

Minutes GSC Family sub-committee meeting November 13th, 2013

1. Introductions
 - a. Present: Anna, Farrah, Sarah, Emily, Marzyeh, Remi, Brittney
 - b. Farrah is the new Liaison to Grad Parents, a Graduate Community Fellow
 - i. She works with MIT Spouses&Partners to assess the needs of grad families, focusing especially on grad moms and off-campus families.
2. New Leadership
 - a. Brittney and Sarah appointed to chair the family subcommittee
3. Back up child care update
 - a. Program usage
 - i. 117 students pre-registered with the MIT work-life center, 54 students completed registration with parents in a pinch
 - ii. 38 students have used 101 days
 - b. We should try to get more people to sign up
 - i. Talk to parents in Westgate and Eastgate
 - ii. Send out an e-mail to the parents forum with some basic information and a link to start registration
 - iii. Anna, Sarah, Brittney will set up a meeting with Chris Smith and Amanda Cayo on creating a publicity plan
4. Updates on action items from October meeting
 - a. Advertising Family Subcommittee
 - i. Brittney made a great poster and for next meeting the posters will also be up in Westgate.
 - b. Website for all family related information
 - i. Discussion as to where to host that content. It seems that the Work-Life Center website might not be a possible location for student related information as WL center is funded by Employee Benefits. Discussions on this will continue.
 - c. Spousal access to on-campus facility
 - i. Working on getting that information from the administration.
5. Next meeting: Monday, December 2nd 5:30 – 7:00 PM
6. Open floor
 - a. The GSC has over \$150,000 surplus from this year's Career Fair, and the family subcommittee should create a list of proposals for how a part of this money could be used to support students. Proposals up to \$50,000 seem to be reasonable. There is no specific deadline for this yet, but it seems that the sooner the proposals will be done the better.