Agenda

1. Introduction (5:30-5:45)
   a. New faces
   b. Quorum check*
   c. Approval of October minutes*

2. Committee & Officer Updates (5:45-6:10)

3. MIT Values Statement Committee Presentation (6:10-6:40)
   a. By Cadence Payne

4. Open Floor (6:40-7:00)

*Requires a vote
Attendance
Committee Updates
Activities Committee

Ruoxuan Yang & Somayajulu Dhulipala
gsc-ac@mit.edu
Harvard vs MIT Game Night 10/15

MIT won the top two positions!
Taste of Cheese 10/19

500 RSVP, ordered 350, but ~300 came (will order less next time)
Tim Tickets does not support desktop and scanner, need to go through multiple steps to find the QR code on CovidPass
Whale watching 10/24

Henry was the person in charge. Very cold but quite some number of whales!

We opened ticket sales 7 days before the event, no one dropped out.
exclusive cast talkback, and Mike's Pastry

This 80-minute show features Boston's best improv comedy actors, responding to audience prompts so you're guaranteed never to see the same show twice!

This event, held in conjunction with the MIT Arts Scholars, will also include an exclusive 30-minute talkback session with the cast and crew of Improv Asylum.

Desserts from Mike's Pastry are included!
Vincent bought the tickets.

- Price: $10 (original $22.95). Open to all MIT graduate students. Max 2 tickets per student, guest must be spouse/partner, or another MIT student.
- Children under 2 free; if bringing children 3-12, please visit https://www.zoowenengland.org/franklin-park-zoo/buy-tickets.aspx to buy children tic
- Meet outside the Zoo at 11:20am for check-in. Mask optional outdoors (if social distancing permits), required indoors
Taste of Pumpkin 11/16 5:30

Morss Hall, Walker Memorial 50-140 (northwest entrance)
URL: https://forms.gle/c3TWBhnrEejA2dQa7

Choose from bacon pumpkin quiche, pumpkin risotto or pumpkin puree, all include dessert (whoopie pie or cookie bite)

Open to all MIT graduate students, spouses, partners, and children (must come with parents). Complete Attestation at least 10min beforehand.

Check in at the northwest entrance, have your QR code in your Covid-pass app ready. Mask required unless actively eating or drinking.
AC Meeting Tue Nov 9, 6-7pm

Zoom https://mit.zoom.us/j/94929905693

fill in this form https://forms.gle/UH1eNX9wDicEpm4y8 to indicate your interest in organizing events (there are some plans but you can add suggestions)

Contact gsc-ac-chairs@mit.edu if you want to join the committee
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: Nov, 8th - 7PM
  Where: W20-407
- PhD/MBA connector
  When: Nov
- Patent strategy webinar
  When: Ongoing IAP 2022
Committee updates

- ARC Chairs:
  - Simone Bruno
  - Yifan Wu

Upcoming events:

Is back at MIT... in person!
November 12 at 6 pm EDT

Speakers:

- Rosalind Picard
  Professor, founder and director of the Affective Computing Research Group at MIT.

- JD Schramm
  Communication consultant and coach, faculty director for Columbia University’s Career Design Lab in San Francisco.

- David Edwards
  Inventor, writer, founder of ArtScience, the culture lab of Le Laboratoire and Cafe.

- Jennifer Cohen
  Fitness personality, author and body image consultant based in LA.

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

- Collaboration between CAPD for future prof. development programs
Advising Subcommittee

- Department analysis released (certificates required) at https://gsc.mit.edu/advising-survey/department_results

- We emailed every Department Head & Grad Officer:
  - MIT-wide report (gsc.mit.edu/advising-survey/results)
  - Department Analysis
  - Department-only response results (tables and charts)

- Next slide for more info…

- Next project: IAP series about advising
Department & School Analysis

Analysis: Are there departments or schools with different responses than the overall population? (* we only report statistically significant differences)

Perform t-tests to compare:
- Avg School Response vs. Avg MIT Response
- Avg Depart. Response vs. Avg School Response

Examples:
- Do SAP students have different responses to Question 2.1 than rest of MIT students?
- Do students with MechE advisors have different responses than the rest of students with School of Engineering advisors?

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<td>My advisor... - encourages me to attend conferences/workshops.</td>
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On avg. AeroAstro students score ~1 pt (out of 7) higher in agreement that department communicates how to switch advisors

Students w/ BioE advisors on average score 0.7 lower than other SoE on question of “Agree w/ feeling comfortable raising issues of safety” (i.e. disagree more with comfort raising issues of safety)
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

• **Space application** due 11/19

• LEF/ARCADE winter cycle opening soon, due 12/1

• Received 28 new group applications, 2 approved so far

• Email [asa-exec@mit.edu](mailto:asa-exec@mit.edu) to join. Meeting weekly Monday 5-6 with food.
DEI Committee

Kayla Storme

gsc-diversity@mit.edu
Introducing our officers

Chair
Kayla Storme (she/her)
3rd year PhD, Chemistry

Vice Chair - Department & Classroom Inclusion
Miguel Alcantar
4th year PhD, Biological Engineering

Vice Chair - Student Life
Rachel Szabo (she/they)
6th year PhD, Microbiology

Incoming Secretary
Andrei Iliescu (he/him)
2nd year PhD, Chemistry

Treasurer (Open Position)
You?
GSC-DEI Pop-up Food Pantry

- Aim to address food insecurity among MIT graduate students
- Tentative for mid-November and/or mid-December
- Volunteers needed!

**Anonymous form** for anyone facing food insecurity to fill out

**Volunteer form** for anyone wanting to help with the Pop-up Food Pantry
Conduit general assembly meeting

**When:** Tuesday, November 16th from 5 - 6:30 PM  
**Where:** Virtual - Zoom  
**To discuss:** DEI challenges and upcoming project ideas  
Food will be reimbursed (up to $20/person)

[RSVP Here](#)  
[Order from a BIPOC-owned restaurant](#)
GSC-DEI: Student Life

Do you have an idea for an event centered around community-building among students and DEI advocacy?

Please get in touch with us at gsc-diversity-officers@mit.edu

We are also looking for a Constituency Representative (C-Rep) for first generation/low income (FGLI) students! Please contact us at the email above if interested.
External Affairs Board

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

Statements in Progress:
- Submission for the OSTP Advancing Equity in Science and Technology Challenge
- Public Comment on DHS Proposed Rule for DACA

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

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September 2021

**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](#))
November 2021 Updates

• Upcoming Advocacy Topics
  • Cambridge City Council
  • 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
gsc-hca-chair@mit.edu
HEERF Grants

• Make sure to apply if you were financially impacted by COVID-19!
• More info: MIT HEERF Grant FAQ
• Spread the word!
Stipend Recommendations AY 2023

• We are expecting CoL survey data soon!
• Analysis of data will most likely start Dec 2021 / IAP 2022

Join the GSC Stipend Working Group to negotiate higher stipends!
Cambridge City Council Elections

Preliminary results announced early this morning…

• Challengers Burhan Azeem and Paul Toner were elected, while incumbent Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler was defeated.
• New council will have a supermajority pro-housing, and a supermajority pro-bike lane.

Thanks everyone who voted!
Muddy Charles pub

Jennifer Kaczmarek
jkacz@mit.edu
Board Meetings: join!

• No, the pub is not open yet--but it will be soon!
• Join the Muddy Board to get involved at our meetings and help guide the Muddy as we work to reopen post-pandemic

• Our next meeting will be *hybrid* zoom and in person @ 7 PM Monday, **November 8th**
  • In person will be in the Muddy!
  • Zoom link [here](#)
• Interested in joining? Email me at [gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu)
Orientation Committee

Akshit Singla, GSC Secretary (temp)
gsc-oc@mit.edu
Officer Updates
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• Ivy+ takeaways
  • Support for student governments
  • Housing
  • Staffing
  • Fellowships
  • Student center
• Department Scorecard Project
• GSC rep assignments
• Financial/event training
GSC Monthly Check-ins!

- **Purpose**: Include grad student voices in prioritizing GSC activities!
- **Implementation**: Monthly surveys check-ins!
  - *Short*: 1-2 questions only
  - *Frequency*: Monthly
  - *Distribution Channels*: GCM, Weekly Anno Newsletters

Theme of the month:
“Love/Hate relationship with MIT!”
Old Business
New Business
MIT Values Statement Committee

Presented by Graduate Student Representative to the Committee, Cadence Payne
Open Floor