1. Introduction (5:30-5:40)
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
   c. Approval of September minutes*
2. Committee & Officer Updates (5:40-6:00)
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Advising and Mentoring Presentation (6:00-6:30)
   a. By Prof. Paula Hammond (ChemE)
4. Graduate Student Union (GSU) Presentation (6:30-7:00)
   a. By Madeleine Sutherland & Shea Lombardo
5. Open Floor (7:00-7:15)

*Requires a vote
Committee Updates
Activities Committee

Ruoxuan Yang & Somayajulu Dhulipala
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Red Sox game Sat. Sep 18
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- Tickets sold out in a few hours
- Will start advertising before ticket sales next time
- Poor wording regarding minors, will add links to event rules later
- Some people took seat elsewhere, will have a walk-over to stadium next time
- A few people did not use the tickets, email sent
MFA “Monet and Boston: Legacy Illuminated”, Sep 30
Harvard MIT Game Night, Oct 15th, 7:00 PM

The Grad Fest team and The Graduate Student Councils at Harvard and MIT will be hosting a "Games Night" on Friday, October 15 from 7 - 8:30pm ET. This will be a great opportunity to meet new students, take a break, and have fun!

• When: October 15th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET
• Where: Zoom (Advertising and Sign-up link has been mailed out)
• Raffle winners will be awarded prizes (MIT Jacket to one MIT student picked at random from a winning (top 3 positions overall) MIT team). **Limited Spots Only**
Taste of Cheese Tue. Oct 19 5:30pm

- Individual cheese samples (or vegan parfait+fruit)
- RSVP sent to estimate food order
- Pending SOLE approval
- Scan ID upon entrance (our first try of Tim Tickets), can grab-n-go or sit down to eat
- Open to grad students and spouse (with Tim Tickets), and accompanying children

Children who are not yet eligible for vaccination (under 12 years of age) may visit MIT’s campus and attend MIT events but must be either accompanied by a parent or guardian or participating in a registered MIT K-12 program.
AC Meeting Tue Oct 12 6-7pm

Zoom https://mit.zoom.us/j/99350938636
Fill in the form https://forms.gle/aihtwrkbitj49xWU9 to indicate your interest in helping with events, or suggest new events
Academics, Research, and Careers Committee

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

ARC Chairs:
- Simone Bruno
- Yifan Wu

Upcoming events:
- Fall networking event: When: Oct/Nov
- PhD/MBA connector: When: Oct/Nov
- Patent strategy webinar: When: Ongoing

Interested in joining ARC?
Feel free to reach us anytime through gsc-arc-chair@mit.edu!
New visiting students will be able to come on January 2022
Alumni Relations Subcommittee

- Graduate Admission Assistance Program (GAAP) support
  ○ Alumni - GAAP interaction
  ○ Alumni as mentors for prospective graduate students

- Collaboration between CAPD for future prof. development programs
- Finished Advising 101's (August 2021) for 2nd year
  ○ Recorded for offline use, lower attendance ~30, new panelists!

- We are soon launching department-specific advising results
  ○ Compares department X with the rest of school Y
  ○ Results will be emailed to Dept Heads and accessible to all of MIT behind certificates (link to come)

- Paula & Noam are GSC's elected members on Ad Hoc Committee on Advising (which is heavily using recommendations from the Survey)

- Interested in these topics and more?? It’s a great time to join! If you’re interested, please email/Slack Noam (nbuckman@mit.edu, @noambuckman)
  ○ Additional members would be very helpful (we are effectively down to 2-3)!
Association of Student Activities

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

• Event registration is back on Atlas for large/complex events
• Use Tim Tickets to track attendance
• General Body Meeting @5pm, October 25th
• Space reallocation opening soon
• Weekly meeting in GSC office on Monday 5pm, with food
DEI Committee

Bianca Lepe
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
New DEI Chair + Join the committee!

New DEI chair: Kayla Storme!
- 3rd year PhD candidate in Chemistry
- Current WIC+ co-president
- Rep on DEI@MIT Action plan steering committee

We are recruiting for the upcoming year:
- Treasurer & secretary
- Reps for first-generation students, disabled students
- General membership

Next meeting we are finalizing the overarching goals for this year!
Data Info + Events

Ongoing Data Access

- Graduate Enrolled Student Survey: [data request form](#)
- Black Lives Matter: [departmental scorecard](#)

Upcoming Events:

- TBD ([when2meet](#)): DEI Coordinator Meetings @ [Zoom](#)
- Next Committee Meeting: [TBD in October](#) ([when2meet](#))

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

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

**Sign up for Advocacy 101!**
- Three-week series on how to get involved in advocacy - 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30 from 5-6:30PM
- Dinner will be served at every session!

**Meeting Notes:**
- [September 2021 EAB Meeting Notes](#)
- [October Grad Advocacy Newsletter](#)

**TI:dr:**
- Local politics panel TODAY (10/4), 7pm-8.30pm EDT in W20-307 (free food!)
- Advocacy 101 on Wednesdays 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30, 5pm-6.30pm EDT (in-person with free food! [RSVP here](#))
October 2021 Updates

• October 2021 DC Trip
  • Had 45 meetings with different congressional offices/committees!

• Upcoming Advocacy Topics
  • Cambridge City Council Elections
  • Student Wellbeing and Mental Health
  • Grad Caucus

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

Jonathan Behrens
Denise Tellbach
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Maintenance Issues

Reports from Site 4

• Elevators are getting stuck frequently
• Emergency call button non-functional
• Long response time of rescue teams
Maintenance Issues

1. **Call** MIT Police for immediate assistance
2. **Report** issue to Facilities (617-253-4948)
3. **If Problem Persists:** Email Complaint to David Friedrich
   cc your HoH, house government & gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
One week left to register to vote!

• Local election is on November 2nd

• Deadline to register is 10/13

• City council has a major impact on housing (and other important topics)

VOTE

Your vote matters: the last Cambridge election was decided by only 60 votes!
Join HCA

Email us at
gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
to learn more & get involved!
The Muddy Charles Pub has new tables!

We’ve taken our time off to update the interior with help from MIT’s Hobby Shop

Window tables  High tops  Communal table
The Muddy Charles Pub wants you!

The Muddy **will** be opening this semester!

**Date is TBD**
Want to be the first to know?
Come to our Board Meetings!
**Next meeting: Monday October 18th**

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

ZOOM LINK: [https://mit.zoom.us/j/95806595591?pwd=YUw5NUtIY05ybzNSSTVENS8waVhRdz09](https://mit.zoom.us/j/95806595591?pwd=YUw5NUtIY05ybzNSSTVENS8waVhRdz09)
Orientation Committee

Akshit Singla, GSC Secretary (temp)
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Officer Updates
Officer’s Update

• **HEERF**
  • Still have concerns about international student’s ability to accept HEERF funding
  • Will be reaching out to fully confirm
  • Third and last wave of attestations should be coming out for professional students
  • Reallocation will come in the following weeks

• **Student Extended Health Insurance plan issues**
  • Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) removed a temporary suspension of visit limits on certain types of outpatient medical care on Sept 1
  • MIT Medical was not aware of this change
  • Resolved by BCBS removing the limits permanently for our plan
    • Will retroactively reprocess any affected claims since Sept 1
  • Our Grad Rep for the student insurance plan is Mary Strawser
Officer’s Update

- Graduate Student Union (GSU)
  - Went public last Monday
  - We are having multiple conversations with administrators because this affects our relationship with them
  - Admin will likely be less receptive during this process because of the legal restrictions on their actions and behaviors
- GSC OSCCS Process
  - Meeting this week to discuss complaint from SOLE
  - Will submit a statement at the end of the week
- Department Student Government outreach
- Recruiting for open positions
  - Webmaster & Archivist
Old Business
New Business
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