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Date: August 4, 2021
Time: 05:30PM EDT
Venue: Zoom
Notes By: Akshit Singla

Agenda + Notes

**Requires a vote*

- Introductions
 - Shin Kikuchi (couldn't talk)
- Quorum met - 31 votes (incl. proxies) - 05:42PM EDT
- Officer & Committee Updates
 - AC: Somu
 - Upcoming event - speaker from MET - talking about Monet exhibit
 - Discussion on August 16th
 - Free tickets to attend, can also engage virtually
 - In discussions: game night with Harvard & Stanford
 - This month's meeting time - TBD
- ARC: Yifan
 - PhD \leftrightarrow MBA Connector: PhDs will pitch research to MBA students
 - Postponed to fall semester
 - Networking event in late August - planning
 - Organizing Fall 2021 Webinar series on Patent strategy
 - No visitors allowed in Fall 2021
 - Alumni Relations Sub-committee:
 - Looking for new members
 - Upcoming events - Fireside chats
 - Alumni networking
 - Advising Sub-committee
 - Advising survey - presentation to different stakeholders
 - Open positions
- ASA: AJ on behalf of Vincent
 - Migration to CampusGroups - still ongoing
 - Event registrations - still on Atlas
 - Midway scheduled on Sep 3, 2021
- DEI: AJ on behalf of Bianca
 - (No major updates)
- EAB: Jordan
 - No statements passed this month
 - Meeting notes available at links shared



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- Calls to action: looking for connections in specific situations
- Upcoming:
 - Board leadership positions - recruiting
 - Advocacy topics
 - Onboarding new members
- HCA: Jonathan
 - (No updates)
- Muddy Charles Pub: Jennifer
 - (Same updates)
 - Looking at - Reservation System, COVID policies, re-opening sub-committee, open to new members
 - Upcoming meeting on August 9, 2021
- OC: Akshit
 - Content
 - Highlights
 - Recruiting for volunteers
- Officer Updates
 - COVID Policy Updates
 - Masks will continue to be required
 - Dining is supposed to come back, eating will be allowed
 - Take-home swabs will be allowed
 - Delay from attestation should be reduced
 - New card readers being installed on campus - for Charlie-Inside cards, Iso QR code readers
 - Vaccination rates for MIT community
 - Discussion:
 - For gym/activity-related spaces - capacity limits, mask requirement?
 - [AJ] Per policy: Masks - required
 - Dorm orientation event - but now restriction on indoor eating - so can we re-purpose the funding that was allocated for food?
 - [Vincent] For changes to applications of the funding board, please email gsc-treasurer@mit.edu, and it will go through the review board which I think has been quite flexible with event changes
 - Purpose of Attestation
 - Issues: Being locked out, mistakenly filling incorrect attestation



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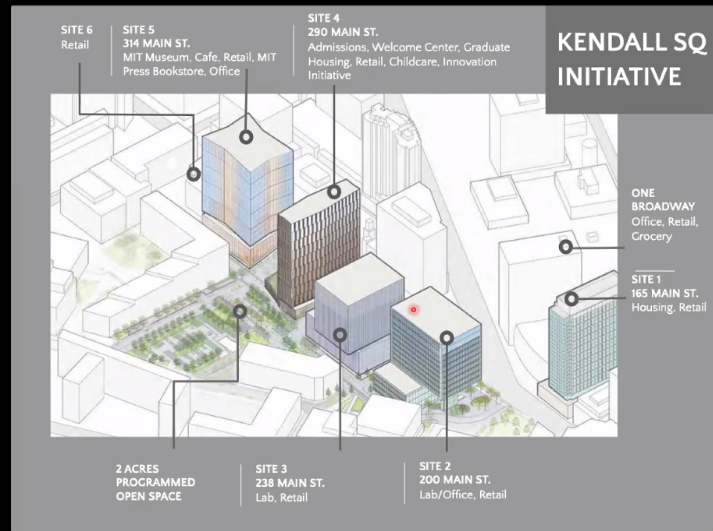
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- Recruiting open for big positions
 - Web page under development
- Officers will be presenting at departmental orientations
 - All are invited to present as well, reach out to AJ for the same
- Nominations Board - New/old IC vacancies still open
 - Timeline - Mid August is when the earliest set of nominations will go to ICs
- Access to GSC offices in Walker - no update
- Commencement Speaker - Open for recommendations
- Old Business
 - Platform Policy Update
 - Voting: 31 votes at 06:29PM EDT
 - 29 - Approved, 2 - Abstain
- New Business
 - Open Space Programming Committee Update
 - Open Spaces in Kendall Square - By Mason Ng

Kendall Square Initiative



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- Jatin Patil
- Bharat Khurana
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