

Resolution to Move Terms of Office for MIT EECS GSA

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Approved by the Executive Committee on March 12, 2007 (12 for, 0 against, 6 abstaining).

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Motivation

To be more in sync with the budget cycle and minimize the disruptions associated with the transfer of the Executive Committee, we propose to move the date of the annual change in term of office from May 1 to January 15, with Officers elections to be held in November, prior to the Thanksgiving holidays. Thus, during IAP, both the outgoing and incoming Executive Committee can jointly work on the budget proposal for the upcoming year instead of the current situation where the incoming Executive Committee has to work with a budget proposed by the previous board half a year ago.

By moving up the Officers elections to November, we also provide more opportunities for new incoming students to get more involved with the organization earlier. It also reduces the workload and stress on the outgoing Executive Committee by moving the elections away from the Visit Weekend, TQEs, and graduation deadlines near the end of the spring semester.

As we make the transition, the next term of office will be unusually short: from May 1, 2007 to January 15, 2008.

Legislation

1. The Bylaws of the EECS GSA, Article IV (possibly soon to be renumbered to Article V), Section 1, lists several specific dates or months for election details and terms of office. Be it enacted that, effective May 1, 2007, that clauses in that Section shall be amended in the following manner:
 - (a) Clause 2: “March 1 and April 15” becomes “October 15 and two days before Thanksgiving Day”.
 - (b) Clause 8: “The new election date must be in April” becomes “The new election date must be before the last day of classes of the fall semester”.
 - (c) Clause 13: “Eastern Daylight Time on May 1” becomes “Eastern Standard Time on January 15”.
2. The term of office beginning on May 1, 2007 shall end on January 15, 2008.

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