



MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Agenda – Excomm Monthly Meeting – April 30, 2008

1) Retreat Follow-up / Housekeeping

- a. Comments, suggestions for improvement (can be emailed to gsc-president) –** Paul suggests that we might consider alternate locations in the future.
- b. ID Numbers for Office access -**
- c. Setting Committee meeting times (email to gsc-president & gsc-admin) –** Oaz asks if each committee can set one time for all meetings in the coming year and add these to the events.mit.edu calendars (as well as any events put on by the committees). It is also helpful for all the events for coming month to be put in the committee minutes so that they are easy to find on the website.
- d. Access to Archives is all set (email gsc-webmaster with any issues)**
- e. Filling remaining leadership spots – Orientation Chair, Career Fair Webmaster / Server Admin –** this went out in the Anno today. Might want to look at finding an undergrad for the Career Fair Webmaster paid position.
- f. Committee member recruitment –** Keep in mind. Leadership BBQ might be a good place for this.

2) GCM Preparation

- a. Old business – Leadership BBQ, Presidents Climate Commitment –** will be voted on next week. Leadership BBQ was started last fall, and AC plans to repeat this in May. Have \$500, asking for additional \$1000. This is seen as a valuable way to recruit student leaders. Presidents Climate Commitment will probably be tabled until the June GCM because there are still a number of unanswered questions. This is a piece of legislation to recommend new policies for President Hockfield to follow. GSC had concerns about agreeing to this before President Hockfield had been politely asked and informed about it.
- b. New business – Budget (see item #3, below), Alumni Relations *ad hoc* Committee, anything else? –** Alumni Association is interested in creating a parallel to the Senior Class Gift for graduate students, to get them in the habit of donating before they graduate. Also, the committee would be free to think about other methods of interaction with alumni that could benefit the graduate community. To clarify, this committee will not be created with the intent of becoming a standing committee.

3) Budget Presentation – This will be presented next week and voted on in June. Cash Inflows: \$20K rollover, \$145K from DGE, \$175K projected from Career Fair, 10K each from Grad Rat and Orientation Ticket Sales. David has met with each committee to set budgets for next year. *Members might want to discuss Activities/Performance Grant and Grad School 101/102 and DUSP Conference off-line.*

4) Committee Updates

- a. AC - May Events: 3rd – Grad Gala, 8th - \$2 Dinner, 16th – Acoustic BBQ, 21st – Leadership BBQ**
- b. ARC -** Bootcamp will be discussed with Career Office and Writing Center. Awards Convocation is coming up in May. Academic Career Series is coming up in June and July. Career Fair negotiations are coming up. First priority for recruitment will be for the Diversity Committee



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- c. **HCA** – Dental Care discussions with IS&T for student enrolment (cost?) and Financial Office to discuss payment plans (yearly lump sums are simplest, \$240 paid in November)
 - d. **OC** – dorms have been contacted, and coordinator recruitment (as well as co-chair recruitment) is going to happen soon. Possibility of GSC skits for next year. (Maybe during Grad School 101?)
 - e. **GSN** – 1st committee meeting this Saturday, taking articles for Commencement issue, deadline by Commencement.
 - f. **ASA** – 7 new groups recognized last meeting
- 5) **Open Floor** – invite graduate students to GSC Facebook group, NEED Career Fair CIO/Webmaster ASAP, GSC Ski Trip – Tanguy is trying to get ME sales tax taken off of trip expenses.

Upcoming Events:

May 7 – General Council Meeting, 5pm, 50-220

May 7 – PhD Comics Book Signing, 3:15pm, 32-123

May 8 – \$2 Dinner, 6:30pm, Morss Hall