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53gsc2.1 LBGT Program Coordinator Position Extension (VOTING AT THIS MEETING)

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Given our mission to promote the general welfare and concerns of the graduate student body, and communicate with the MIT Faculty and Administration on its behalf;

And understanding that there are LBGT students among the graduate students we serve and represent;

And understanding that in addition to our role as students, MIT graduate students support and serve other members of the MIT community in our roles as teachers, resident tutors, committee members, and more;

And understanding that the MIT non-discrimination policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, and gender-identity;

And recognizing that MIT's policy on harassment states that "MIT provides a variety of avenues by which an individual who feels harassed may proceed, so that each person may choose an avenue appropriate to his or her particular situation."

And acknowledging the benefits of the temporary LBGT Program Coordinator position established in 2005, including but not limited to: greater student participation in educational, social and health-related events, better coordination between students and administration, first-ever campus-wide outreach to LBGT allies and staff;

We, the Graduate Student Council, representing all graduate students at MIT, endorse the proposal put forth by the LBGT Issues Group to extend the mandate of the Assistant Dean for LBGT Services (currently LBGT Program Coordinator), to continue MIT's commitment "to creating an environment in which every individual can work, study, and live without being harassed."