MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

General Council Meeting
November 5th, 2014, 5:30 PM
Agenda and Minutes

1. Quorum Check
   a. 50 present, 29 needed, quorum reached
2. Approval of Agenda
   a. Agenda is approved (placard voting)
3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes
   a. Minutes are approved (placard voting)
4. Introduction of New Faces
5. GSC Committee Updates
   a. Academics, Research, and Careers (ARC)
      i. Lines to Negotiate $1 Million More in your Career
      ii. Future Events
         1. Dissertation Bootcamp
         2. Libraries IAP session on Careers in Publishing
      iii. Next ARC Meeting
         1. Thursday, Nov. 20th, 6 pm in GSC office
   b. Activities Committee (AC)
      i. Taste of Germany
      ii. Coffee Hours, Monday every two weeks
      iii. Future Events
         1. Ski Trip Jan. 9-12
         2. More “Taste of” events
   iv. GWAMIT
      1. Finish 2014 Leadership Conference
      2. Women in Science Video
   c. Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Committee
      i. Costco Card Program
      ii. Saferide Shuttle Line Revision
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1. Q: What options are there for graduate students to get home late at night? For example, at Harvard, there is a shuttle you can call to take you home late at night.

2. A: Currently not very many options. We can try to advocate for this option with Parking & Transportation.

iii. iREFS program

iv. Graduate dorm security improvements

v. Sidney-Pacific HVAC renovation project

d. Orientation Committee (OC)

e. Muddy Charles Pub

i. Poll on flooring preferences for the Muddy

ii. Why is attendance low at Muddy Socials after GCMs?

1. Comment: Because of the wings, the Muddy is pretty crowded. It’d be hard to fit everyone.

2. Comment: I’m usually pretty busy since I’m spending so much time at the GCMs. Maybe hold the social on another day.

3. Muddy Chair: Will send out a poll to see when is the best time for everyone to meet.

6. Officer Updates

a. Vice President

i. How do we choose the number of reps per department?

1. A: One rep per 100 students

ii. Increasing awareness for Rules and Regulation of the Faculty

iii. Orientation for Institute Representatives

iv. Increase number of graduate students on Committee on Student Life

7. GSC Service Award

a. Acknowledging former council representatives

b. Winner: Cherry Gao for her work on the Sustainability Subcommittee

8. New Business

a. It’s On Us

i. Proposed amendments to correct grammatical errors.

1. Amendments passed by placard voting

ii. Q: Why don’t we have the script available for the It’s On Us video?

iii. A: The script only recently became available.
iv. Comment: We’re not talking about the script right now, we’re talking about the GSC putting its logo on the campaign.

v. Q: Are we able to vote on this today?

vi. A: We can by contracting the voting cycle from a normal two month process to a single month. This can happen if the Council approves to vote on the resolution.

vii. Comment: Our logo is going to go on the website, which can change in the future. Thus, we’re trusting It’s On Us to curate the content appropriately.

viii. Comment: Also, if the GSC endorses the campaign, it doesn’t mean that the GSC is signing the pledge on behalf of all graduate students at MIT.

ix. Q: What is the end goal of this discussion?

x. A: There is a Title IX working group that is working on longer-term goals.

xi. Proposed amendment: Insert language “The Graduate Student Council condemns sexual assault and urges the community to participate in any activities that aid in eliminating sexual assault. To this end,”

1. In favor: 12, opposed: 18, abstain: 12

xii. Movement to approve voting on the resolution today

1. Approved by placard voting

xiii. Proposed amendment: Insert language: “The Graduate Student Council condemns sexual assault

1. Approve: 26, Oppose: 8, amendment passes

xiv. Motion to end debate, seconded, passed by placard

xv. Voting on resolution

1. 40 approve, 1 against, 2 abstain.

b. Open Floor

i. Education on bike safety.

ii. Comment: We should really prioritize having the discussion on sexual assault for the next General Council Meeting.

iii. Comment: The reason why we should table the discussion until next time about sexual assault is because we need to have all representatives here to discuss.
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