Agenda

1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
   c. Approval of July minutes*

2. Officer and Committee Updates (5:40-6:10)

3. Policy Platform Update (6:10-6:30)*
   a. Presented by Jordan Harrod, Mason Ng, and Jack Reid

4. Open Space Programming Committee Update (6:30-6:40)
   a. Presented by Mason Ng of EAB
   b. On Kendall Square renovations

5. Open Floor (6:40-6:55)

*Requires a vote
Committee Updates
Activities Committee

Ruoxuan Yang & Somayajulu Dhulipala
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Updates from July 2021

Upcoming events -

• MFA “Monet and Boston: Legacy Illuminated” and conversation with art historian Jane R. Becker – August 19th, 6 PM EST- Following your own asynchronous engagement (both virtual and in-person options available) with the exhibition, we’ll have a real-time Zoom discussion with art historian Jane R. Becker, Collections Specialist in the Department of European Paintings at The Met Museum in New York.

• Harvard vs MIT vs Stanford Game Night - September
Join us

- Reach us at gsc-ac@mit.edu
- Do attend our next meeting. 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)
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
  • Can login, but needs to migrate group information
  • Register events on Atlas until further notice

• Midway scheduled at 2:30-4:30pm, September 3
  • Currently planning on in-person Midway
  • Sign up here:
    https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIYpVWM3ZSUQA3zlyl1MjuZll6BZddUtHnPBNtTKEZ6ZS4NQ/viewform
DEI Committee

Bianca Lepe
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
External Affairs Board

Chair: Jordan Harrod
gsc-eab@mit.edu
July 2021 Updates

Statements:

• No Statements Passed This Month

Meeting Notes:

• July 2021 EAB Meeting Notes
• July Grad Advocacy Newsletter

Calls to Action:

• If you and/or your family are from Vermont, please reach out to us at gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu! We are trying to find constituents of Senator Bernie Sanders' who would be willing to collaborate with us on advocacy around the PRO Act.

• If you and/or your family are from a Congressional district represented by a Republican, please reach out to us at gsc-eab-fed@mit.edu! We would like to engage with them going forward on immigration-related topics and other topics of interest to graduate students.
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
  • Student Wellbeing and Mental Health
  • Grad Caucus

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

Jonathan Behrens
Denise Tellbach
gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
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 08/09/2021**
  @ 7 PM eastern
  
  • Zoom link: [https://mit.zoom.us/j/99794205694?pwd=SEhISzlnbmpYbkZPR08yTytyRlp4dz09](https://mit.zoom.us/j/99794205694?pwd=SEhISzlnbmpYbkZPR08yTytyRlp4dz09)

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

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

Canvas
- Welcome to MIT
- Graduate Communities
- Being a Graduate Student
- Grad Finances
- COVID-19
  - Exploring Teaching, Learning & Leadership
- Graduate Student Health & Wellbeing
- Career Advising & Professional Development

Grad 101s
- Grad Advising
- Student Financial Services
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- CAPD & MITAA
- Teaching Learning & Leadership

Socials
- Grad Welcome Lunch
- Welcome Back Lunch*
- Resource Fair
- Smaller Socials**
- Partner Socials

Others
- E-mail Bulletins
- Ask your GSC
- Slack
- Website
- Ice-Breakers
- Dept Presentations

* Recent developments with one of the vendors shall update this event
** We're preparing for both off-campus and on-campus ones, although off-campus ones may not be allowed
Highlights

• Goals:
  • Knowledge Sharing
  • Networking
  • Familiarity with Environment
  • Transition into MIT lifestyle
  • Welcome (Back) to campus

• Communication / Platforms
  • GSC/MIT-Students: Website, Canvas, E-mail Bulletins, Grad 101s
  • Students-GSC: “Ask Your GSC”
  • Student-Student: Slack

• Runtime: JUN – SEP

• Events / Socials
  • In-person events
    • Masks mandatory
    • Partners not allowed
    • COVID compliance – uncertain
  • Virtual Events
  • Partner Events
Needs

• Volunteers for:
  • Events – Preparation, During, After
  • Operations – Compliance, Swag Management, Budget, Sponsorships, Smaller Socials, Volunteer Management, etc.
  • Communication - Slack, Website, E-mail Bulletins, “Ask Your GSC”, etc.

• Incentives:
  • Free food!
  • Free swag!
  • Shape MIT students’ first impressions!
Officer Updates
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• Covid Policy update
  • Masks will continue to be required on-campus
    • Will be reconsidered after move-in
  • Dining is supposed to come back, and indoor eating will be allowed
  • Testing will continue to be required
    • Take home tests piloted next month
  • Delay from attestation should be reduced
    • Hopefully, we can get this to as close to zero as possible
    • Is currently a synchronization setting
  • New card readers added to doors for Charlie Inside cards (also QR for visitor passes)
  • Research Groups to be operating on campus by Sept. 7th
Officer Updates

- More Covid updates
- Current campus vaccination rates

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- Recruitment
  - Creating a new webpage for openings to be listed and students to apply like the Institute Committee page
- Presenting at Departmental Orientations
  - The Officer team will be presenting about the GSC
  - GSC Reps are encouraged to join us if you’d like
- Nominations Board
  - Continue applying for Institute Committees; new openings still coming in
- Access to Walker
- Commencement Speaker
  - Email or Slack me your suggestions
Old Business
Platform Policy Update

Jordan Harrod, Mason Ng, and Jack Reid
EAB
New Business
Open Space Programming Committee Update

Mason Ng
Open Floor