



Dear Graduate Students,

Elections of the 2006-2007 Executive Committee Chairs of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) will take place over the month of March 2006, and the elections of the 2006-2007 Officers of the GSC will take place at the General Council Meeting (GCM) to be held on April 5th, 2006, starting at 5:00 pm in Room 4-163. All members of the Graduate Student Body as designated in the GSC Constitution and Bylaws are eligible as candidates for all positions.

This message is to inform you of the Elections procedures. Please distribute and consider running for Officer or Chair position. All questions and comments should be directed to gsc-vice-president@mit.edu.

Please visit the GSC Elections website at:

<http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/programs/elections/elections2006.shtml>

If you have any questions regarding the duties of the Committee Chairs and Officers, please see the descriptions as listed on the GSC website:

<http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/about/committees/>

<http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/about/officers/>

Elections of Committee Chairs

Elections for Committee Chairs positions will take place between March 1st, 2006, and March 31st, 2006, or until all Chair positions are filled. Each Committee will hold individual elections meetings over this period. Please contact current Committee Chairs for more information:

- **Academics, Research and Careers:** Erik Larsen and Carrie Vanderford - gsc-arc@mit.edu
- **Activities:** Anna Custo and Shahriar Khushrushahi - gsc-ac@mit.edu
- **Housing and Community Affairs:** Andrea Schmidt and Eric Weese - gsc-hca@mit.edu
- **Muddy Charles Pub:** Cory Kidd - gsc-muddy-chair@mit.edu
- **Orientation:** Gerardo Barroeta and Shan Wu - gsc-oc@mit.edu

Note: Graduate Student News (GSN) and Association of Student Activities (ASA) elections are separate. Please respectively contact the GSN Editors at gsc-editor@mit.edu and the ASA President at asa-president@mit.edu.



Election of Officers (based on Article IV of the GSC Bylaws)

Overview

- Elections of the 2006-2007 Officers of the GSC will take place at the April General Council Meeting (GCM) to be held on April 5th, 2006, starting at 5:00 pm in Room 4-163.
- The election officer will be the current GSC Vice-President, who will preside over all matters and meetings which pertain to nominations and elections procedures.

Candidates Eligibility

All MIT graduate students are eligible to run for GSC office.

Nominations of Candidates

- Nominations for Officer positions will open at the March General Council Meeting (GCM), on Wednesday, March 1st, 5:00pm in the GSC office (50-220).
- Nominations will remain open until Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00pm. If at that time, there remain positions which are not filled, nomination for these positions will reopen on April 5th, 2006, during the April GCM at the time when these positions' elections are called.
- A nomination consists of:
 - A nomination vote by a voting Council member (Officer, Executive Committee Chair, or GSC Representative); and
 - A second by another voting Council member.
- Both the nomination and the second may be carried out orally at the March GCM, or sent to the GSC Vice-President by email, or dropped off at the GSC office, to the GSC Administrators, at any other time nominations are open.

Statements of Purpose

- All candidates shall submit to the GSC Vice-President a statement of purpose within two days (by 5:00pm) of the acceptance of their nomination, but no later than Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00pm.
- Statements shall be submitted by email to gsc-vice-president@mit.edu, or dropped off at the GSC office, to the GSC Administrators.
- If candidates are nominated at the April GCM, they are exempt from the two day process and will be immediately accepted as candidates.
- All statements will be posted at the GSC office and on the GSC website.
- The 2005-2006 election statements of interest can be accessed at:
<http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/programs/elections/elections2005.shtml>



Withdrawal of Nominations

- Nominees are allowed to decline or withdraw their nomination.
- Failure to provide a statement of purpose within the allotted period will result in the withdrawal of the nominee from the list of candidates.
- In all cases, withdrawal is without penalty: re-nomination is allowed, provided it is done at a time nominations are open.

Meet the candidates

- Two meetings will be held before the election, so that the Graduate Student Body has a chance to meet the candidates and ask any relevant question they might have.
 - Wednesday, March 29th, 2006, at 7:00pm at the Muddy Charles Pub.
 - Wednesday, April 5th, 2006, 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the GSC Office.
- Candidates are expected to attend these meetings.

Voter Eligibility

- All voting Council members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- Voting Council members are: 2005-2006 Officers and Executive Committee Chairs, and Council Representatives (“GSC Representatives”) **who provided their GSC Representative Application before March 1st, 2006, 5pm**, to the GSC Vice-President.
- ***Note: GSC Representatives who submit their application after the March 1st, 2006, 5pm deadline will not be allowed to vote during the April 5th, 2006 Election General Council Meeting.***

Election Procedure Overview

- *Please see additional handout for Officers Election Procedure.*

I urge all current Council Representatives to make sure any remaining open seats in their Department, Dorm, etc... are filled so as to assure that the needs of their constituencies are properly represented at the Election. Council Representatives, as the official representatives of the graduate student community at MIT, have the duty to elect Officers who will cast personal agendas aside and best represent the interests and edicts of the Graduate Student Body to the Administration of MIT.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I hope to see many of you at the events preceding the election.

Sylvain Bruni
Graduate Student Council Vice-President