

Resolution to Change the Name of the MIT EECS GSA Advocacy Committee to Diversity Committee

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Motivation

In May 2006, the EECS GSA created an Advocacy Committee, which is responsible for incorporating issues pertinent to underrepresented members (such as women, ethnic minorities, international students, and LGBT) into events already planned by the GSA and coordinating events solely geared at addressing these issues.

Although the new Advocacy Chairs are successfully pursuing their Committee's agenda, there is confusion, both within and outside the department, about the Committee's name. The word "advocacy" is a loaded term, which evokes connotations that EECS GSA does not wish to carry.

We therefore propose changing the name of the Advocacy Committee to the Diversity Committee, which better describes its purpose.

Legislation

Be it enacted that, effective immediately, the Bylaws of the EECS GSA shall be amended such that every instance of the phrase "Advocacy Committee" is replaced with the phrase "Diversity Committee".

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