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## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

### **General Council Meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:30 PM Agenda**

1. Quorum Check
  - a. 39 people in attendance, quorum reached (29 needed)
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Agenda is approved (placard voting)
3. Approval of July Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes are approved (placard voting)
4. Introduction of New Faces
5. GSC Committee Updates
  - a. Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC) Committee
    - i. Faculty Dinner with Dava Newman
    - ii. Panel on Academia, Industry, or Both
    - iii. Panel on Nuts and Bolts of Academic Job Search
    - iv. Dissertation Bootcamp
    - v. Future Events
      1. Finding a Good Post-Doc
        - a. Need volunteers!
    - vi. Next meeting on Tuesday, August 19
    - vii. GWAMIT
      1. Fall Leadership Conference
      2. End of Summer Social
      3. Join our mailing list! <http://gwamit.org>
    - viii. Legislative Action Sub Committee (LASC)
      1. Collaboration with GWAMIT on Fall Leadership Conference
      2. Working on new Op-Ed
      3. Fall DC Advocacy Trip
  - b. Activities Committee (AC)
    - i. Isabella Stewart Gardner Gala
    - ii. An Evening of Painting
    - iii. Future Events:

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1. Boston Harbor Islands Day Trip, August 16
  - iv. Next meeting is August 12, 5:30 pm
- c. Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Committee
  - i. Costco Cards
  - ii. Saferide Shuttle Line
  - iii. iREFS Program
  - iv. Graduate Dorm Security
  - v. Backup Childcare for Families
  - vi. Sustainability Sub-committee
    1. Looking for volunteers
  - vii. Bike Fest during Orientation
  - viii. Follow-up for Graduate Student Housing Working Group
  - ix. Next meeting is August 11, 6 pm
- d. Orientation Committee (OC)
  - i. Launch of Orientation Website
- e. Muddy Board of Governors
  - i. Space Renovations
  - ii. Come for drinks after the GCM! They're free!
6. Officer Updates and Board Reports
  - a. Nominations Board
    - i. Still looking for applicants for three committees
      1. DAPER Advisory Board
      2. Committee on Toxic Chemicals
      3. Recreational Advisory Committee at DAPER
7. Service Awards
  - a. Sam Nicaise for work on Boston Tours
8. New Business
9. Old Business
  - a. Ad-hoc Governing Documents Revision Committee
    - i. Nomination and Voting of At-Large Members
      1. Nomination of Brian Spatocco, seconded, accepted
      2. Nomination of George Chao, seconded, accepted

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### 3. Question & Answer session

- a. Q: What do each of you bring to the committee?
- b. George: I'm a newer graduate student. I feel like I have a fresh perspective. I'm also very approachable.
- c. Brian: I'm approachable too. I've served in the GSC from 2010-2013, so I've thought deeply about a lot of these issues.
- d. Q: What's the biggest thing that you want to change?
- e. Brian: There's currently ambiguity in the governing documents, which can be good or bad depending on whether the ambiguity is empowering to the current team or confusing. Ambiguity in how votes are counted is an example of an ambiguity that is confusing.
- f. George: Agree that the voting ambiguity is a priority.
- g. Q: Will this be voted on by the General Council?
- h. President: Yes, the amendments have to be adopted by the General Council according to our Constitution.
- i. Motion to close Q&A session, seconded, approved

### 4. Confirmation of Nominees

- a. 96% approve, 2% disapprove, 2% abstain
- b. Both candidates are confirmed

### 10. Open Floor

- a. Register for the Career Fair! It's a great event and is the main source of revenue for the Graduate Student Council.
- b. Recycle your plates! Don't make the sustainability sub-committee sad.
- c. Come to the Muddy Charles afterwards to drink.

### 11. Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed (6:15 PM)