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Graduate Student Council

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Date: June 2, 2021

Time: 05:30PM EDT

Venue: Zoom

Notes By: Akshit Singla

Agenda + Notes

*Requires a vote

- Introduction (5:30-5:40)
 - New faces
 - Rebecca Spiewak
 - Iulia-Madalina Streanga
 - Quorum check*
 - GSC Rep voting member attendance = 31
 - Total GSC Rep Seats = 72
 - Vacancies = 28
 - Required for quorum = 31
 - Approval of April minutes*
 - Approval of May minutes*
- FY22 Budget Vote (5:40-6:10)
 - Introduction + Process by VP
 - Presentation of updates by Treasurer + Vote on committee budget items*
 - ExComm:
 - 15\$/person for food reimbursements in meetings
 - Archivist - was approved last year, but was not in the budget as it was a late decision
 - ExComm Retreat - Carry over from last year due to COVID
 - Nominations Board:
 - Provisions for an additional meeting (2.2b) - to meet with representatives for feedback collection
 - 2a & 2b = Large meetings (>50 people), so 10\$ budget.
 - Also, in-person meetings - so collective food-order
 - Funding Board
 - Increased FB allocation by 15% - to support students after COVID
 - Supplemental Fund - Discretionary distribution to student groups
 - Is this one-time? - Opinion to keep it further
 - Student Life Fee is NOT allocated proportionately between grad students &



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undergrad students today

- Sustainability Grant - Currently not administered by Funding Board, but by Sustainability sub-committee
- Publicity & Publications
 - Meeting food increased to 15\$
 - [AI] Check if we already have access to Photoshop as students, so can save on that expense
- ASA - no changes
- AC
 - Sometimes we also offer transportation for some events - which is a variable cost
 - Waiting for in-person guidance from MIT - In-person events may be allowed from late summer
- ARC
 - Meeting food increase
 - "Travel Grant" renamed to "Travel Grant and Conference Grant" - Easier to track registration fees, etc. in one line item
- HCA
 - Re-org:
 - Wellness Subcommittee cancelled
 - iRefs - new subcommittee
 - Budget overall - no main changes
- OC
 - No chair yet, so budget is tentative
 - Main changes - # of participants (+50%)
 - Because previous cohort missed it
 - Info / partner events - not changed
 - Discretionary Funding for chairs because:
 - Flexibility
 - Urgent expenses, while GCMs happen only once a month
- Muddy Charles Board - no funding through GSC
- External Affairs Board
 - Participation Fee
 - Not hosting this year
 - New items like media subscriptions, etc.
- DEI
 - Meetings - cost per person increased



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- “Conference Travel” - separated as new line item for accounting simplicity
- Funding for popular events
- Can’t use GSC funds to pay speakers, only partner with different offices who can for this
- Funding Board Election (6:10-6:20)*
 - Introduction by Treasurer
 - Process sharing by President
 - Open stage for self-nominations - no nominations
 - 2 min candidate speeches:
 - Webster Guan (Member from last year’s board)
 - Open stage for discussions about candidates + Voting
 - Results = Webster Guan wins by 34 approvals
- Nominations Board Election (6:20-7:00)*
 - Intro + Process by President
 - Job description by Vice President
 - Candidate Speeches/Bios
 - 1. Saba Nejad (Bio read by Shayan)
 - 2. Dionysios Panagiotopoulos (Bio read by Shayan)
 - 3. Xiaoyue Gong (Speech)
 - 4. Yifan Su (Speech)
 - 5. Rishi Shah (Speech)
 - 6. Rory Mather (Speech)
 - 7. Tesla Wells (Speech)
 - 8. Nasr Sattar (Speech)
 - Open stage for discussions about candidates + Voting
 - Results = Tesla, Rishi, Rory
- Motion to Vote
 - Resolution to Modify the Housing Representatives for Future Dorms
 - Amendment = Passed, 31 approvals
- Officer Updates
 - COVID-19 restrictions are coming down gradually
 - Orientation will be full scale
 - New Chancellor search process beginning
 - MIT has federal funding for COVID funding extensions
 - Committee vacancies
- Committee Updates (7:00-7:15)
 - AC
 - Past events



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- Tasting concerts, Improv Event, Purcell Society Alehouse

- MIT came second in Harvard-MIT-Stanford Game night

- Upcoming Events - Talent showcase, Exhibit Tour

- Monthly meetings - free food, new event ideas, free tickets

- ARC

- New co-chair: Yifan Wu

- Upcoming events - PhD<>MBA Connector, Patent Strategy Webinar Series

- Alumni Relation Subcommittee - New chair: Emre Ergecen

- Advising Subcommittees - Survey results, welcoming new members

- ASA

- Group applications - 9 of 20 approved

- Group re-recognition - ~60% completed, planned not to de-recognize any

- Engage retired, switching to CampusGroups

- DEI

- Strategic Plan - work in progress

- Recruiting!

- Open invitation to meetings

- EAB

- No statements passed in last month

- New at-large members elected

- Upcoming Events

- Recruiting

- May Newsletter here: <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=c003816cb04d61e1a42ccb876&id=20c01df693>

- HCA

- Revenue & Cost modelling

- Family Support

- Undergrads might be allocated Grad Housing

- Maintenance Requests

- Muddy Charles Pub

- Recruiting

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

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- Rishi Shah
- Hamid Doost Hosseini
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- Thomas Murphy
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- Mary Dahl
- Jay Patel
- Declan Gaylo
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