July 2021 GSC GCM

68th Council, 2nd Meeting
Agenda

1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
   c. Approval of June minutes*
2. Officer and Committee Updates (5:40-6:00)
3. Policy Platform Update (6:00-6:30)
   a. Presented by Jordan Harrod, Mason Ng, and Jack Reid
   a. Presented by Madeleine Sutherland and Yadav Gowda
   b. Followed by Q&A
5. Open Floor (6:50-7:00)

*Requires a vote
Committee Updates
Activities Committee

Ruoxuan Yang & Somayajulu Dhulipala
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Updates from June 2021

Past events –

• GSC Talent Showcase – Viewing party - June 4th, 5 PM – 6 PM. We had 13 entries. Lots of fun!!

Upcoming events -

• GSC Self-paced Red Sox game - Sunday August 15th, 2021 at 9:00 PM. The first 50 students who register can go to one Red Sox game in Fenway Park on any day from July 1 to Aug 15 and enjoy a $9 subsidy. A watch party will be on Aug 17 @ Yankees.

• Monet Exhibit tour (MFA) – August
Join us

• Reach us at gsc-ac@mit.edu
• Next Meeting – July 16th, 6:30 PM (https://mit.zoom.us/j/96071232997). As always there’s free food!
• We are looking for members to help organize several different events this year.
Academics, Research, and Careers Committee

Simone Bruno
Yifan Wu
gsc-arc-chair@mit.edu
Committee updates

- ARC Chairs:
  - Simone Bruno
  - Yifan Wu

Upcoming events:

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

   → We decided to postpone it on September since now MBA students are busy with summer internships

2) Planning a networking event (in person) over Summer

3) Planning the organization of the **Fall 2021 Webinar Series on Patent Strategy**
VISTA Subcommittee

- No visiting students allowed to come to campus during Spring 2021
- Visiting student program will start again on January 2022 (newsletter sent out last week)
Alumni Relations Subcommittee

Alumni relations subcommittee is looking for new members! If interested, please reach out to gsc-alumni-relations-chair@mit.edu

Upcoming events:
- Fireside chats - starting from August
- GSC Alumni networking event - upcoming fall (hopefully in person)
Advising Subcommittee

What have we been up to?

Presenting results to....
- Ad Hoc Committee on Mentoring & Advising

Analyzing Department-specific results
- “How do departments differ from the rest of their school?”

Preparing for communications to departments

Interested seeing in MIT-wide results?
Visit: gsc.mit.edu/advising-survey/results

Our first meeting this summer was today

- Topics discussed:
  - What are our summer priorities?
  - Continuing projects:
    - Advising Survey
    - Advising 101
Interested in joining ARC?

Feel free to reach us anytime through gsc-arc-chair@mit.edu
Association of Student Activities

Presented by Vincent Zu, GSC Treasurer
asa-president@mit.edu
President: Alex Bookbinder (Undergrad)
ASA Updates

• Finishing up the migration to CampusGroups, working on integration with the data warehouse

• Planning to resume student group office access in early August, email sole@mit.edu to request access now

• Planning on a few space reallocations in Walker and in W20

• Event registration form working now: https://cglink.me/2cy/s7
  • Food must be individually packed
  • Required to take attendance for contact tracing
  • No capacity restrictions (up to space capacity) for CovidPass users, still figuring out how to admit non-CovidPass participants
  • Will push SOLE to update their website for event guidelines
DEI Committee

Bianca Lepe
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
DEI Committee: What’s happened

• **DEI@MIT Strategic Plan Update**
  • Finalizing changes to the plan in August through meetings with administration
  • Launch of the 2nd draft of the strategic plan has been pushed back until late September/early October
  • Timeline of the plan has been adjusted to 2022-2027

• **Looking to join GSC DEI?**
  • We are recruiting for the upcoming year 😊
    • Chair, Treasurer
    • C-reps: Religious Life
DEI Committee: Data Info + Events

• Ongoing Data Access
  • Graduate Enrolled Student Survey: data request form
  • Black Lives Matter: departmental scorecard

• Upcoming Events:
  • Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm: DEI Coordinator Meetings @ Zoom
    • To be continued in August

• Next Committee Meeting: tbd in August

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu
External Affairs Board

Chair: Jordan Harrod

gsc-eab@mit.edu
June 2021 Updates

• Statements Passed
  • Endorsement of COVID-19 Student Corps
  • Endorsement of the EAGLE Act
  • Amendment to the NSF for the Future Act

• Met with staffers of several Representatives to discuss and advocate for an amendment to the NSF for the Future Act that would authorize NSF to fund research addressing root causes of graduate student mental health.
  • This amendment was adopted by Representative Susan Wild (D, PA-07) and passed during the markup on Tuesday, June 16th.

• June 2021 EAB Meeting Notes
• June Grad Advocacy Newsletter
Upcoming Events + Advocacy

• Recruiting for Board Leadership Positions!
  • No Experience Necessary!
  • Looking for a Public Outreach Chair
  • Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu if you’re interested!

• Advocacy Topics + Events
  • Policy Platform Update
  • Orientation/Recruitment
  • Climate Change
  • Student Wellbeing and Mental Health

• Welcoming New Members! Reach out to gsc-eab@mit.edu
Housing & Community Affairs

Jonathan Behrens
Denise Tellbach
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HCA Advocacy Subcommittee

Summer Focus

- Revenue & Cost model for West Campus Grad Dorm
- Family Support

Contact gsc-hca-advocacy-chair@mit.edu to learn more or get involved in future work
Undergrads in Grad Housing AY21/22

• Demand from undergraduates for graduate housing seems low as far as we heard
Maintenance Requests

- Contact us with any questions or concerns: gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
- Design by: Creative Media Manager services for the GSC
Muddy Charles pub

Jennifer Kaczmarek
jkacz@mit.edu
The Muddy Charles Pub wants you!

- As we begin planning for reopening (we do not have a date) the board is looking for graduate student input!

- **Next meeting 07/12/2021 @ 7 PM eastern**
  - Zoom link: https://mit.zoom.us/j/95834398821?pwd=eEFqT281VmJ1RE52S3VQZzZYZTY0UT09

- **Email Jennifer with any questions**
  - gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
Orientation Committee

Akshit Singla, GSC Secretary (temp)
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Tentative Schedule

Bolded work with general schedule (August through Labor Day) & Office of the First Year. Grayed are pending standard events CAC needs to send confirmation of actual spaces for us to register them in Atlas.

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<td>Sunday, August 29, 2021</td>
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<td>2021 Grad Welcome Lunch with President Reif</td>
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<td>Grad Students of Color Welcome Reception</td>
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<td>GSC’s Open House/ Welcome</td>
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GSC orientation team makes every effort to protect 9am-Noon and 2pm-5pm:
• for departments’ orientation events/ trainings
• or for new students to take care of business like setting up wifi, license/ parking permits or other off-campus business.
Officer Updates
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- Updated Covid-19 policy coming tomorrow
  - We haven’t been told the specific changes (assuming they’re the changes for the Fall we were told about)
- HEERF Funding Update
  - Pushed back to September for student requests
- Commencement Speaker
  - We need to submit a ranked list at the August meeting
- GSC BBQ
  - Planning for Mid-Late August
- New Chancellor announced
- Issues emailing all graduate students
Officer Updates

• New Budget Tracker
  • Grubhub or RFP for tonight
• Access to Walker coming back in early August
• Funding board completed first cycle
• Adding Reorientation for 2020 students
  • Ensure all students a proper introduction to the MIT community
  • Encouraging departments to do the same
• Open positions
  • Still looking for DEI and Orientation chairs
  • You can still apply for institute committees if you missed the deadline
Officer Updates – Nominations

• Nominations are being updated with more vacancies – We encourage you to apply!
  • Applications being reviewed on a rolling basis
  • Contact gsc-vp@mit.edu with any questions

• Ad-hoc Committee on Graduate Advising and Mentoring
  • 10 graduate students, out of which 2 were endorsed by the GSC as “interim” members
  • Other 8 graduate students appointed by faculty and staff to represent graduate students
    • High priority concern – Meeting with committee chairs and OVC about this
Old Business
New Business
Platform Policy Update

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EAB
Covid-19 Research Impact Survey Results Presentation

Madeleine Sutherland and Yadav Gowda
Open Floor