Dear Incoming Graduate Student,

On behalf of the MIT Student Section of the American Nuclear Society, we would like to congratulate you and welcome you to the Nuclear Science & Engineering Department. We look forward to meeting you and working with you over the next couple years.

To assist with the transition to MIT, ANS has planned several orientation events. We hope that you will be able to participate and get to know your fellow classmates.

Getting around campus can sometimes be tricky. We recommend you check out MIT’s interactive map online at: http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg

We know that adjusting to a new school can sometimes be hectic, but the attached checklist and schedule of activities should help to make that process much smoother. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email us at jdewitte@mit.edu or bherman@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jacob DeWitte and Bryan Herman
ANS Co-presidents

P. S. Information about orientation will be posted soon on the MIT ANS website at: http://web.mit.edu/ans/www/index.html
Checklist for your first week:

☐ **Get an MIT ID Card**
  Go to the MIT Card Office in W20-021 (Basement of the Stratton Student Center)
  Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
  You’ll need your MIT ID number to do just about everything.

☐ **Get an MIT e-mail account**
  Visit MIT IST website to register for an email account:
  http://ist.mit.edu/services/email

☐ **[International Students Only] Take the English Exam on Tuesday August 31st**
  All international students must take the English Diagnostic Exam. 9:00am-12:00
  Building 10 Room 250.

☐ **Interview Professors for available Research Assistantships in areas that interest you**
  It is important to meet with professors and find a research area that suits you. Check out the NSE website: http://web.mit.edu/nse/ and schedule interviews with professors.

☐ **Complete Financial Aid paper work (forms in 24-102)**
  See Heather Barry in room 24-102. Stipends can be set up for direct deposit.

☐ **Get an Office**
  o Visit Dorian in 24-108 for the NSE Safety Quiz
  o Contact Jacob DeWitte or Bryan Herman for an assignment, only after you know your general research area (i.e. fission, fusion or NST).
  o Return Quiz to Dorian in 24-108 and get a Key Request Form
  o Go to the Key Office in E18-172 to pick up your key
  o Update your contact information in WebSIS (websis.mit.edu)
  o Everyone will eventually be granted keycard access to NW-12. Sometimes this just takes time – talk with Peter Brenton if you don’t have access after the first week.

☐ **Register for Classes on Tuesday, September 7th**
  (see description on the ANS/NSE Orientation calendar of Events)

☐ **[Domestic Students Only] Take the English Exam on Friday, September 10th**
  All domestic students must take the English Diagnostic Exam. Starts at 4:00pm.
  Building 24 Room 307.

☐ **Go to as many ANS and GSC orientation activities as possible** (check out the GSC orientation website at: http://gsc.mit.edu/index.php/orientation)
ANS/NSE Orientation Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 29th

4:30pm-11:00pm :: Thirsty Ear Orientation BBQ
Located in the Thirsty Ear Pub at Ashdown Graduate Residence. Meet current graduate students at NW12 at 4:30pm.
http://thirsty-ear.mit.edu/

Monday, August 30th

5:00pm :: First Year Student-Faculty Mixer
Come meet DNSE faculty and enjoy great pizza in 24-115.

Wednesday, September 1st

5:00pm :: Take Out Dinner
Come sample local take out in 24-115 from a variety of restaurants in Cambridge.

Thursday, September 2nd

8:00 AM :: Department Information Session 24-115
Clare Egan and faculty will discuss some of the logistics of orientation, financial aid, departmental research and registration. The ANS Executive Committee will give a brief overview of the American Nuclear Society and will then escort students to the Graduate Welcome Address.

6:00pm :: Annual ANS Orientation BBQ
Kick-off the academic year with the annual ANS BBQ at Bao’s place (map on page 5). Meet at 77 Mass. Ave (stairs), across from the MIT Student Center. (Rain date 9/6)

Friday, September 3rd

8:00 PM :: ANS Pub Crawl - Meet in Building 24 (1st floor) Room 115
After getting to know the MIT campus on Thursday and Friday, join ANS for an evening out on the town in Boston. We will visit Faneuil Hall, one of the most popular and busy venues in Boston. There are many bars, nightclubs, restaurants, shops, and comedy clubs nearby. Meet at Kendall Square outside of the Red Line Kendall/MIT stop in front of the Marriott. Please bring valid photo ID, international students must bring passports.

Tuesday, September 7th

9:00 AM :: Registration Day – Building 24, Room 115
Come to Building 24, Room 115 after 9 am for coffee, a light breakfast and registration advice from current graduate students. Registration forms will be available after 9:30.
1. Come to 24-102 on Tuesday morning and get your registration form.
2. Fill out your registration form, based on your own preferences and recommendations from a student in your concentration (fission, fusion, or NST). Current graduate students will be on hand all day in 24-115 to assist you. All students MUST take 22.101 as a degree requirement, and we HIGHLY recommend that you take it your 1st semester.

3. Once you have selected your classes, meet with your academic advisor and discuss your schedule with him/her. You’ll find out who your academic advisor is on Reg. Day and most of the time this is not the same person as your research advisor.

4. Once your academic advisor has signed your registration form:
   - Bring 1 copy of your registration to Heather Barry in 24-102.
   - Take the original to the ice rink in Johnson Athletic Center on West Campus
   - Retain one copy for yourself

**Wednesday, September 8th**

5:30pm :: Take-Out Dinner  
Come sample local take-out in 24-115 from a variety of restaurants in Cambridge.

**Friday, September 24th**

5:00 PM :: ANS Steak Fry  
Join ANS for a beautiful fall afternoon barbecue at Edgerton Hall. This is an annual departmental event where students, faculty, and staff mingle and enjoy steak and tasty beverages. More to follow later on this event. Spouses/family welcome.
Map to Annual ANS Orientation BBQ on 9/2 (Bao’s place)
Meet at 77 Mass. Ave if you want to walk over as a group.