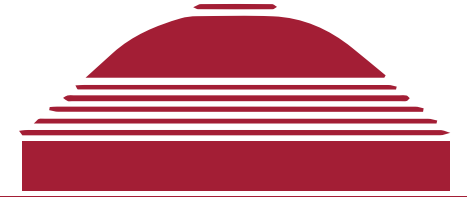


April GCM



Agenda



1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
 - New faces
 - Quorum check*
 - Approval of March minutes*
2. GSC Officer Elections (5:40-6:40)*
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
3. GSC EAB Elections (6:40-7:00)
4. Committee updates (7:00-7:15)
5. Open Floor (7:15-7:30)

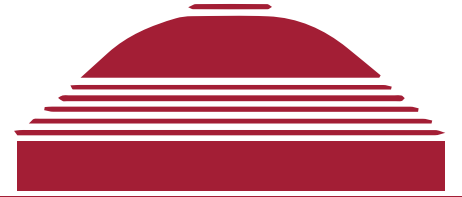
*Requires a vote



Election of GSC Officers



Election Procedure:



“Election Procedures will be as follows:

1. All candidates for a position will give a speech of no more than five minutes.
2. The Council will have the chance to ask questions of the candidates. All questions will be addressed to all the candidates and will be answered in the following order: the first question will be answered first by the first candidate, second by the second candidate, etc.; the second question will be answered first by the second candidate, second by the third candidate, etc., and the first candidate will answer this question last.
3. The candidates will be asked to leave the room and closed-ballot voting will take place. Voters will be asked to list the candidates in order of preference and the votes will be counted using the full preferential method. If no one receives a majority of first choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first place votes will be eliminated and his/hers votes will go to the candidate that was listed as a second choice. This process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of the votes. If at the end of this process, there are two or more candidates with an equal number of votes, but no majority of the votes, all other candidates are eliminated and another vote will be held, using the above procedure involving only the candidates not eliminated. In the case of a deadlock between two or more candidates, defined as three consecutive tied votes, the winner shall be chosen by a fair random method, e.g. a coin flip.”

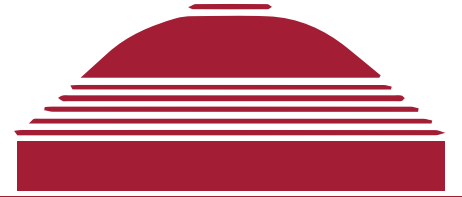
-[GSC Bylaws](#), Article IV



EAB Elections



Procedure



“The Board shall be managed by the External Affairs Chair. The External Affairs Chair shall have a term of one year, which starts and ends at the same time as the term of the GSC Officers, and shall be elected by the General Council. The Chair shall set the agenda for all Board meetings, preside over Board meetings, execute the budget of the Board, and direct the activities of the Subcommittees of the Board. The Chair shall hold one vote in the General Council and one vote on the Executive Committee.”

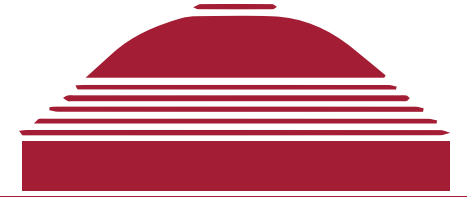
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Officer Updates



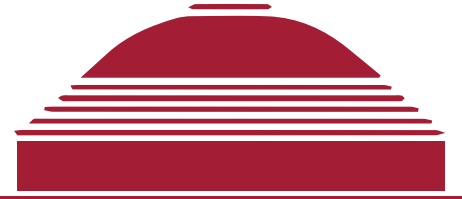
Research funding extensions



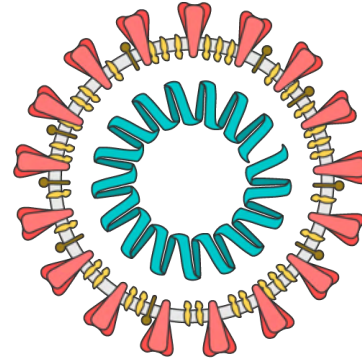
- Programs with fixed-term funding (i.e. a flat five years) were already problematic before COVID
- Now grad students in those programs have suffered serious research delays
- Institute leadership have expressed a commitment to funding extensions for the time each researcher lost to COVID-19
- Presidential Memo went out Monday detailing how to access this funding if you are near the end of your package
- **Wording in the GSC memo was vetted by the Provost's Office – it is NOT a contradiction of guidance departments have received**



How has COVID-19 impacted your research?



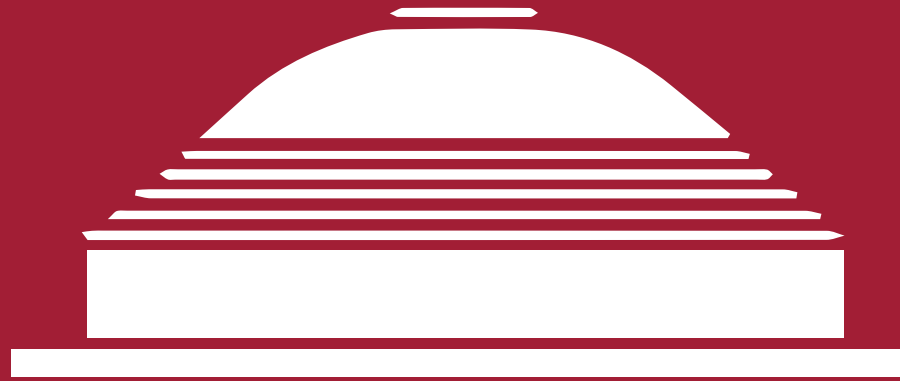
- The GSC and MIT COVID Relief want to know so we can advocate for you!
- So we designed a short survey
- And we need as many people as possible to take it:



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<https://forms.gle/9VGSPmZrrTzPXd2eA>



Committee Updates



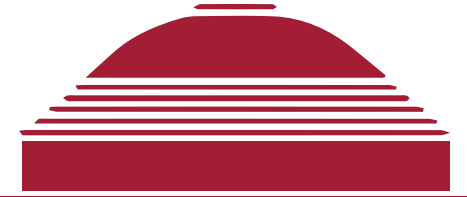
Academics, Research and Careers Committee

Chairs: Emre Ergeçen and Simone Bruno

Email: gsc-arc@mit.edu



Committee updates



- Next events:

- 1) **PhD/MBA connector** : PhD students will have the possibility to pitch their research projects to Sloan MBA students

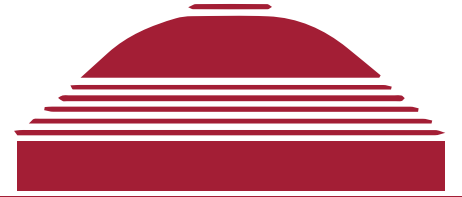
- 2) **ARC monthly meeting**  Election for the new co-chairs!

When: Thursday. April 29th, 6:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://mit.zoom.us/j/93875536330>



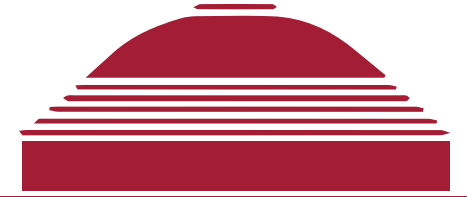
VISTA Subcommittee



- No visiting students allowed to come to campus during Spring 2021
- Visiting student program should start again on September 2021



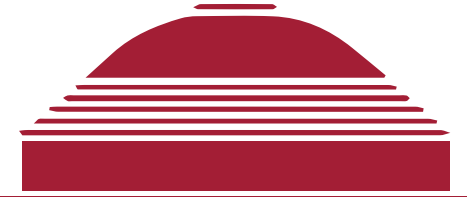
Alumni Relations Subcommittee



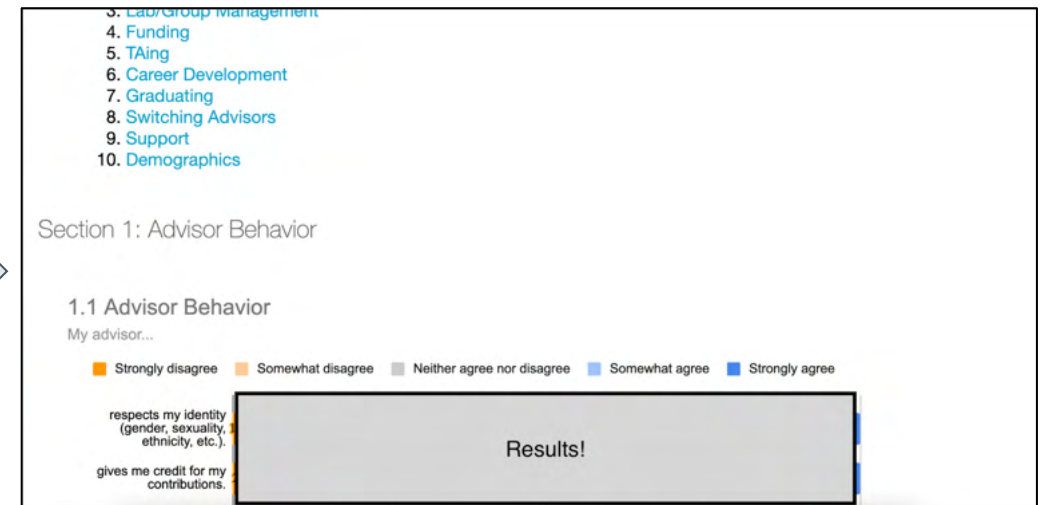
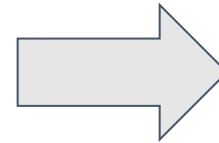
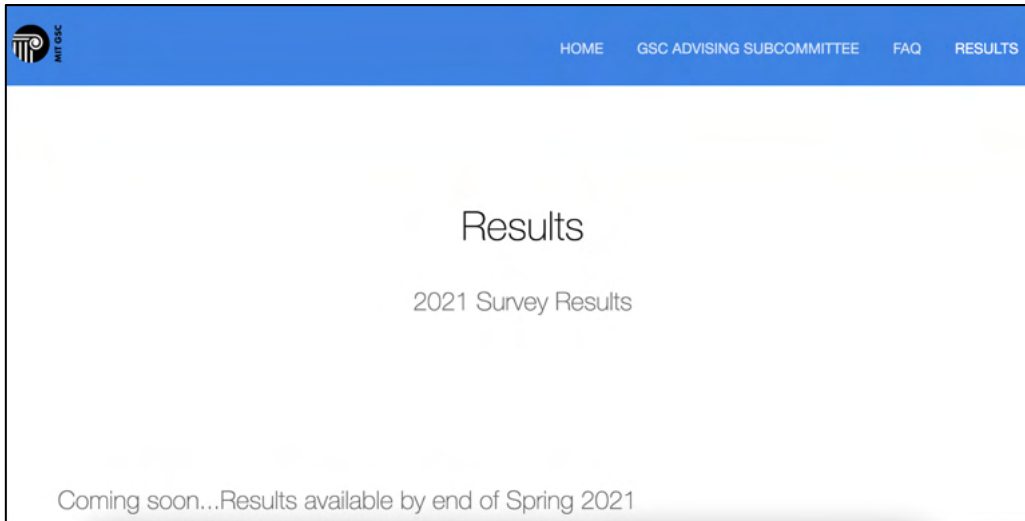
Alumni Fireside Chat w/ Wardah Inam: cozy + intimate group and highly productive discussion



Advising Subcommittee



20% of PhD students responded!



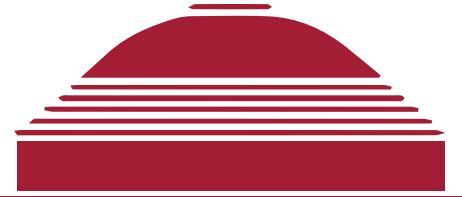
Institute-wide results being released Monday, April 12

gsc.mit.edu/advising-survey/results

Graphs + Executive Summary



Interested in joining ARC?



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



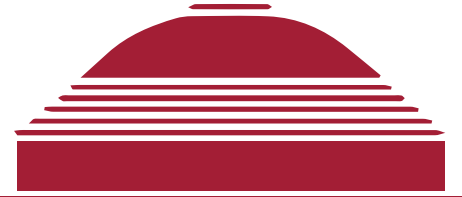
Activities Committee

Chairs: Henry Tran and Somayajulu Dhulipala

Email: gsc-ac@mit.edu



Updates from March 2021



Upcoming events –

- **May 2021 – MIT Talent Show** – Students can participate in teams of up to 5 people. Prizes (TBD) for teams that make a successful submission.
- **HarvardxMITxStanford Game Night** – April 16th ,8PM
- **MFA Basquiat “Writing the Future” and conversation with hip-hop artist Billy Dean Thomas** – April 15th, 7PM
- **Matt Burns of Magnum Opus Tasting Concerts** – Week of April 26th
- **Improv Asylum Live show** – Early May
- **Purcell Society Alehouse event** – Mid May



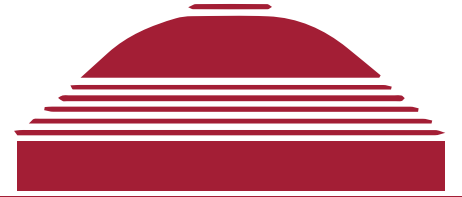
Association of Student Activities

President: Rebecca Black

Email: gsc-asa@mit.edu



ASA Updates



- CP* Midway will be on gather.town!
- We had our GBM and elected a new board!
- Next year is going to be a space cycle with a new space oversight board
- Re-recognition starts soon!
- Transition workshop 4/28 – life is chaotic, don't let the transfer of power be as well



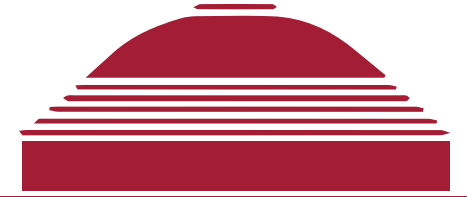
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Chair: Bianca Lepe

E-mail: gsc-diversity@mit.edu



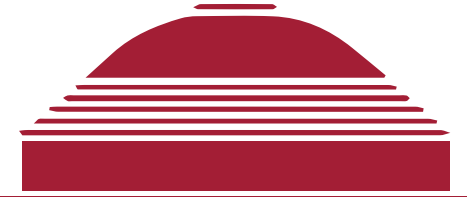
DEI Committee: What's happened



- DEI@MIT Strategic Plan Update
 - First draft of the plan is live!!!!
 - Please read over and send your comments at: <https://deiactionplan.mit.edu/>
 - There will be a community engagement session for GSC DEI on Wednesday April 14th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Looking to join GSC DEI?
 - We are recruiting for the upcoming year 😊
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair, Department & Inclusion
 - C-reps: Disabilities, First Gen-Low Income
 - We are having an open office hours so folks can learn more about the committee and open positions – **April 16th from 1:30 – 2:30 pm**
 - Zoom Link: <https://mit.zoom.us/j/94265639517>



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](#)
- Next Committee Meeting: *Mon. April 12 from 9-10 am @ [Zoom](#)*

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu



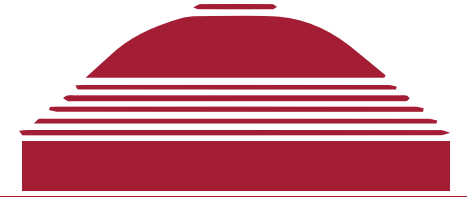
External Affairs Board

Chair: Jordan Harrod

E-mail: gsc-eab@mit.edu



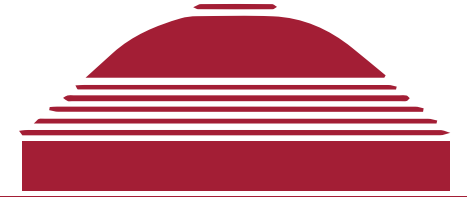
April 2021 Updates



- Statements Passed:
 - Graduate Student Mental Health Federal Advocacy Initiative
 - Code Modification Proposal Regarding All-Gender Restrooms
 - Opinion Piece in Support of the Endless Frontier Act
 - Reforming Policing and Public Safety Infrastructure
- [March 2021 EAB Meeting Notes](#)



Upcoming Events + Advocacy



- Recruiting for Board Leadership Positions!
 - No Experience Necessary!
 - Looking for a Public Outreach Chair
 - Also have openings on State and Local Affairs
 - Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu if you're interested!
- Advocacy Topics + Events
 - Student Wellbeing and Mental Health
 - LGBTQ+ Issues
 - Accessibility
 - Climate Policy
 - Tech Transfer/Commercialization
- Welcoming New Members! Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu



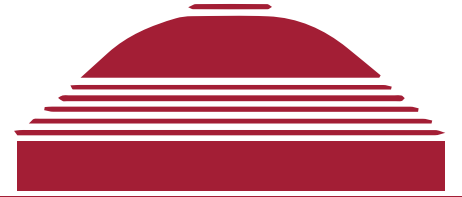
Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Chairs: Jonathan Behrens and Denise Tellbach

E-mail: gsc-hca@mit.edu



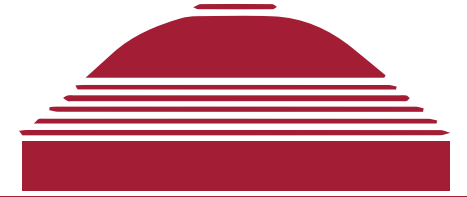
301 Vassar Residence



- Working its way through the city approval process
 - City requested some design changes which are being reviewed by President Reif and will be submitted to city soon
- Rents are still uncertain. Hoping to hear estimates by May
 - We fear they'll be relatively similar to Site 4



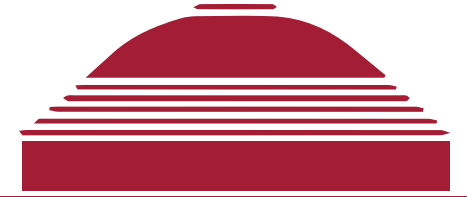
Stipend Recommendations



- Presentation to the Deans Council on March 16th
 - Received a positive response
 - Formation of a group to identify fundraising targets for family support
- Should hear this month whether our suggested 4.5% increase for AY22 was adopted.
- Contact gsc-hca-advocacy-chair@mit.edu to learn more or get involved



Health Insurance Enrollment

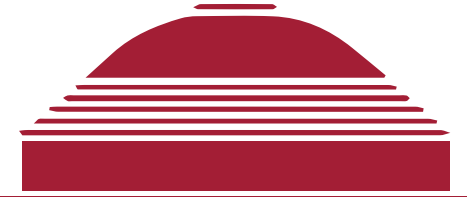


- Multiple groups of students experienced health insurance enrollment issues with Gallagher throughout the past year
 - Enrollment of dependents was extremely rocky in summer 2020
 - M.Arch Feb. 2021 graduates had their health insurance terminated multiple times this year without notice
 - Gallagher's customer service is abysmal
- Let us know if you or your constituents have any issues:

gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu



Housing License Agreement Renewal



- Renewal period ends: **April 8th**
- Residents with and without renewable license agreements are eligible for renewal this year
- Some residents with non-renewable licenses had issues renewing
- Contact us if you or your constituents are having issues:

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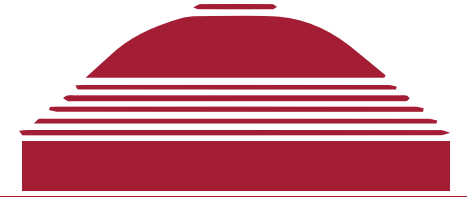
Muddy Charles Pub Board

Chair: Jennifer Kaczmarek

E-mail: gsc-muddy@mit.edu



The Muddy Charles Pub wants *you!*



- Come be a part of the Muddy Charles Pub Board, it is the way.
- The board is looking for *new graduate student members!*
- **Next meeting 04/12/2020**
@ 7 PM eastern



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



Orientation Committee

Chairs: Shashank Agarwal and Maytee Chantharayukhonthorn

E-mail: gsc-oc@mit.edu



Planning for Fall 2021



- **Orientation is recruiting!**
 - Email gsc-oc-chair@mit.edu if you are interested in shaping orientation for our newest graduate students!
 - Orientation this upcoming year is both a welcome to new students and a welcome back to everyone!
 - Planning for a virtual Summer, hybrid Fall



Open Floor

