



Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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 2022
 - 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

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- EAB: Jordan
 - Statements passed
 - Endorsement of COVID-19 Student Corps
 - Endorsement of the EAGLE Ac
 - 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



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- 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

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