined
         2. Becca Black – declined
         3. Jordan Harrod – declined
         4. Victor Quach (not present)
         5. Bianca Lepe – seconded (not present)
      ii. Secretary
         1. Sandra Liu – seconded and deferred
      iii. Treasurer
1. Vincent from ASA (not present)
2. Webster from ASA (not present)
   iv. VP
      1. Theo – declined
3. Theo from ASA (not present)
5. Officer updates (6:30-6:45)
   a. Transitional funding secured for all SM/PhD students
   b. RISE-GSC-Administration negotiations succeeded here
   c. Any SM/PhD student can leave an abusive advising situation
      i. Without missing a paycheck
      ii. With limits on work required in old group
      iii. With transitional funding for a semester while they find a new advisor
   a. Working on year-6 funding to more accessible to SHASS & SA+P
   b. Commencement planning
      a. Commencement Transition Team is currently planning for the virtual Commencement this Spring
      b. We want to incorporate graduate student input!
      c. Please find out from your constituencies what graduate students want to get out of commencement this year
         i. What was good/bad about last year’s virtual commencement?
         ii. What parts are most meaningful?
         iii. How do people want their names recognized?
         iv. What would people be interested receiving in a “Commencement care package”?
         v. Other thoughts/comments/ideas
   d. Email gsc-treasurer@mit.edu
   c. Steven wants to make mini-golf happen
5. Committee updates (6:45-7:15)
   a. ARC
      i. Academia vs. Industry panel series
         1. 1st event last week re. Engineering R&D
2. 1081 responses (20% of students) responding to grad advising survey

b. AC
i. Past events
   1. HarvardxMIT valentine’s day event

ii. Upcoming events
   1. May 2021 – MIT Talent show (teams of up to 5)
   2. HarvardxMITxStanford game night
   3. Alehouse music event
   4. Chocolate tasting
   5. Wine and opera

c. ASA
i. Starting to plan CP* Midway (gather.town??)

ii. GBM will be April 5th, 5-7PM ET

iii. Spring group applications are open (asa.mit.edu)

iv. LEF/ARCADE applications have been and will stay open
   1. Take our money please

d. DEI

   • DEI@MIT Strategic Plan Update
     - Community engagement sessions will be happening during the weeks of March 15 & March 22
     - Will have townhalls for various groups (e.g. undergrads, grads, postdocs, staff, faculty)
     - Also smaller, facilitated group sessions (e.g. with BGSA, LGSA, GSC, etc.)
     - Plan is to disseminate information/materials on where strategic plan is now and will garner feedback at these sessions to incorporate

   • Looking to join GSC DEI?
     - We are recruiting for the upcoming year 😊
       i. Chair
       ii. Vice Chair, Department & Inclusion
       iii. C-reps: Disabilities, First Gen-Low Income

   • Ongoing Data Access
     - Graduate Enrolled Student Survey: data request form
     - Black Lives Matter: departmental scorecard

   • Upcoming Events:
     - Fridays, 1:30-2:30 pm: DEI Coordinator Meetings @ Zoom
     - Wed, March 10, 7 pm: LGSA x LCC x RISE social – RSVP here
     - Thurs. March 11, 5-6 pm: Conduit General Assembly – RSVP here

   • Next Committee Meeting: Mon. March 15 from 9-10 am @ Zoom

       Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

e. EAB
i. Statements passed:
• Letters to Congressional Leadership and House/Senate Judiciary Leadership
• Letter to the Department of State on the National Interest Exception for All Students
• Letter to the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters on All-Gender Bathrooms
• Letter to the Department of Defense
• Missing Middle Housing Zoning Petition
• Letter to the Biden Administration on Climate Change

1. Recruiting for Board Leadership Positions!
   • No Experience Necessary
   • Currently have openings on State and Local Affairs, Public Outreach
   • Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu if you’re interested!

2. Advocacy Topics + Events
   • Student Wellbeing and Mental Health
   • LGBTQ+ Issues
   • Accessibility
   • Climate Policy

3. Welcoming New Members! Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu

Research Slam (Deadline Extended to March 15th!)

• Hone your science communication skills and compete for hundreds in cash prizes with MIT's first Research Slam!
• Modeled after the 3-Minute Thesis format, participants will explain their research in 3 minutes or less.
• The Slam is open to all MIT postdocs & PhD candidates; see http://researchslam.mit.edu/ for details on deadlines and submissions.
• Final Showcase: March 29th at 5PM EST

f. Muddy

i. Proposed new centralized location for students access resources related to wellbeing…
i. Recruiting grad student members for board

h. OC

i. Orientation is recruiting!

1. Meeting with new committee members next Monday, March 8th: [https://mit.zoom.us/j/94262615131](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94262615131)

ii. Email [gsc-oc-chair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-oc-chair@mit.edu) if you are interested in shaping orientation for our newest grad students!

6. Open Floor (7:15-7:30)

*Requires a vote*