GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019

Peter Su, GSC President
Alex Joerger, GSC Vice President
Naveen Arunachalam, GSC Secretary
Robin Lindemann, GSC Treasurer
New Faces

• Welcome to General Council!
Quorum check
Approve June and July Minutes

• Found on GSC website and GCM announcement email
66.GSC.2 – UPDATES TO THE GSC POLICY PLATFORM
Q&A
WITH THE OFFICERS
OFFICER UPDATES
Apply for Your Council Rep Funding!

- Available to all Council members except those who are members by virtue of their GSC position
  - i.e., department rep, dorm rep, etc.

- $150/rep/term or $250/rep/term with GSC or Institute committee involvement
  - Spring: Feb 16–Oct 15, Fall: Oct 16–Feb 15

- Double your $150 if you collaborate with a rep outside your department
Council Rep Funding: Conditions

- Applicant must be current representative in good standing (discretion of VP)
- Events must be accessible to entire constituency
- Apply BEFORE having an event
  - Allow time for processing (at least one week)
  - Follow publicity guidelines
- Funding may NOT be used for:
  - Alcohol
  - Capital purchases
  - Gifts or prizes
  - Sales tax
- All funding must be used in compliance with Institute policies
- Program info: [http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding](http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding)
Examples of Successful Utilization

- End of semester coffee hour (Mathe, 2 reps): 500 USD
- MEGA Muddy Monday (AeroAstro & MechE): 300 USD
- Summer Garden Party (70 Amherst): 250 USD
- Quals practice sessions (HST): 200 USD
- And many more ...
- Total of allocated Council Rep Fund: 6,340 USD
Council Rep Funding

USE IT OR LOSE IT!
Up to $250\textsuperscript{(1)} could be yours\textsuperscript{(2)}!!

Apply now to take advantage of this unique offer\textsuperscript{(3)}!!

https://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding

Questions? Email gsc-vp@mit.edu

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2. Money to be used in Events must be accessible to entire constituency
3. Terms and conditions apply, see http://gsc.mit.edu/funding/departmental-funding
COMMITTEE UPDATES
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, AND CAREERS

Sylvai Dai & Meicen Sun
Co-Chairs
gsc-arc@mit.edu
Academics, Research and Careers (ARC) Committee

• Thesis Lounge (formerly De-stressing Your Dissertations) ongoing!
  • 9am-5pm daily this week at Barker Library 5th and 8th floors
  • Volunteer needed for cleanup (<5 mins) at 5pm Thursday and Friday (please contact gsc-arc@mit.edu) 😊

• Academics job panel in September; postdoc panel in December

• Advising Initiative 3rd meeting held last week (if interested, contact subcommittee chair Noam at nbuckman@mit.edu)

• First ARC meeting of new academic year: September (date TBD) in the GSC Office (50-220) – all welcome, email gsc-arc@mit.edu to stay informed!
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Henry Tran & Ruoxuan Yang
Co-Chairs
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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Becca Black
ASA President
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ASA Updates

• Collecting applications for Orientation Midway booth assignments

• Ongoing bylaws/operating guidelines reviews
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Bianca Lepe
Chair
gsc-diversity@mit.edu
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

• Orientation Events:
  • **Aug 19, 12-1pm:** Pre-Orientation Conduit Pizza Social @Stata Lawn
  • **Sept 3, 1-3pm:** GSC Resource Fair, GSC-DEI Booth @Johnson Rink
  • **Sept 19, 5-8pm:** GSC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion BBQ @Kresge Pits

• Still looking to fill the Secretary position
  • All interested individuals are welcome to contact us for more info!

• August meeting:
  • finalizing events for upcoming year, finalizing structure of DEI conference money allocation

Contact: gsc-diversity@mit.edu

Next Meeting: Wednesday Aug 14th at 5 pm in the GSC Office (50-220)
External Affairs Board Update

• Next Board Meeting
  • Thursday, August 15th, 6:00pm-7:30pm, 50-220

• Working on various orientation events. Possibilities include:
  • Intro to State and Local Politics
  • Intro to Federal Affairs
  • Various international student oriented events (working with ISO)

• Working with Institutional Research to develop a student survey on preferred advocacy, outreach, and federal research spending topics

• Various statements, white papers, and letters are happening
  • Combating Sexual Harassment in the Sciences Act of 2019
  • CMU-MIT immigration reform white paper
  • Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act
  • CMU-MIT letter on food insecurity

• Developing a questionnaire for Cambridge City Council candidates
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mohammad Islam
Chair
gsc-hca@mit.edu
GSC Wellness Subcommittee

• Officially a subcommittee of HCA!
• Committee Goals/Tasks:
  • Organize wellness events/workshops
  • Advocate for grad wellness initiatives to MIT administration
  • Supporting peer-to-peer support (REFS program)
• Fill out Google Form here or email gsc-hca-wellness@mit.edu to get involved
• Initial Meeting in September
No August HCA Meeting

• Next HCA meeting in September
• Tentatively: September 18th at 6 PM in GSC Office
MUDDY CHARLES PUB

Richard Park
Chair
gsc-muddy@mit.edu
Overview

1. Sailing Pavilion Sundowners
   - Successful event on July 1, 6-10pm
   - Next event planned Aug 12, 6-10pm

2. OGE Proposals underway for event funding

3. GSC Orientation Event, Sept 14th, 4 – 7 pm. 50-70 attendees (?) TBC
The Muddy Wants You!

See what the Muddy is all about!

Come to our next Board meeting (8/19)!
(7pm, GSC Office, 2nd Floor Walker Memorial)
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Somesh Mohapatra
Chair
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