Date: July 7, 2021  
Time: 05:30PM EDT  
Venue: Zoom  
Notes By: Akshit Singla

**Agenda + Notes**

*Requires a vote*

- **Introductions**
  - Quorum met - 32 votes - 05:44PM

- **Officer & Committee Updates**
  - **AC**: Somu
    - GSC Talent Showcase - June 4th
    - Upcoming
      - Self-paced Red Sox game - Sunday August 15, 2021 - Awaiting MIT approval
      - MFA Monet Exhibit Tour - August - Planning in progress
    - Open positions with perks!
  - **ARC**: Simone
    - Upcoming events
      - PhD/MBA Connector - Early Fall - Planning in progress
      - In-Person Networking event - Summer - Awaiting MIT approval
      - Patent Strategy - Fall 2021 - Planning in progress
  - **VISTA**
    - No visiting students allowed during Spring 2021
    - New applications will be accepted over Fall 2022 for IAP/Spring 2023
  - **Alumni Relations**
    - Upcoming Events
      - Fireside Chats - Fall
      - GSC Alumni networking event - Fall
    - Advising Subcommittee
      - [Advising survey results](#) - communication to different stakeholders
      - Upcoming Events
      - Open positions!
  - **ASA**: Vincent
    - Migration to CampusLabs - ongoing
    - Walker Memorial access - Early August
      - Currently - on demand
    - Space re-allocations - early discussions ongoing
    - Event registration form - working now
    - Food distribution guidelines stay in place
  - **DEI**: Bianca
    - DEI Strategic Plan - 1st version of draft - Pushed back to Fall
      - Plan will now cover 2022-27
    - Open positions!
    - Data access requests welcome!
    - Upcoming events
• EAB: Jordan
  - Statements passed
    • Endorsement of COVID-19 Student Corps
    • Endorsement of the EAGLE Act
    • Amendment to the NSF For the Future Act
  - Subscribe for monthly newsletter!
  - Open positions!
  - Upcoming Events + Advocacy
    • Policy Platform Update
    • Orientation + Recruitment Events
    • Advocacy - Climate Change, Student wellbeing & Mental Health

• HCA: Denise
  - Summer Focus - Revenue Cost Model, Family Support
  - Connecting with Institute committee reps
  - Demand from UGs - lower than expected (was expected to be higher this year, which would’ve affected grad housing)
  - “Maintenance Request” Poster - will be posted in dorms
    • Designed by GSC’s Creative Media Manager

• Muddy Charles Pub: Jennifer
  - Planning & Forming sub-committee for re-opening
  - Open for volunteers to join soft openings, etc.

• OC: Akshit
  - Tentative Schedule
  - Open positions!

• Officer Updates
  - COVID-19 policy updates coming tomorrow
  - HEERF Funding Update
    • Federal Relief grant for MIT - focussed at graduate students - to help with COVID-19 induced expenses
    • Pushed down to September
    • Putting together a system to make these requests
  - Commencement Speakers - open for recommendations - send to AJ (GSC, president)
  - GSC BBQ - Planning for mid/late August
  - New Chancellor announced - Planning to meet later next month
  - Communicating with ALL graduate students - Engage is retired, working with IS&T to find a solution
  - New Budget Tracker
  - Access to Walker - Early August
  - Funding Board completed first cycle
  - Re-orientation for 2nd year students - as they missed 2020
    • Encouraging departments to do the same
  - Open positions!
    • DEI Chair
    • Orientation Chair
    • Institution Committees

• Nominations Board
  - Open positions!
  - Ad-hoc committee on Graduate Advising & Mentoring
- Certain miscommunications - being resolved with the institute committee

- Policy Platform Update
  - Policy Platform - A document that mentions the scope of what GSC can comment/work on.
    - Available on GSC website
  - Update Proposal
    - Under Higher Education section - (1) Tax policies which benefit graduate students
      - Rationale: Issue came up during COVID-19, GSC-EAB felt it didn’t fall under any other sections
    - Under Higher Education section - (2), (3)
      - Focused on international students interested in entrepreneurship, etc.
    - Platform Item 28 - wording updated to remove “productive”
      - Rationale: “Productive” can be defined subjectively

- COVID-19 Graduate Research Impact Survey results presentation
  - Survey was conducted over Spring 2021
  - (Survey Results + Funding Extensions advocacy)

- Q&A
  - Impact & plans for MIT Libraries
  - Recommendation: Publish data visualizations
  - Communication with Administrators
    - Preliminary presentation to Deans’ offices
    - [Potential] GSC equivalents in other universities

- Open Floor
  - [Noam] Recommendation: Opening up GSC funding to events that are not open to all graduate students
    - Potential project - Analyze the value recouped by students (as they pay student life fee)
    - Potential advocacy project - Help department-level student groups get funds for their activities
Attendees

- Katherine Taylor
- Syed Shayan Zahid
- Bernardo Aceituno
- Jaume
- Jatin Patil
- Simone Bruno
- Akshit
- Ruoxuan Yang
- Olivia Pfeiffer
- Bianca Lepe
- Yuxing Wang
- Ethan Klein
- Jennifer Kaczmarek
- Sam Humphries
- Cormac
- Ignacio Arzuaga
- Xinning Liu
- Bharat Khurana
- Simar Kaur Matteval
- Steven Burcat
- Thomas Murphy
- Jordan Harrod
- Marie Feng
- Adam Solomon
- Sandra Liu
- Hamid Doost Hosseini
- James Siderius
- William Boag
- Anil Palepu
- Mary Dahl
- Noam Buckman
- Somayajulu Dhulipala
- Jonathan Behrens

- Iulia Streanga
- Denise Tellbach
- Pedro De Vasconcellos Oporto
- Yuexuan Zu
- AJ Miller