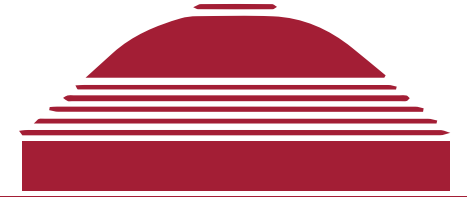


March GCM



Agenda

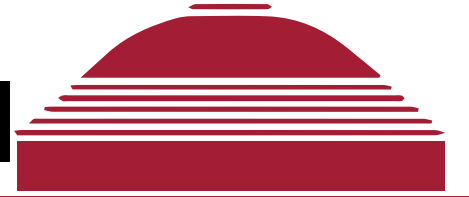


1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
 - a. New faces
 - b. Quorum check*
 - c. Approval of February minutes*
2. Budget rescope vote* (5:40-6:10)
3. Nominations for GSC Officer positions (6:10-6:30)
 - a. Intro and motivation
 - b. Opening of nominations
4. Officer updates (6:30-6:45)
5. Committee updates (6:45-7:15)
6. Open Floor (7:15-7:30)

*Requires a vote



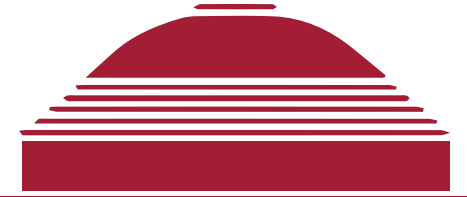
New Faces; Quorum; Minutes Approval



- In Google Chrome (or other browser that isn't FireFox), go to:
<https://gsc.mit.edu/voting-authentication>



In Memoriam: Jinxuan (Janice) Zhou



Janice was an Aero/Astro/Mechanical Engineering SM/PhD track student who came to MIT in 2020. In the MIT Aerospace Controls Lab, she was working on a robust way to have multiple robots learn in the same environment.

Janice was already an accomplished scholar before MIT – in her undergrad at U of Toronto she published a first-author paper on features favoring creativity in computer-aided design.

The light she brought our community will be sorely missed.

Take a moment of silence for Janice and all those we've lost this year.

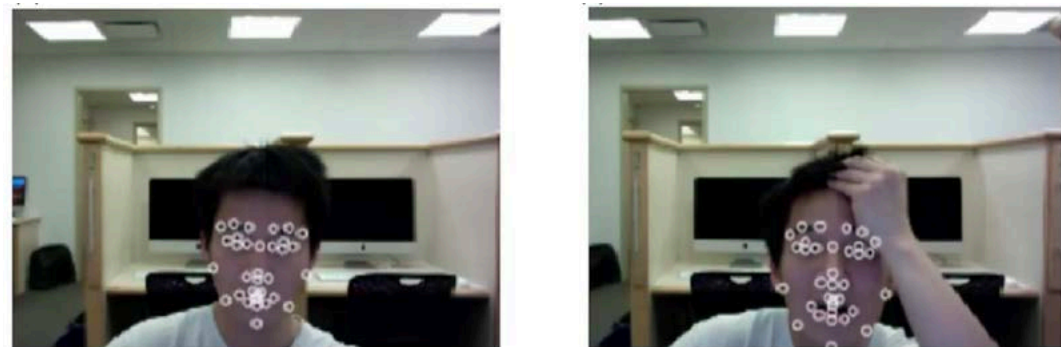


Fig. 4 (a) Intensity of surprise extracted from an 8-s clip of participant, (b) participant's facial expression at 0 s with overlaid facial feature points, and (c) same at 2 s



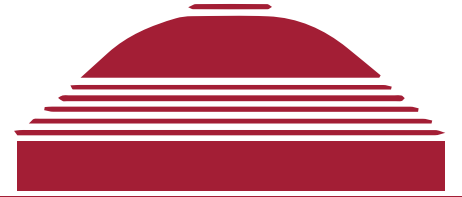
Budget rescope vote

Steven Burcat



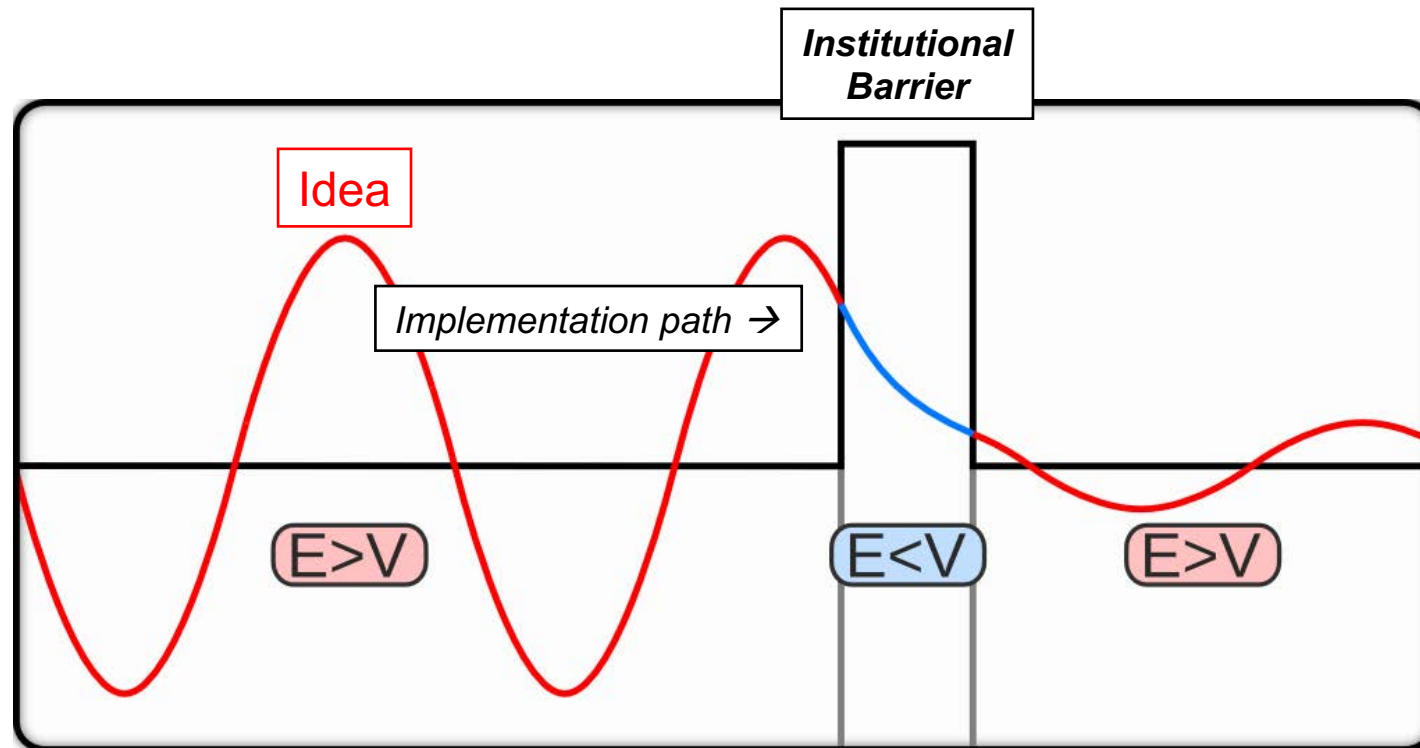
Nominations for GSC Officer Positions



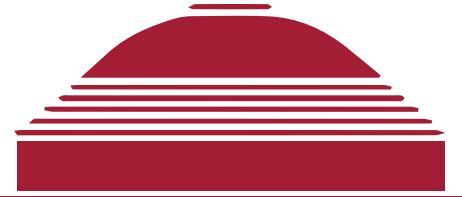


Motivation

- Tunnel through barriers to idea implementation
 - Study of qual processes and demographic gaps across all programs
 - Fixing heating in the grad dorms
 - Creating and hiring a GSC Archivist



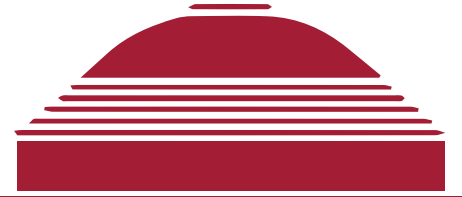
Motivation



- Slick addition to your CV
- Learn project management and leadership
- Perks



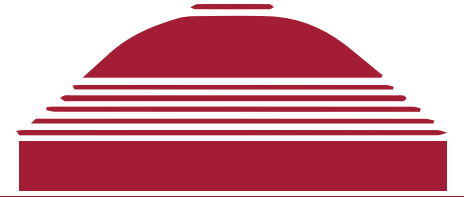
Procedure



- Election proceedings in [Article IV of the Bylaws](#)
- Nominations **open at the March GCM**
 - Must **be seconded at April GCM**
- Nominees may submit Statement and curriculum vitae up to one week prior to April GCM
- Informal coffee hour 5-7 days before April GCM
- Election held at **April GCM**



Open Nominations



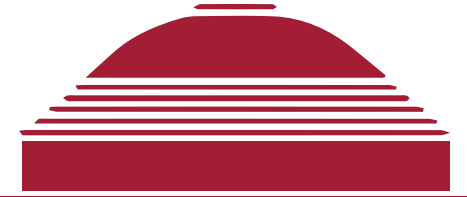
Nomination	Status
Madeleine Sutherland	Declined



Officer Updates



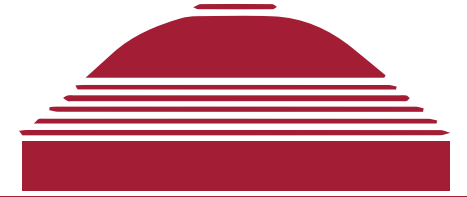
Transitional funding for all SM/PhDs!



- RISE-GSC-Administration negotiations succeeded here
- Any SM/PhD student can leave an abusive advising situation...
 - Without missing a paycheck
 - With limits on work required in old group
 - With transitional funding for a semester while they find a new advisor
- Read more [here](#)
- Working on year-6 funding to more accessible to SHASS & SA+P



Commencement Planning



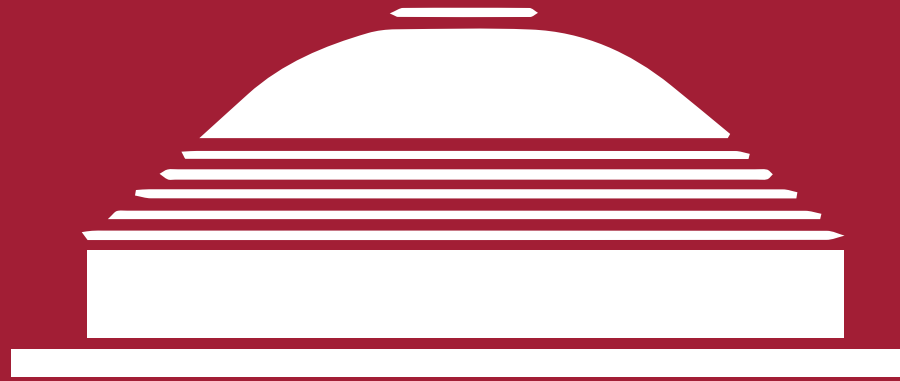
Commencement Transition Team is currently planning for the virtual Commencement this Spring

We want to incorporate graduate student input!

Please find out from your constituencies what graduate students want to get out of commencement this year

- What was good/bad about last year's virtual commencement?
 - What parts are most meaningful?
 - How do people want their names recognized?
 - What would people be interested receiving in a "Commencement care package"?
 - Other thoughts/comments/ideas
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- Email gsc-treasurer@mit.edu





Committee Updates



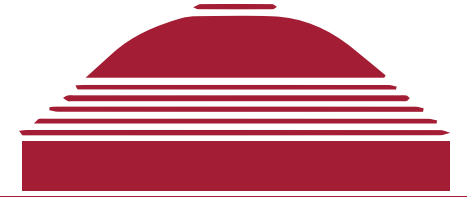
Academics, Research and Careers Committee

Chairs: Emre Ergeçen and Simone Bruno

Email: gsc-arc@mit.edu



Committee updates



• Next events:

“Academia vs. Industry” panel series

1st event: 02/25 at 6 PM (Engineering R&D)

The panelists are:

Tout Wang: After PhD with Wolfgang Ketterle at MIT, he first worked in scientific sales at M Squared Lasers, and then served as an assistant professor of physics at Gordon College - now a research associate in physics at Harvard.

Joe Rife: Based at Greentown Labs as Executive in Residence, he provides leadership on mentorship activities, moderates CEO Meetups and works with cleantech startups. Joe earned three degrees in MechE at MIT and mentors with the Sandbox Fund.

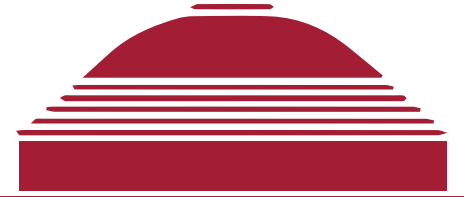
Zoltan Spakovszky: Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the director of the Gas Turbine Laboratory.

Maha Haji: An incoming Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Systems Engineering at Cornell University. After receiving her Ph.D. and before her postdoctoral position, Dr. Haji worked in industry as an engineering consultant at ATA Engineering.

Next events: 03/04 (Data driven science); 03/18 (Bio/medical sciences)



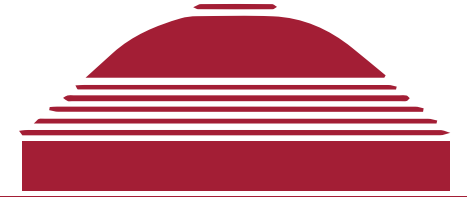
VISTA Subcommittee



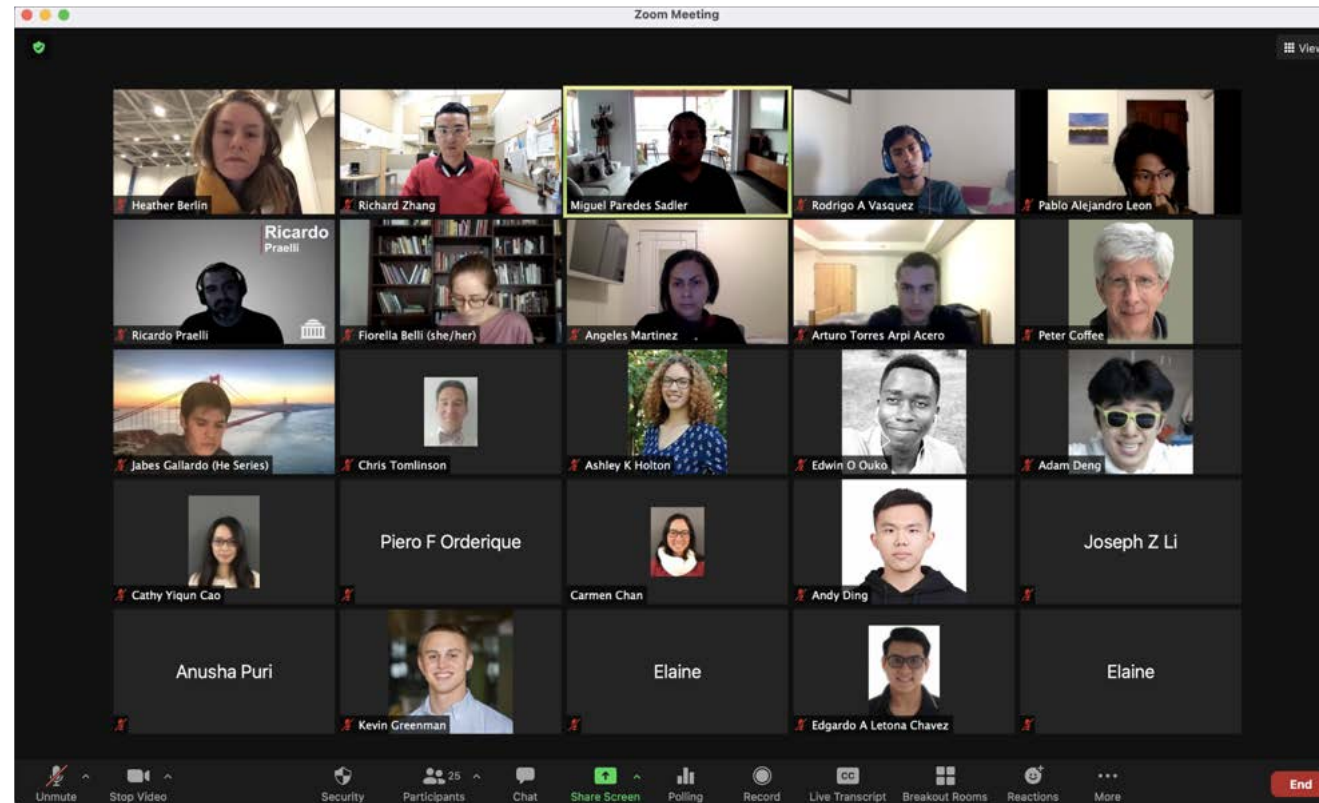
No visiting students allowed to come to campus during
Spring 2021



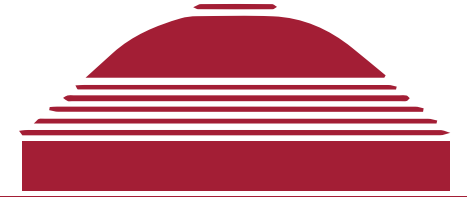
Alumni Relations Subcommittee



Event: Alumni Chat w/ Miguel Paredes (Chief AI Officer at Rimac) on Feb. 11th



Advising Subcommittee



1,081 Responses!

~ 20% of eligible MIT Students

MIT enrollment

Master's: 2,773

PhD: 3,956

Total: 6,893

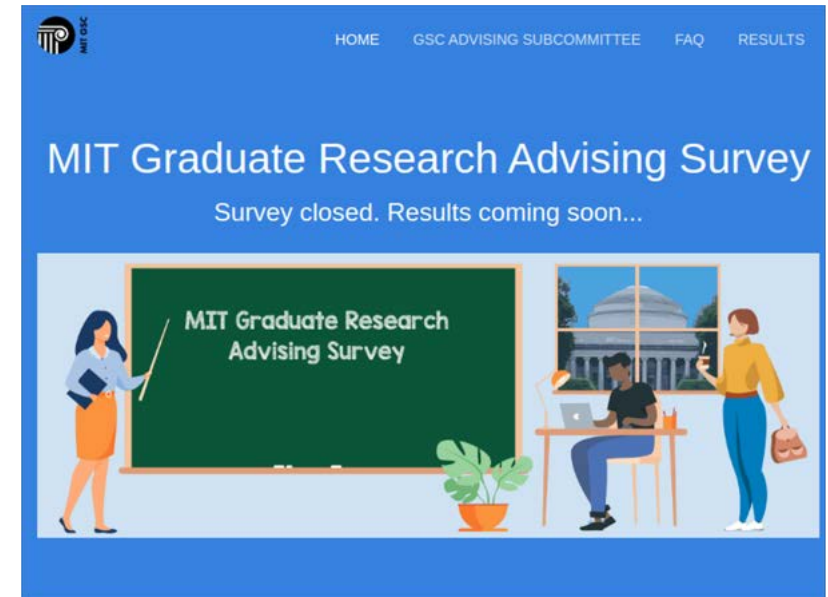
MIT enrollment (without MBA, EECS

MEng)

Master's: 1,087 (1686 MBA + MEng)

PhD: 3,956

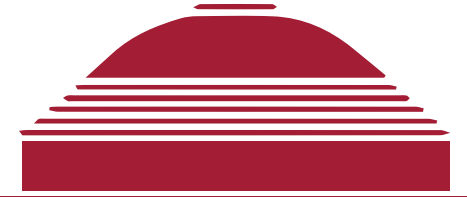
Total: 5,043



Next Steps: Analyze and prepare results!

Goal: Results by end of Spring 2021





Interested in joining ARC?

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



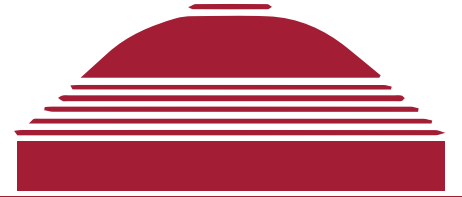
Activities Committee

Chairs: Henry Tran and Somayajulu Dhulipala

Email: gsc-ac@mit.edu



Updates from February 2021



Past events –

- **2/14 – HarvardxMIT Valentine’s Day event** - Partnered with Datamatch and Harvard to help students find love/friendship on Valentine's day. Sponsored free dinner/dates \$20 per person. We had around **1857 people** sign-up for both schools!!

Upcoming events –

- **May 2021 – MIT Talent Show** – Students can participate in teams of up to 5 people. Interest Declaration Deadline: March 14, 2021. Prizes (TBD) for teams that make a successful submission.
- **HarvardxMITxStanford Game Night** – March 19th
- **Alehouse music event** – End of March
- **Chocolate tasting** – First week of April
- **Wine and Opera** – Mid April



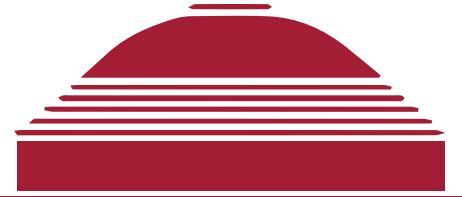
Association of Student Activities

President: Rebecca Black

Email: gsc-asa@mit.edu



ASA Updates



- Starting to plan CP* Midway → gather.town???
 - Tentative date/time April 17th, 1-3 PM EST
- GBM will be April 5th, 5-7 PM EST
 - We're recruiting our next board!
- Spring group applications are OPEN (asa.mit.edu)
- LEF/ARCADE Applications have been and will stay open
 - take our money please



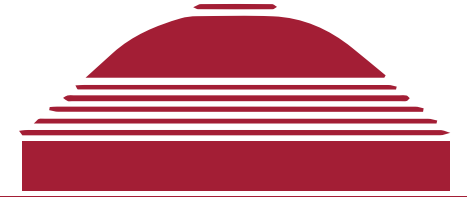
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Chair: Bianca Lepe

E-mail: gsc-diversity@mit.edu



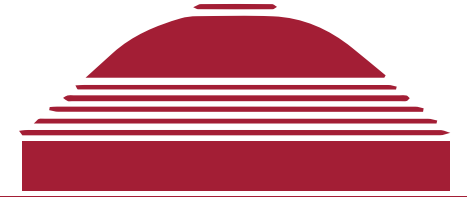
DEI Committee: What's happened



- **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 gather feedback at these sessions to incorporate
- **Looking to join GSC DEI?**
 - We are recruiting for the upcoming year 😊
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair, Department & Inclusion
 - C-reps: Disabilities, First Gen-Low Income



DEI Committee: Data Info + Events



- 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



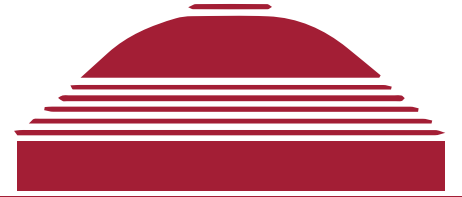
External Affairs Board

Chair: Jordan Harrod

E-mail: gsc-eab@mit.edu



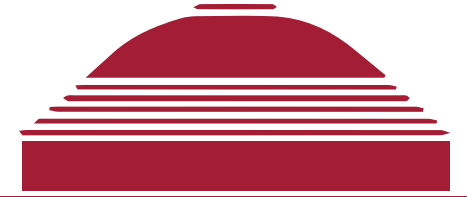
March 2021 Updates



- 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
- [February 2021 Meeting Notes](#)



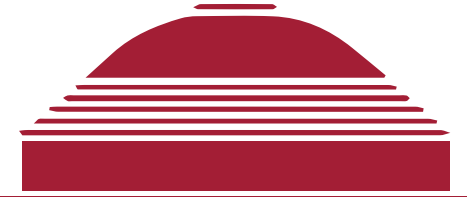
Upcoming Events + Advocacy



- 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!
- Advocacy Topics + Events
 - Student Wellbeing and Mental Health
 - LGBTQ+ Issues
 - Accessibility
 - Climate Policy
- 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

MIT'S INAUGURAL

RESEARCH SLAM!

FEATURING  **3MT**[®] **THREE MINUTE THESIS**
FOUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND



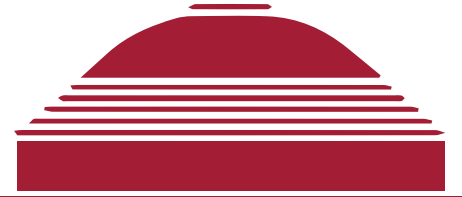
Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Chairs: Jonathan Behrens and Denise Tellbach

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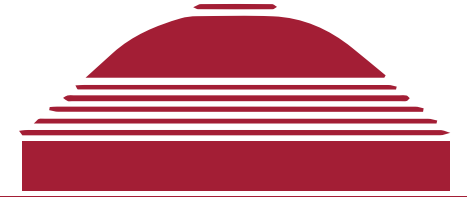
301 Vassar Residence



- Will contain a mixture of studios, 1-bed, 2-bed, and 4-bed apartments
- Working its way through the city approval process
 - Had a hearing at the Cambridge Planning Board
- Rents are still uncertain. Hoping for estimates by April
 - We expect they'll be relatively similar to Site 4



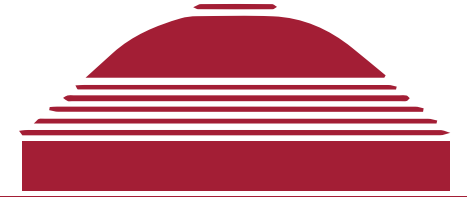
Stipend Recommendations



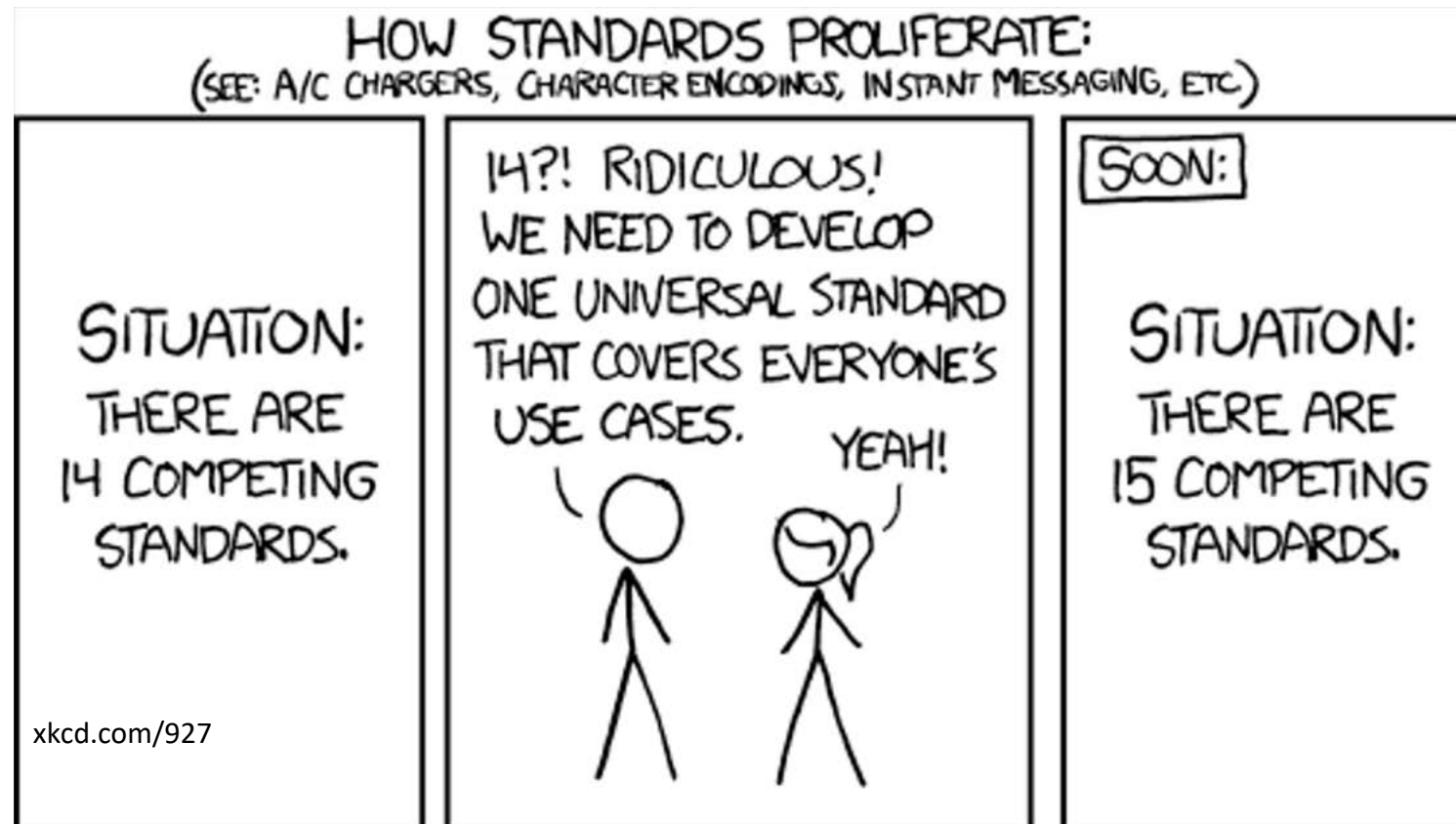
- Ongoing process to assemble presentation for the Deans Council on March 16th
- Currently running peer-competitiveness analysis
- Presenting to Faculty & Staff Members this Friday, March 12th
- Contact gsc-hca-advocacy-chair@mit.edu to learn more or get involved



Office of Student Wellbeing



- Proposed new centralized location for students to access resources related to wellbeing...



Muddy Charles Pub Board

Chair: Jennifer Kaczmarek

E-mail: gsc-muddy@mit.edu



The Muddy Charles Pub wants you!



- It would be *super cool* if we had you as a part of the Muddy Charles Pub Board!
- The board is **always** excited to have *new graduate student members!*
- **Next meeting 03/08/2020**
@ 7 PM eastern

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

ZOOM LINK:

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/93266025675?pwd=Y2ppOFkwdk9EL1JONXNFbmtMek52QT09>

Link is also on GSC calendar!!



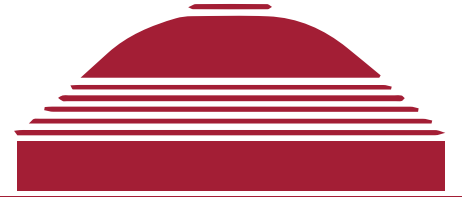
Orientation Committee

Chairs: Shashank Agarwal and Maytee Chantharayukhonthorn

E-mail: gsc-oc@mit.edu



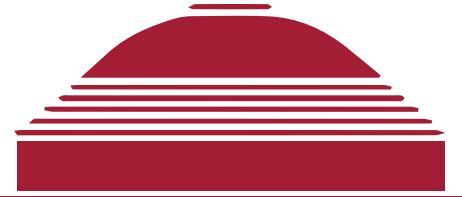
Care Packages



- Working with COOP, MITFCU and GradRat on a care package for 1st years
- Care packages packaged, mailing this week



Planning for Fall 2021



- **Orientation is recruiting!**
 - Meeting with new committee members next Monday, March 8th:
 - <https://mit.zoom.us/j/94262615131>
 - Email gsc-oc-chair@mit.edu if you are interested in shaping orientation for our newest graduate students!



Open Floor

