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Technology, Innovation, Making and Entrepreneurship (TIME) Meeting

TIME, our inaugural annual meeting, will be held on 27-28 October at MIT. The reception dinner will be at 6pm on Sunday, October 27, and the annual meeting will be held on Monday, October 28. The location for the dinner and the meeting is at Le Meridien Hotel, 20 Sydney Street, Cambridge, MA. Please mark your calendars!

The focus of the TIME is to gain tangible outcomes for each member institution. Below is a list of potential topics. Please let us know which ones you would be most interested in. If there is a topic missing, let us know that, too.

Topics for the Meeting

- MIC and Industrial Partners
- What are the key factors in creating a successful innovation ecosystem

- around your institution?
- How to create an annual campuswide making event for your institution? (i.e. Make Day at QUT incorporating recycled materials or MakerBreak at MIT)
- How to navigate Environmental, Health and Safety regulations for your makerspaces?
- How to engage students to guarantee success in your makerspaces?
- What modifications can be done to comply with the Americans with the Disabilities Act?
- How to incorporate more hands-on activities into the curriculum?
- What kind of innovation and entrepreneurial programs can be fostered in makerspaces?
- Founding Members Meeting



2 Mobius Update

We would like to share a brief update on this summer's work to scale up the Mobius platform and build out our initial release of the Make Impact Consortium web portals. There are three big stories on the road map for this summer:

- Implementing support for Identity Providers (IdP's) at multiple partner schools along with the necessary flow to direct users to the right IdP based on their email domain or custom portal name
- Implementing viewing and issuing of credentials to students at partner schools

 Creating the ability for shop managers to directly update and administer their shops and the equipment in them through the portal.

We will be wrapping up development on these stories in early August, and then running through our test and production deployment with the goal to have a **first production release ready in mid-to late August**.

The general portal will continue to be hosted on makeimpact.mit.edu (several of you have already tried out

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2 Mobius Update, cont.

the pre-release version at that address). Custom portals will be reachable at their preferred custom names as they come online.

Next Steps

In order to get up and running as quickly as possible, you can help us line up key technical and business contacts at your school, as well as stage as much data of your initial complement of shops and equipment as possible.

Please review the following checklist and let us know how we can best work with your school to collect the necessary information and put all the pieces in place for a smooth and easy release of your school's information in the Make Impact Consortium portal. Or if you have opted for a custom portal, get that up and running with your branding and identity provider.

Onboarding Checklist

 Designate a primary business contact at your school who will be the main point of contact for policy, branding, and rollout questions

- Designate a primary technical contact at your school who will be the main point of contact for integration and support questions, and can triage requests for network and identity services and connect us with any additional resources we may need to work with
- Populate as many of the shop and equipment upload spreadsheets as you can to allow us to upload your initial complement of shops and equipment ahead of time
- If you are considering a custom portal, share your branding information, in particular a high resolution digital logo and school colors
- If you are aware of any upcoming special requests, such as importing existing credentials for users or other data related concerns, please share examples of current data you have

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to schedule a call to discuss any particulars of onboarding or rolling out the Mobius portal at your school.

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New Members

Delighted to welcome the following new members to the Make Impact Consortium:

Al-Ahliyya Amman University, Jordan

Applied Sciences University, Jordan

Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala

University of Cincinnati, USA



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Bootcamp at the University of Derby

MIC held a bootcamp on Entrepreneurial Makerspace Basics, and Tools, Technology, Safety Staffing and Training at the University of Derby in Derby, UK on 3-7 June 2019. The attendees from Al-Ahiliyya Amman University, Applied Sciences University, Fontys University of Applied Sciences, University of Derby, and Station Houston learned how to plan and set up a world class makerspace in five days.



A Visit to Rice University and Station Houston Houston, Texas

Prof. Marty Culpepper and Saana McDaniel were invited by Gabriella Rowe, CEO of Station Houston, to visit Rice University and Station Houston on 25 June 2019. They learned the state of making, entrepreneurship and innovation by touring Rice's Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen, and Station Houston. The most exciting part was learning about Ion, Houston's very own "Silicon Valley", bringing academic, entrepreneurial, and corporate communities together into collaborative spaces and programs. MIC will follow this development with a keen interest.

Phase 2 in Building MIC

We are excited to be extending the Make Impact Consortium to engage with Industry Partners around the world, and are planning an Industry Partner Summit on September 26 at MIT to solicit the thoughts, ideas and commitment of commercial partners. Whether companies make the equipment used in makerspaces, recruit student talent who learn to innovate in makerspaces, or want to improve their own maker culture, they can all contribute to the growth and shared goals of the Consortium.

From a company's perspective, they value close connections with thought leaders in the field, and recognize that they will derive great benefit from closer involvement with universities who are focused on the makerspace environment. Through regular cooperation, deeper engagement, access to students and faculty, shared training programs, etc the combination of universities and industry working together to enhance the position of makerspaces as an incubator of innovation and entrepreneurship is an exciting prospect!