



MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

**General Council Meeting
June 4th, 2008**

Agenda:

1. Approval of May GCM Minutes
2. Old Business

55.gsc.1.B	GSC Budget 2008-2009
55.gsc.1.1	Task Force on Alumni Relations
3. New Business

55.gsc.2.1	Task Force on Housing and Graduate Residential Life
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4. GSC Committee Updates
5. Open Floor

Upcoming Meetings / Events:

Academics, Research & Careers	6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 10 th
Activities / HCA On-campus	6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 24 th
Executive	6:00 pm, Wednesday, June 25 th
General Council	5:30 pm, Wednesday, July 2 nd
Graduate Student News	TBA – June 7 th or June 8 th
Housing & Community Affairs	6:00 pm, Wednesday, June 11 th
Orientation	5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 25 th

Meetings are in the GSC office and include appropriate sustenance.

Help Wanted – Get Involved with the GSC:

Alumni Relations Task Force – gsc-officers@mit.edu
 Housing Task Force – gsc-officers@mit.edu
 Write / take photos for the GSN – gsn-editor@mit.edu
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**Proposed Budget
'08-'09 Fiscal Year
Proposed Budget**

08-09

Beginning-of-Year Reserve

Pool C Funds	\$0
Rollover	\$25,000

Total Beginning-of-Year Reserve **\$25,000**

Cash Inflows

Institute (via Office of the Dean for Graduate Education)	\$145,450
Grad Rat	\$12,500
Career Fair	\$180,000
Orientation Ticket Sales	\$10,000

Total Cash Inflows **\$347,950**

Cash Outflows

1. Executive Committee	\$38,650
2. Nominations Committee	\$0
3. Funding Board	\$140,000
4. Publications and Publicity Board	\$30,650
5. Association of Student Activities	\$5,300
6. Activities Committee	\$64,470
7. Committee on Academics, Research, and Careers	\$33,380
8. Committee on Housing and Community Affairs	\$5,200
9. Orientation	\$55,300
10. Muddy Charles Pub	\$0

Total Cash Outflows **\$372,950**

End-of-Year Reserve **\$0**

**Cash Outflows
Executive Committee**

08-09

Budgeted

1.1	General Council Meetings (other than September)	\$3,500
1.2	Executive Committee Meetings	\$1,100
1.2a	Officers' Meetings	\$1,680
1.3	Holiday Reception	\$2,000
1.4	Executive Committee Retreat	\$6,000
1.5	National Association of Graduate and Professional Students	\$4,000
1.5a	Legislative Action	\$1,500
1.6	Office Supplies	\$1,000
1.6a	Photocopier	\$1,500
1.6b	Telephones	\$750
1.6c	Computers	\$500
1.6d	Network	\$1,500
1.6e	Beverages	\$1,000
1.7	Capital Equipment	\$2,500
1.8	Recruiting and Appreciation	\$3,000
1.9	Executive Committee Discretionary	\$4,000
1.10	Officers' Discretionary	\$1,120
1.11	Alumni Relations Task Force	\$2,000
	Subtotal	\$38,650

**Cash Outflows
Funding Board**

08-09

Budgeted

3.1	Funding Board Meetings	\$1,000
3.2	Funding Board Allocations	\$100,000
3.3	Public Service Fellowships	\$8,500
3.4	Medium-Sized Events	\$13,000
3.5	Council Representatives' Funding	\$10,000
3.6	Athletic/Performance Activities Grant	\$7,500
	Subtotal	\$140,000

**Cash Outflows
Publications and Publicity Board**

*08-09
Budgeted*

4.1	Publications and Publicity Meetings	\$300	
4.2	Graduate Student News Meetings	\$600	
4.3	Graduate Student News Printing Including Orientation Issue	\$20,000	(1)
4.4	Graduate Student News Mailing and Labeling	\$6,000	
4.5	Food/Entertainment Reviews or "on the town" for articles	\$350	
4.6	Major Graduate Student News Recruitment Event	\$0	
4.7	Staff Appreciation Event	\$250	
4.8	GSC Brand Building	\$200	
4.8a	Drop Posters	\$500	
4.9	Infinite Corridor Projector for Publicity	\$300	
4.10	HowToGAMIT Ads	\$600	
4.11	Marketing Materials and GSC Information Cards	\$50	
4.12	Website Redesign	\$1,500	NEW
	Subtotal	\$30,650	

(1) Assumes 10 issues and \$6,800 is defrayed through advertising revenues, Orientation issue and revenues included

Cash Outflows
Association of Student Activities

(1)

08-09
Budgeted

5.1	Activities Midway	\$3,500
5.2	First Year Summer Mailing	\$1,250
5.3	Operations	\$50
5.4	ASA Committee Meetings	\$500
	Subtotal	\$5,300

(1) Due to organizational structure, these disbursements are conditional on equal amounts being disbursed by the Undergraduate Association

**Cash Outflows
Activities Committee**

08-09

Budgeted

6.1	Activities Committee Meetings	\$720
6.1a	Activities Sub-Committee Meetings	\$500
6.2	Acoustic BBQ	\$7,000
6.3	Beach	\$700
6.4	Cultural	\$600
6.5	Sports	\$500
6.6	Six Flags	\$1,100 (1)
6.7	Harvard-MIT Mixer	\$3,000
6.8	Formula 1 Go-Karting	\$1,600 (2)
6.9	Collaboration Reward	\$4,500 (3)
6.10	Foxwoods	\$250 (4)
6.11	Pub Activities	\$1,000
6.12	Subsidized Dining	\$10,000 (5)
6.13	Grad Gala	\$30,000
6.14	Leadership BBQ	\$2,000 (6)
6.15	Edgerton Reception	\$1,000
	Subtotal	\$64,470

- (1) Also ~\$1,200 in ticket sales
- (2) Also ~\$1,125 in ticket sales
- (3) For collaboration among student groups
Costs will be covered entirely through
ticket sales or other sources, this small
- (4) amount is for transportation if needed

- (5) Includes \$2 Tuesdays
- (6) Separate DGE contribution not included

Cash Outflows
Committee on Academics, Research, and Careers

08-09

Budgeted

7.1	ARC Committee Meetings	\$880	
7.2	ARC Subcommittee Meetings	\$600	(1)
7.3	Project Chair and Participant Appreciation	\$250	
7.4	MIT Institute Awards	\$700	
7.5	Professional Development Series	\$3,000	
7.6	Academic Career Series	\$400	
7.7	Grad School 101	\$1,500	
7.8	Career Fair	\$250	(2)
7.9	Advising Initiative	\$500	
7.10	Grad Rat	\$0	(3)
7.11	International Graduate Student Mentoring	\$3,000	
7.12	Diversity	\$3,500	(4)
7.13	Tax Program	\$1,500	(5)
7.14	Travel Grant	\$15,000	
7.15	Interdisciplinary Lecture Calendar	\$1,300	NEW
7.16	Dissertation Boot Camp	\$500	NEW
7.17	Minority Summer Research Program	\$500	NEW
	Subtotal	\$33,380	

- (1) Now Diversity, Travel Grants and Awards subcommittees (replaces 12 Pass/D/Fail meetings last year)
- (2) Organizing costs are paid directly out of Career Fair revenues, but this money goes to negotiation meetings with other partners
- (3) All costs (~\$8,000) are defrayed by outside sources
- (4) Funds will be directed as requested by the Diversity chairs. Includes support for ODGE Minority Welcome event, will also get DGE funding
- (5) Other Institute funds may be available to defray this expense

Cash Outflows
Committee on Housing and Community Affairs

08-09

8.1	HCA Committee Meetings	\$1,000	
8.2	Family Subcommittee Meetings	\$500	
8.3	On-Campus Subcommittee		(1)
8.4	Off-Campus Subcommittee	\$0	(2)
8.5	Surveys	\$1,250	(3)
8.6	Advocacy Topics	\$1,250	(4)
8.7	Website for off-campus housing (RentMonkey)	\$1,000	(5)
8.8	Task force on Housing Meetings	\$200	
	Subtotal	\$5,200	

(1) Merged with Activities Committee

(2) Funded entirely through a DGE (ex-GSO) grant (\$10,000 in '07-08)

(3) To have surveys conducted by HCA and not by OIR as was before

(4) Data entry/Survey for Dental, This money is available if DGE doesn't cover survey costs

(5) New. Money allocated for participation incentive (gift certificates)
and possible support maintenance costs

**Cash Outflows
Orientation Committee**

		<i>08-09</i>	(1)
		<i>Budgeted</i>	
9.1	Orientation Committee Meetings	\$1,000	
9.2	Information Booth	\$500	
9.3	spouses&partners (sessions and welcome lunch)	\$500	(2)
9.4	Sidney-Pacific Dance Party	\$1,000	
9.5	Welcome Reception Under the Dome	\$1,500	(3)
9.6	Graduate Welcome Lunch	\$9,500	
9.7	Welcome Banquet	\$7,000	(4)
9.8	Boston Harbor Cruise	\$1,000	
9.9	Ashdown Dance Party	\$1,000	
9.10	Orientation Olympics	\$2,500	
9.11	Graduate Student Volunteer Day	\$500	(5)
9.12	Hiking Trip	\$2,100	
9.13	Miscellaneous	\$300	
9.14	LGBT Welcome	\$500	
9.15	September GCM	\$1,500	
9.16	Publicity	\$1,500	
9.17	Residence Day	\$7,200	(6)
9.18	Spring Orientation	\$3,000	
9.19	Thirsty Ear BBQ	\$1,500	
9.20	T-Shirts	\$1,000	(7)
9.21	Volunteer Appreciation Event	\$700	
9.22	Apple Picking Trip	\$1,000	
9.23	Wine Tasting Mixer	\$2,500	(8)
9.24	International Fashion Show	\$3,500	
9.25	Prudential Sky Walk	\$500	
9.26	Airport Shuttle	\$1,200	(9)
9.27	Welcome Event for Women	\$500	
9.28	Welcome Event for Minorities	\$500	
9.29	Lab Tours	\$300	
	Subtotal	\$55,300	

- (1) Orientation events not receiving direct funding not included - see orientation schedule for a list of all events
- (2) Also funding from spouses&partners
- (3) Also funding from Libraries
- (4) Also \$8,000 funding from Techlink, additional money requested in case Techlink does not deliver
- (5) Also funding from Public Service Center and others
- (6) Includes all dorms and off-campus
- (7) Also funding from the Coop for students -- these are Tshirts for Volunteers (different color)
- (8) Check alcohol policy. GSC funds used for food and police expenses, wine expenses from other sources
- (9) This funding is to complement funding collected from departments, who will contribute to at least 70% of the cost

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Task Force on Alumni Relations

(VOTED UPON AT THIS MEETING)

Sponsors: Oaz Nir, Nan Gu

Whereas, interactions between current graduate students and graduate student alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the "Institute") are often of great benefit for all parties involved; and

Whereas, the Graduate Student Council does not have a coordinated program of interaction with its own alumni, alumni of the Institute generally, nor with the MIT Alumni Association;

Be it resolved, by the Graduate Student Council:

That the GSC supports the President's action to create a Task Force on Alumni Relations, charged as follows (the "charge"):

1. Investigation:
Evaluate the current GSC, departmental, Institute-level and MIT Alumni Association initiatives on alumni relations. Evaluate how the GSC can optimally interact with and support the Campaign for Students. Investigate and evaluate initiatives at peer institutions.
2. Program Coordination:
Coordinate new GSC initiatives on alumni relations and fundraising, including the implementation of a Graduate Gift campaign.
3. Liaise with the Institute:
Serve as a central resource for graduate students, faculty, and administrators on the issue of alumni relations for the GSC.
4. Report:
Produce a written report detailing the findings and experiences of the Task Force as well as recommendations for future programs and initiatives on alumni relations.

It is so moved that the GSC vote to support the President's creation of a Task Force on Alumni Relations to commence work immediately and to present its findings at the March, 2009 GCM.

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55gsc.2.1

Task Force on Housing and Graduate Residential Life

(INITIAL PRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING)

Sponsors: Alex Hamilton Chan, Nan Gu, Dacheng Lin, Oaz Nir

Whereas, housing strategy and residential life of graduate students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the "Institute") are often of great interest and importance; and

Whereas, the Graduate Student Council does not have a coordinated program of future-oriented investigation on strategic issues relating to housing and graduate residential life of the Institute;

Be it resolved, by the Graduate Student Council:

That the GSC supports the President's action to create a Task Force on Housing and Residential Life, charged as follows (the "charge"):

1. Develop a broad vision for Housing and Graduate Residential Life that will:
 - a. Blend academic and residential life, creating an ideal environment for living and learning, by means of the physical environment and residential life programming.
 - b. Ensure that all students in on-campus residences have an excellent and well-equipped environment for personal and intellectual growth.
 - c. Promote diversity and appreciation for people of different race, nationality, cultural and ethnic group, gender, and sexual orientation.
 - d. Provide opportunities for personal and intellectual development that complement the academic experience, and that promote broad student participation and social support.

2. Apply the above principles and framework to the consideration of potential future residence halls, recommend creative concepts to guide the programming for new construction, and facilitate exploration of innovative ideas for fund-raising to support construction of physical infrastructures



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3. Produce a written report detailing the findings and experiences of the Task Force as well as recommendations for the administration of the Institute and future initiatives on graduate residential life.

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