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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
 - iv. GWAMIT
 1. Finish 2014 Leadership Conference
 2. Women in Science Video
 - 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. Next AC Meeting
 1. Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 5 pm in GSC office
 - 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.

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- 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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