Meet the CoMM!

Tuesday, February 2nd 2021
What is CoMM?

- CoMM = Council for Math Majors
- Small, project based group implementing solutions to undergraduate issues in the department
- student-run advocacy group in course 18 committed to amplifying undergraduate voices and opinions within the math department
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**Mission statement:**

We believe that student self-organization is key to improving the math department for undergraduates. Our mission is to amplify undergraduate issues and concerns and to come up with solutions to identified problems to improve the accessibility, community, and experience for undergraduates in Course 18. We tackle these issues through projects that interface with undergraduates as well as Course 18 faculty and staff.
A Brief History of CoMM

- Many students feel left out, excluded, or out of place because of various policies, structures, and cultural norms within math
- There was no united undergrad effort focused solely on combating these issues
- So, we founded a group to begin directly combatting these issues!
Current CoMM Projects+CoMmittees

- Faculty SubCoMM
- Student SubCoMM
- Structural SubCoMM
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- Faculty SubCoMM
  - COVID teaching guidelines
  - Undergraduate Advising
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- Student SubCoMM
  - Math Underground Guide (UMA collab)
  - Course 18 Road Maps
  - Office Hours
Current CoMM Projects+CoMMittees

- Structural SubCoMM
  - Recruitment
  - Website maintenance
  - Internal structure management
Meet the Gang

- 12 2021s, 2022s, 2023s, and 2024s
  - 1 person = 1 starter pack
- 2 big cheeses
- 4 subcommittee leads
- 1 CoMMunicator
- 1 family <3

http://web.mit.edu/comm/people.html
How to get involved

- Apply to join CoMM!
- Participate more casually
Your Role as a CoMM member:

- Join either student or faculty subcomm and possibly structural subcomm
- Put 4-5 hours a week of consistent effort into CoMM in the form of meetings, events, and project work
- Be an active participant in discussion, and think critically about how CoMM can better achieve its goals.
- Be ready to make 12+ new friends :)}
Skills you’ll use on CoMM

- Self motivation
- Ability to see the biggest picture
- Passion about improving the math department for all members
- Active listening
- Organization techniques
- Advocacy
- Effective communication
Application Details

- Found here: t.ly/Zydc

- **Due Feb 7th @ 2:59am ET**

- Contains demographic questions, short responses, and scheduling questions for a possible interview

- Invitations to interview will be sent out during the day on February 7th, and there will be a quick turn around, so watch your emails!
Participating in other ways

- Come to office hours and open forums!
- Come to other CoMM hosted events
- Send ideas or thoughts about improving the math department to comm-all@mit.edu or fill out our feedback form
Reminder: other stuff going on this week!

Undergraduate Advising Discussion
When: Wednesday, February 3 @ 4-5pm ET

Open Forum: Elitism in the Math Department
When: Wednesday, February 3 @ 7-8pm ET

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion
When: Thursday February 4, 2021 @ 4-5:30pm ET

Course 18 Roadmaps
When: Friday February 5, 2021 @ 4-5pm ET

Course 18 Class Info Session
When: Monday February 8, 2021 @ 5-6pm ET

RSVP Here!

Questions? Contact us at comm-all@mit.edu or taliab@mit.edu + kgravel@mit.edu