# BAMIT ANNUAL MEETING **September 22, 2018** #stay woke: **Building awareness** and inspiring change

Aim—Build BAMIT's value proposition by more effectively and efficiently reaching and touching our communities





### **AGENDA**

Call Meeting to Order

- Roll Call (Introductions)
- Welcome and Special

Introduction of Board Members

**Board Business** 

Michelle Harton

Michael Dixon

Meeting with Student Leaders of Black Organizations Open Discussion Purpose: To hear from students and to discuss the Capstone Weekend



# Newly Elected Board Members

September 2018
Jamila Smith-Dell , Nominations Chair

# BAMIT

BLACK ALUMNI/AE OF MIT





Gerald J. Baron, SB '85

Ty Austin, SM '18

Karen Holly M. Carter, PHD '77

Lauren Seymour, SM '83

Chinasa Emeghara, SM...

Jeffrey T. Anderson, SB...

Michelle Harton, SM '83

#### **AGENDA**

**Old Business** 

Institute Updates Status of BAMIT involvement Moana Bentin

**Committee Reports** 

Advocacy
 Robert Love

Program Reports

Admissions Al Tervalon/Michael Dixon

Black Graduate Celebration Michelle Harton
Hacking for Inclusion Elaine Harris
Communications Michelle Harton

Outreach and Engagement
 Gerry Baron/Robert Love

BAMIT Community Advancement Program
 Michelle Harton

Capstone – BSU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
 Robert Love/Michelle Harton

**Officer Reports** 

Treasurer K'Andrea Bickerstaff

**New Business** 

Chairman's report Michelle Harton

Questions and Comments: Empty the Parking Lot Robert Love

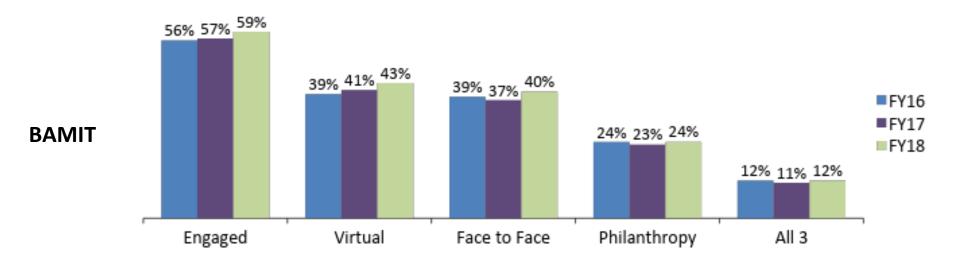
Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements Michelle Harton

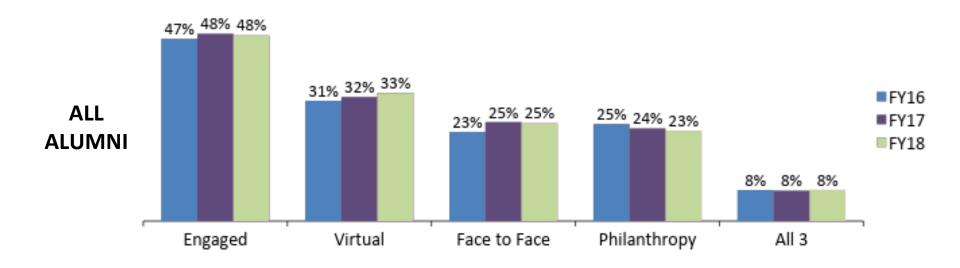


### INSTITUTE UPDATES

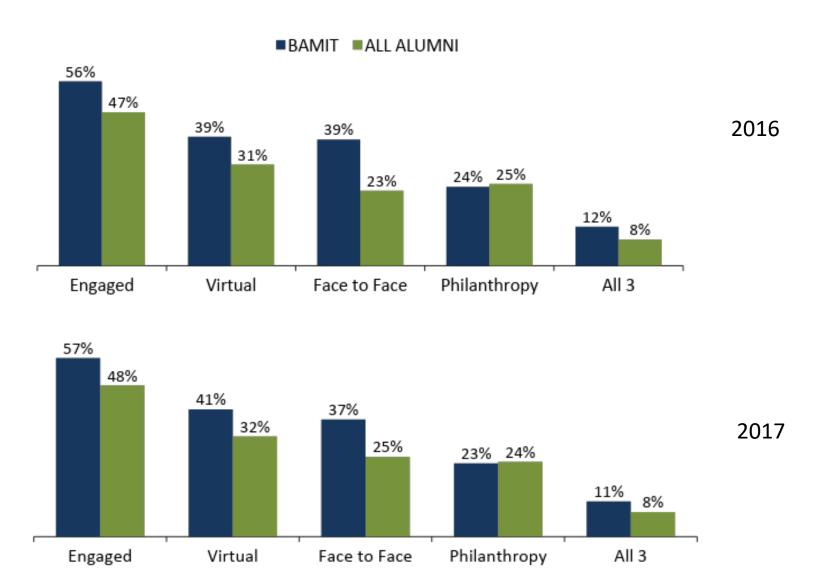
MOANA BENTIN
MIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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### **ENGAGEMENT**

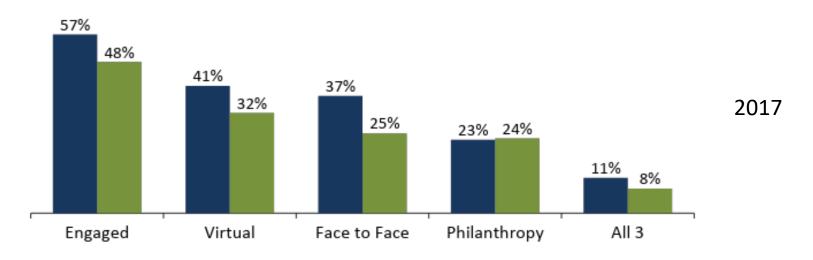


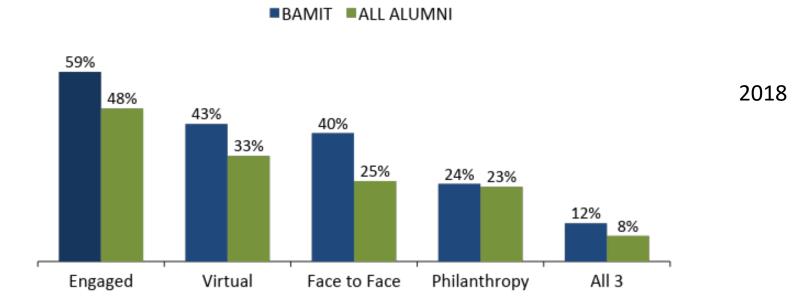


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## **Advocacy Committee**

### Robert Love, Chair



## **Advocacy Committee**

Continued support of the **BAMIT Platform for Diversity** and Inclusion by attending Staff Alignment meetings that worked to implement the student and BAMIT recommendations.



### **Programs**

### Michelle Harton, Chair





### Admissions

Co-Chairs: Vincent Kwapong and Michael Dixon Members: Me'lani Joseph and Elaine Harris Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Al Tervalon

September 21, 2018

## THE **C**LASS OF 2022

# 167 Black students Admitted (tied for highest ever) of which 111 decided to enroll

(40 women 71 men)

This is the highest yield in MIT's history (67%)

Between Early and Regular Action, 21,706 students applied. MIT offered admission to 1,464 students – 664 in early action and 800 in regular action.

As of August 1, 2018, 1,119 students decided to enroll at MIT.

Also the Highest yield in History (76%).

## Admissions Key Info

- MIT continues to be committed to being need blind, offering need based aid, and meeting full need with zero loans. Last year, MIT offered \$120 million in scholarships and aid has increased by more than \$30M in 3 years from 2015-16 to 2018-19.
- In its fifth year, the Ebony Affair Fly-in Program hosted 46 students: 42 students participated in the full program; 4 students participated in only part of the program, given this year's overlap with Harvard's admitted students program. Of the 46 students who participated, 32 have enrolled at MIT.

## BAMIT Call program

- 75 unique responses to the call log
- 49 Alumni reported having conversations with admitted students
- 32 (65%) of 49 students who spoke to Alumni enrolled at MIT
- What went well
  - Alumni largely seemed to have a very positive experience and would volunteer again!
  - Alumni seemed to appreciate the "match" based on geography and field of interest, when possible.
- Opportunities for improvement
  - Guidance/expectation setting around initial contact
  - Alumni want to know the gender of the admits they are reaching out to
  - Some alumni reported phone numbers not working suggested including an alternate number or instructions for getting an alternate number if needed

## Other items

- We were able to meet with Jessica M Ch'ng and Philana Tenhoff last month.
- We discussed the Call Program,
   Admissions numbers but also MIT's response to the Harvard Lawsuit regarding Asian student admissions.

### Final Challenge

BAMIT does still need volunteers for the outreach program! we have 90 on the team and need an additional 65, because we are reaching out to 155 students.

We will be collecting names and emails at the end of lunch who want to help.

Al Tervalon is our Man in Charge and his Contact Info is Below:

Al Tervalon
<a href="mailto:a.tervalon.ll@alum.mit.edu">a.tervalon.ll@alum.mit.edu</a>
734-516-5399



### **Black Graduate Celebration 2018**

### **BAMIT Committee**

Michelle Harton, Team Lead K'Andrea Bickerstaff Dr. Kelvin Frazier Robert Love

#### Report: The Black Graduate Celebration 2018 Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Harton, BGC Team Lead



Therefore, not only were we celebrating graduates but were celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Black Students' Union. Even with all of the festivities, from the very beginning there was a sense of family that was undeniable. I, Michelle Harton, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. The first word I said was "Welcome" and I gave the WaKanda salute. And the audience, graduates, Black Admitted Students and alums, returned the



Black Admitted Students -Potential class of 2022

#### The Road to 50: Dedication, Perseverance, Excellence"

The Black Graduate Celebration is always an occasion filled with some pomp and circumstance as this event marks a major accomplishment in the lives of our students. But this BGC was even more special because it was the first event in the BSU 50 Reunion weekend.



salute in kind. Thus, "The Road to 50" included a stop by WaKanda. It was as though we entered the door to Wakanda where "Black Dedication, Perseverance, and Excellence" are the accepted norm. This sense of belonging permeated the entire evening. We became a community. A family.

This year we had 50+ graduates and 50 Black Admitted students in attendance. In addition, several alumni were in attendance. After welcoming the graduates, a special welcome and congratulations were extended to the Black Admitted Students, Potential class of 2022. It was

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# Honored over 50 graduates and 50 Black Admitted Students



# Presented stoles to over 50 graduates





**Student Speakers:** 

**Undergraduate-**

SB '18 Mechanical Engineering, Course II

**Graduate: Ty Austin** 

SM '18 Architecture, Course IV







Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cato Laurencin, MD, PhD

Special Recognition to:
Dr. Edmund Bertschinger
BAMIT Supporter, Advisor,
Friend and Partner



Dr. Edmund Bertschinger, ICEO

### Acknowledgements

- MIT Alumni Association special thanks to Moana Bentin, our MITAA liaison
- Prof. Edmund Bertschinger, ICEO, Course VIII
- Jessica Ch'ng, Assistant Director of Admissions, MIT Admissions
   Office
- DiOnetta Jones Crayton, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education
   MIT Office of Minority Education
- Whitney Espich, CEO, MIT Alumni Association
- Dr. Marie Harton, SB '10 Course VII worked on the revolving slide show
- Elaine Harris, SB '78 Course X pitched in for whatever needed working on – life saver
- Quinnton Harris, SB '11 Course II-A updates the program with information from the 2018 class ring.
- Dr. Kirk Kolenbrander, Vice President of the Institute, Course III MIT Office of the President
- Corban Swain Photography

### **Communications Committee**

### **Etienne Toussaint, Chair**



# **Hacking for Inclusion**

### **Elaine Harris, Lead**



# The Communications Committee supported the following efforts:

- Generation and distribution of Newsletters
- Blogs
- Website Support
- Capstone support

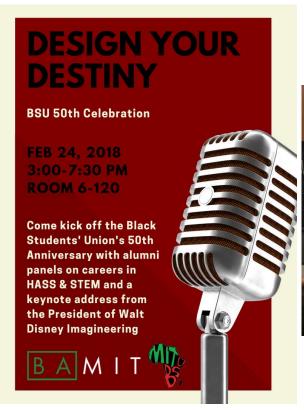




# Outreach & Engagement

**BSU 50** 

### BSU 50 - February Events







### BSU 50 - April Events



#### **BSU 50 Alumni Panel**

#### **Moderator:**

Gerry Baron '84

#### Panelists:

Dr. Carolyn Towler '80

Emerson Yearwood '80

Dr. Dannellia Gladden-Green '91

Janelle Fouche '11

Dextina Booker '15

### **BSU 50 - October Events**

#### **Howard University Visit (Friday - 10/5)**

- Campus tour by Admissions
- Visiting classes and/or labs
- Panel of Howard University faculty to discuss graduate programs of study in Engineering, Science and Medicine

#### <u>Financial Seminar (Friday - 10/5)</u>

 Session with MIT Black alumni finance experts

#### Museum Day (Saturday - 10/6)

- Presentation on the genesis, design, construction and operation of the museum
- Museum tour
- Discussion on specific exhibits and parts of African American history and culture

#### Historic Church Visit (Sunday - 10/7)

- Attend Black church services
- Discussion of the Black church's meaning in Black history and the Civil Rights movement

### **BSU 50 - November Events**

#### **Closing Event**

- Dr. Clarence Williams will give a brief report on his research on Blacks at MIT up to the founding of the BSU.
- Dr. Shirley Jackson will talk about the establishing of the BSU and Black involvement at MIT in the ensuing years.
- Fireside Chat with Dr. Shirley Jackson, Chairman Ursula Burns, Dr. Clarence Williams, and Prof.
   Erica James about critical issues confronting the US in the coming years, the importance of Black involvement in developing solutions to these challenges, and making a better world.
- Q&A with the audience, moderated by Dr. Williams or Dr. Jackson (this could change)



### **BAMIT Community Advancement Fund**

Michelle Harton

### BAMIT Community Advancement Program and Fund

• Support BAMIT's mission to: Strengthen Black communities worldwide to which alumni/ae are committed, particularly insofar as architecture, science, engineering, technology, and education can contribute to the development of these communities.

- Allows us to engage with local communities outside of MIT.
  - BAMIT must do its part to "Make A Better World".

### BAMIT Community Advancement Program and Fund

- The Program: The BCAP and fund will provide financial support to Black students at MIT who want to do work that will uplift underserved communities.
- Student proposals will be submitted to help address disparities in areas identified in our mission, i.e. education, architecture, STE(A)M, and additionally the environment and cultural awareness.

### BAMIT Community Advancement Program and Fund

• The accompanying MIT fund would be administered by MIT, with input from BAMIT and others.

• Once projects and students have been selected, based on the project, students will be paired with Black Alumni to serve as mentors and possible resources.

# BAMIT CAPSTONE Weekend 50th Anniversary of the Black Students Union



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Too cold to hold
Too big to handle in slides

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## Treasurer's Report

K'Andrea Bickerstaff

### BAMIT Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Total Income: \$2,910

### **Total Membership Dues:**

\$1,350

\$1,150

200

#### **Total Donations:**

\$1,560

Thank you! Gracias! Ngiyabonga! Obrigado! Grazie! Mauruuru! Enkosi!

- ❖ Ed Bertschinger, John Creighton, Christopher Jones, and Robert Love for donating to BAMIT. Total: \$300
- MIT Alumni Association for sponsoring the luncheon at the 2017 BAMIT Annual Meeting. Total: \$760
- MIT Admissions for sponsoring students at the 2018 Black Graduate Celebration. Total: \$500

### BAMIT Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2017</u>
Cash on Hand		
PayPal:	4,206.57	11,206.57
BoA - Savings:	9,391.03	7,098.97
BoA - Checking:	<u>8,077.12</u>	<u>14,379.46</u>
Total Cash:	\$21,674.72	\$32,685.00

#### **Major FYE2018 expenses include:**

\$1,167.50 -- 2017 ALC Family Gathering Catering

\$1,000.00 -- 2018 Donation to BSU for BSU50 Events

\$4,395.19 -- 2018 Black Graduate Celebration Expenses (Total)

\$ 500.00 -- African Students Association

\$ 135.00 -- Plaques (3) for McNair Scholars

#### Payments during FY18 for FY17 matters include:

\$5,000.00 -- returned to donor per donor's request

\$ 750.00 -- 2017 Ebony Affair

\$ 454.78 -- E. Toussaint (Reimb. for website hosting, domain)

\$ 167.69 -- J. Smith-Dell (Reimb. Uber Conf. Calls)

### BAMIT Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

### **BAMIT Tax Filings:**

### FYE2018

DONE - Federal Form 990-N (postcard) filed In Process - Mass. Public Charities Form

### FYE2017

DONE - Federal Form 990-N (postcard) filed In Process - Mass. Public Charities Form

#### **FYE2016**

DONE - Federal Form 990-N (postcard) filed DONE - Mass. Public Charities Form filed

### FYE2015

DONE - Federal Form 990-N (postcard) filed (Dana Moulden) Prepared for signatures - Mass. Public Charities Form

## **Chairman's Report**

### Michelle Harton, Chair



# Wakanda:



# **Believe in the Power of Community**

#stay woke:

Building awareness and inspiring change

In the times that we live we must move beyond building and inspiring uplifting and dreaming

**Action is required** 

Wakanda shows the way
Stepping up and being the change agent using the
lens on the Black Diaspora