



# Graduate Student Council

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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## A Resolution To Update the Policy Platform of the Graduate Student Council

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*Whereas*, graduate students at MIT are stakeholders in policy issues at MIT and at all levels of government; and

*Whereas*, the External Affairs Board (EAB, or “the Board”) shall coordinate the external affairs and activities of the GSC, including statements of the positions of the GSC or the graduate student body on issues of significance to the welfare of graduate students at MIT; and

*Whereas*, the Board is responsible for assisting the GSC in development of its policy positions by submitting proposed Policy Platform updates for consideration and approval by the membership; and

*Whereas*, graduate students at MIT are subject to domestic and/or international tax policies; and

*Whereas*, graduate students at MIT often go on to attempt to secure patents or otherwise protect their intellectual property, and may wish to found companies or commercialize research during or after their time at MIT; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the text included in Appendix 1 of this resolution be appended to the end of the Policy Platform section entitled “Higher Education Funding” (Item 1) and “Promoting Research” (Items 2 and 3), with appropriate numbering, and that Policy Platform item number 28 be amended as shown in Appendix 1.

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## Appendix 1

1. Tax policies which benefit graduate students
2. Policies which support graduate students who wish to found companies or commercialize research.
3. Policies which help graduate students secure patents and protect their intellectual property.

Platform Item 28: Policies that foster general well-being, health, and a fair work-life balance for graduate students.

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