

# 'Old' ASA requirement leaves some unsettled

## Some student groups concerned over wording of governance clause

By Kath Xu  
STAFF REPORTER

In early spring, the Association of Student Activities (ASA) emailed to all ASA-recognized student groups requiring that the information in their ASA database entry to be up-to-date and compliant with the ASA's rules and regulations. One of the requirements was that group constitutions include the ASA Governance Clause — any group missing the clause from its constitution received a notification of such, requiring that the clause be added in order for the ASA to approve the constitution. (*The Tech*, as it is currently an ASA-recognized group without the governance clause, also received this request.) The clause as a requirement for ASA-recognized groups has existed for several years, according to ASA president Rachel H. Keeler '14, but has not been uniformly enforced.

In light of this, some groups have questioned whether the clause grants too broad a power to the ASA.

### The ASA Governance Clause

The clause reads: "The [activity name] agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations."

According to its website, the ASA "oversees student group activity and is the governing body of student groups on the MIT campus." Being ASA-recognized comes with many resources and privileges, including office space, a spot at the Activities Midway, and bulletin board space in the Infinite Corridor. As stated in its operating guidelines, the ASA can derecognize groups either by a two-thirds vote at a General Body meeting or if the Executive Board deems that a group is not meeting "its responsibilities."

### Some groups unsettled by ASA governance clause

The Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC), an ASA-recognized group, currently does not have the clause in its constitution. It was founded in 1948, making it one of the oldest student organizations on campus, possibly predating the ASA. (The earliest mention of the Association of Student Activities in *The Tech* was in 1963, although previously there existed an Activities Council.) *The Tech*, founded in 1881, predates the ASA.

"We think that the ASA's governance clause seems overly broad, and we are unclear what the implications of adopting it are," said Rebecca Perry, TMRC's governor, speaking on behalf of the club. "As requested by the ASA, we are in the process of voting on the adoption of a governance clause, according to the procedures specified in TMRC's constitution ... the ASA has been asking us to accelerate this process, but to do so violates our constitution."

The governance clause provides the ASA too much power, agreed Alexander Chernyakhovsky '13, the chair of MIT's Student Information Processing Board (SIPB). SIPB was approved by the ASA and founded in 1969.

"The ASA Governance Clause gives the ASA overly broad authority over student groups, and allows it to overstep the bounds of its mission," said Chernyakhovsky. "However, when speaking with ASA representatives, I was informed that the ASA does not see the Governance Clause as giving the ASA any power, but that it is merely recognition of the student group that the ASA has power over them. That is to say, the ASA believes that they already have all of the powers."

He continued, "Ideally, I think the ASA Governance Clause should not be required in all groups' constitutions; some groups are 'special,' and have obligations and oversight that are incompatible with the ASA."

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## The Class of 2015 receives their Brass Rats at Fenway



TAMI FORRESTER—THE TECH

The Class of 2015 gathered at Fenway Park Thursday evening for Ring Delivery, the much-anticipated event where Institute sophomores receive their Brass Rats.

## Three suspicious packages found on campus this week

Feel like MIT's been popping up on your phone a lot these days? The past week has seen three more reports of suspicious packages around campus — at Kendall Square and buildings 54 and E52 — causing police to issue messages to students through MIT Alert and evacuating buildings. All three alerts were cleared within an hour.

The first alert of a suspicious package came on April 29, when an unattended backpack was spotted near the Chipotle in Kendall Square. Subway service to the Kendall T stop was suspended as the police investigated the package. An alert was sent to the community at 12:42 p.m., and an all clear was issued at 1:14 p.m. The backpack had just been abandoned by a student, who later received his bag in shreds.

Two suspicious packages were reported on May 1, the first near E52 and the second in building 54. The package at E52 was also a backpack —

a food worker who was going to change for work left his backpack in the bushes when he went into the building to change. Someone saw him leave it, and reported it to police. He returned to find his bag swarmed by police. The MIT alert was released at 11:41 a.m., and the all clear at 11:59 p.m.

Shortly before 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the second floor of the Green Building was evacuated after a report of a suspicious package in the stairwell; the all clear was given at approximately 1:38 p.m.

There have now been a total of six suspicious packages reported on MIT campus since the Boston Marathon bombings two weeks ago. The first three were reported within the first few days after the bombing.

Students who see anything suspicious are encouraged to call the MIT police at 617-253-1212 or to dial 100 from any campus telephone.

—Jessica J. Pourian

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## Amherst College faculty vote against joining edX

On April 16, 2013, Amherst College faculty voted 70-36 against a motion to join the edX consortium. The college would have been the second liberal arts college to join edX, after Wellesley College.

According to the *Amherst Student*, debate at the deciding faculty meeting centered around the suitability of the edX platform and massive open online courses (MOOCs) to Amherst's educational mission. Proponents of the motion argued that the edX technology would make it easier for Amherst to offer online courses and help Amherst gain experience with MOOCs, while others cited a lack of confidence in the edX platform for this purpose. One key point of contention was edX's requirement that Amherst offer certificates of completion for courses offered more than once, which many viewed as against

the college's interests.

At the end of the meeting, the faculty voted to approve a second motion that would explore alternatives to edX. The motion claimed that Amherst's mission is "best served by having the College itself, rather than an outside organization that offers so-called massive open online courses, develop and offer these online courses and course materials."

Amherst is not the only college with faculty to come out against edX. Yesterday, professors in the philosophy department at San José State University issued a public statement about their refusal to use the popular edX course JusticeX in their department. In a letter to Harvard Professor Michael Sandel, who teaches JusticeX, the professors argued that the California State University system's contract to license

MOOCs from edX stemmed from a pressure to cut costs and would compromise the universities' quality of education. "We believe that having a scholar teach and engage with his or her own students is far superior to having those students watch a video of another scholar engaging his or her students," they wrote.

In response, San José provost and vice president for academic affairs Ellen Juan stated that despite the university's edX pilot program, faculty members will have sole responsibility in determining "how much, or how little, of the edX course materials they will incorporate into their blended courses," in a statement to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

This week, edX also released 8.MREv:

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# Netanyahu backs vote on any agreement with Palestinians

By Isabel Kershner  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said on Thursday that any peace agreement with the Palestinians should be put to a referendum, a move that some Israelis view as a potential obstacle to a deal even as Secretary of State John Kerry works intently to renew long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Netanyahu's statement came as his special envoy, Isaac Molho, and Tzipi Livni, Israel's minister of justice, who holds a special portfolio dealing with the peace process in the new government, were in Washington for a meeting with Kerry. An Israeli government official said the trip was

meant chiefly to update the parties and suggested that it was not indicative of any breakthrough.

The Palestinians are not opposed to Israel's holding a referendum and plan to hold one of their own should the sides arrive at an agreement.

But Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said in a telephone interview, "I think that Mr. Netanyahu should focus first on achieving peace and then on submitting it to a referendum."

Netanyahu's remarks in favor of a referendum, widely viewed as a nod to rightists in his governing coalition who are pressing for new legislation on the matter, came at the start of a meeting in Jerusalem with Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter of Switzerland. "There are a few things that I

think we can learn from you, and one of them is the referendum," Netanyahu told Burkhalter. "Not for every issue; not on every point of debate; but on one thing: That is, if we get to a peace agreement with the Palestinians, I'd like to bring it to a referendum. And I'd like to talk to you about your experiences with that, and many other things."

Burkhalter replied that Netanyahu was welcome to visit Switzerland any time and learn about that country's experience with referendums.

Left-leaning Israeli supporters of a peace deal have long argued that a referendum could impede the leadership's ability to seal a treaty with Palestinians. Livni, a former foreign minister, has publicly opposed the idea of a referendum.

## US asks N. Korea to free American

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States said Thursday that North Korea should immediately release a U.S. citizen who was sentenced this week to 15 years of hard labor, setting up a potential new source of confrontation between the two countries that could aggravate tensions that are still high over North Korea's nuclear war threats.

A State Department spokesman, Patrick Ventrell, said the Obama administration had "longstanding concerns about the lack of transparency and due process in the North Korean legal system." Ventrell said the administration wanted Kenneth Bae, who was sentenced Tuesday on charges of committing hostile acts, to be granted "amnesty and immediate release."

Ventrell's statement signaled that the administration was not prepared, at least not now, to seek Bae's release through a high-profile mission to North Korea, as it has done twice when Americans were held by North Korean authorities essentially as hostages to gain concessions from the United States.

Analysts said a U.S. diplomatic mission to secure Bae's release could easily be used by the country's young leader, Kim Jong Un, as an example of Washington's capitulation and an opportunity to burnish his profile as a tough anti-American strategist. But by taking the tougher approach, the Obama administration is assuming the risk that one of its citizens will be incarcerated indefinitely.

The sentencing comes at a time of high tension between the North and the United States over the North's nuclear program, and it was handed down the same day that joint U.S.-South Korean military drills ended. With the end of the drills, some analysts have said, North Korea might tone down its bellicosity and shift its focus toward drawing Washington back to the negotiating table — using, among other things, Bae's plight as bait.

—Choe Sang-Hun and Rick Gladstone, *The New York Times*

## Shoves where China meets India

NEW DELHI — The disputed border region between India and China attracts troops from both countries, but two weeks ago the Chinese sent an unusual number of military patrols into the mountains of Ladakh, a remote high-altitude desert at the northern tip of India.

Two Chinese patrols came on foot, two more arrived in military vehicles, and a Chinese helicopter flew overhead. With all the activity, the Indian authorities failed to notice until the next morning that about 30 Chinese soldiers had pitched three tents in an area both countries claim.

Indian military officials protested. The Chinese stayed put. India protested again. The Chinese, who had with them a few high-altitude guard dogs, responded by erecting two more tents and raising a sign saying, in English, "You are in Chinese side."

As the dispute enters its third week, alarm in the Indian capital is growing. At a Thursday news briefing, Syed Akbaruddin, the spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs, said, "There is no doubt that in the entire country this is a matter of concern."

—Gardiner Harris and Edward Wong, *The New York Times*

# US to appeal order lifting age limit on morning-after pill

By Pam Belluck  
and Michael D. Shear  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Obama administration moved Wednesday to keep girls under 15 from having over-the-counter access to morning-after pills, as the Justice Department filed a notice to appeal a judge's order that would make the drug available without a prescription for girls and women of all ages. The appeal reaffirms an election-year decision by the Obama administration to block the drug's maker from selling it without

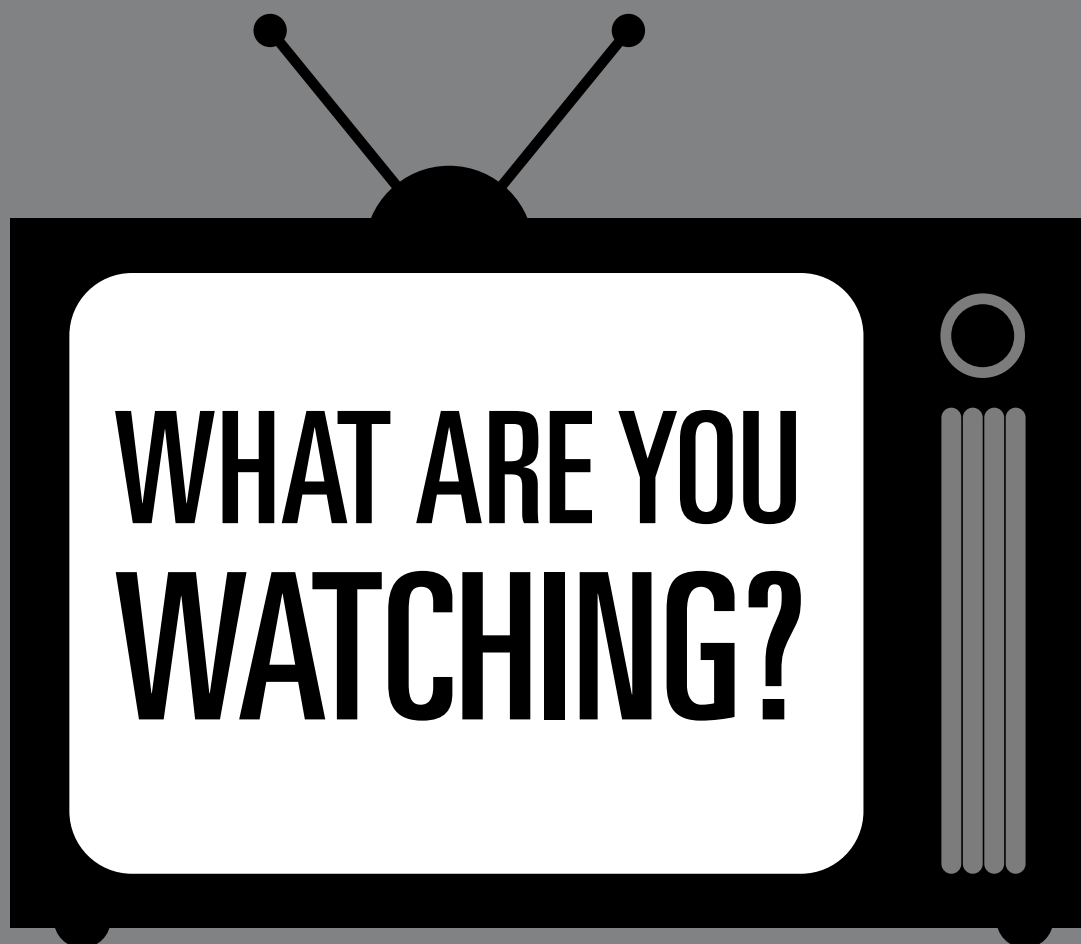
a prescription or consideration of age, and puts the White House back into the politically charged issue of access to emergency contraception.

The Justice Department's decision to appeal is in line with the views of anti-abortion groups who do not want contraceptives made available to young girls. It was criticized by advocates for women's reproductive health and abortion rights who cite years of scientific research saying the drug is safe and effective for all ages.

In December 2011, the secretary of health and human services,

Kathleen Sebelius, blocked the sale of the drug to young girls without a prescription, saying there was not enough data to prove that it would be safe. In doing so, Sebelius took the unprecedented step of overruling the FDA, which had moved, based on scientific research, to lift all age restrictions.

Last month Judge Edward R. Korman of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York criticized that decision as overtly political and ordered the administration to make the contraceptive widely available.



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# Bombing suspect reveals original plot

*Brothers had July 4, suicides in mind*

By Eric Schmitt, Mark Mazzetti, Michael S. Schmidt, and Scott Shane  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES*

WASHINGTON — The surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings told FBI interrogators that he and his brother had considered suicide attacks and striking on the Fourth of July as they plotted their deadly assault, according to two law enforcement officials.

But the suspect, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, told investigators that he and his brother, Tamerlan, 26, who was killed in a shootout with the police, had ultimately decided to use pressure-cooker bombs and other homemade explosive devices, the officials said.

The brothers finished building the bombs in Tamerlan's apartment in Cambridge, Mass., more quickly than they had anticipated and so decided to accelerate their attack to the Boston Marathon on April 15, Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, from July, according to the account that Dzhokhar provided authorities. They picked the finish line of the marathon after driving around the Boston area looking for alternative sites, according to this account.

In addition, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told authorities that he and his brother viewed the Internet sermons of Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical American cleric who moved to Yemen and was killed in September 2011 by a U.S. drone strike. There is no indication that the brothers had communicated with al-Awlaki before his death.

Tsarnaev made his admission

April 21, two days after he was captured while hiding in a boat in a nearby backyard, to specially trained FBI agents who had been waiting outside his hospital room for him to regain consciousness.

After he woke up, they questioned him, invoking what is known as the public safety exception to the Miranda Rule, a procedure authorized by a 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision that in certain circumstances allows interrogation after an arrest without notifying a prisoner of the right to remain silent.

**The bombs were finished quicker than anticipated, so they accelerated their attack.**

The new details about what Tsarnaev has told the authorities emerged as the FBI moved forward Thursday with trying to determine how the brothers were radicalized and the role that Tamerlan Tsarnaev's wife might have played in the plot or helping the brothers evade the authorities after the attacks.

As part of those efforts, the authorities have sought to determine whether fingerprints and DNA found on bomb fragments were from Tsarnaev's wife, Katherine Russell. According to two other law enforcement officials who were also granted anonymity because they did not want to be identified discussing an ongoing investiga-

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tion, Russell's fingerprints and DNA do not match those found on the fragments.

Federal authorities are skeptical of Russell's insistence that she played no role in the attack or did not help the brothers elude the authorities after the FBI released photos of them. That skepticism has been stoked by Russell's decision in recent days to stop cooperating with the authorities.

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The FBI has also decided to send more agents to Russia to assist with the investigation, officials said. The bureau has been relying on a couple of agents it has based in the U.S. Embassy in Russia to serve as an intermediary with the authorities there.

U.S. and Russian investigators in Dagestan, in the turbulent Caucasus region of southern Russia, have been trying to determine what Tamerlan Tsarnaev did during a six-month visit to Dagestan last year. On Thursday, Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., said the investigators believed that Tsarnaev met with one known militant, Mahmoud Mansur Nidal, as first reported in the Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta.

"I'm comfortable that on that trip he reached out to members of the insurgency in Dagestan," said Keating, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee.

He said there was no evidence so far that Tamerlan Tsarnaev had succeeded in formally joining the insurgency, led by a group calling itself the Caucasus Emirate, or that he had received explosives training in Dagestan.

At a news conference Tuesday, President Barack Obama did not rule out a foreign link but suggested that the Tsarnaev brothers appeared to be "self-radicalized" and that local, homegrown terrorist plots were harder to detect and prevent than those originating overseas.

Obama said that U.S. counterterrorism efforts had put pressure "on these networks that are well-financed and more sophisticated and can engage and project transnational threats against the United

States," but that "one of the dangers that we now face are self-radicalized individuals who are already here in the United States."

Investigators believe that the views of the two brothers grew more radical over time and were influenced at least partly by the Internet sermons of Awlaki.

Separately, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told investigators that he and his brother had learned to build the pressure-cooker bombs from reading Inspire, the online magazine published by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The magazine's first issue — which included an article titled "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom" — gave instructions about how to carry out crude, low-cost terrorist attacks.

The man officials have identified as the creative force behind Inspire, a U.S. citizen named Samir Khan, was killed in the same missile strike in Yemen that killed Awlaki.

The new details of what Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told authorities fill out a growing portrait of what the grievously wounded young man told investigators from his hospital bedside.

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In the course of questioning him about whether he knew of any other active plots or threats to public safety, Tsarnaev also admitted that he had been involved in laying the bombs that killed three people and injured more than 260 at the marathon. He told investigators that he knew of no other plots and that he and his brother had acted alone. He said he knew of no more bombs that had not been detonated.

Since then, investigators have been seeking to verify Tsarnaev's statements as part of the investigation into the lives of the two brothers, speaking with people who knew them and looking at everything from items they left behind in their homes and, in the case of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, his dorm room, to the lengthy digital trail they left through their emails and posts on social media sites.

*William K. Rashbaum and Serge Schmemmann contributed reporting from New York.*

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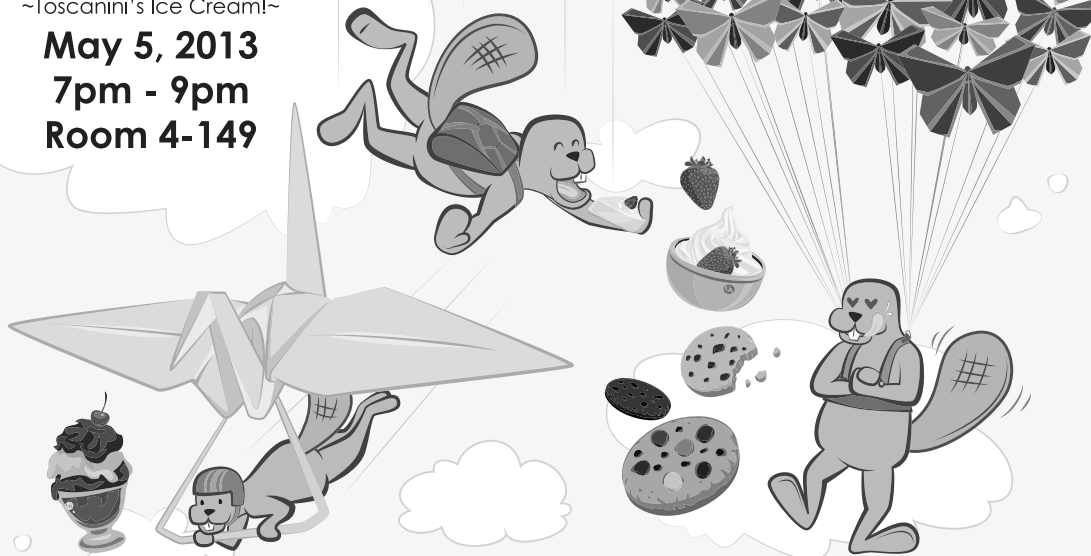
Mechanics ReView, a three month review of Newtonian mechanics. Unlike other edX offerings, the course is targeted toward high school students and physics teachers, who will be able to earn education credits through a collaboration between

edX and the American Association of Physics Teachers. The class is based on the three-week IAP 8.01 (Physics I) Review offered to students that had struggled in 8.01 during the fall, and was developed by the RELATE (Research in Learning, Assessing and Tutoring Effectively) group at MIT.

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# Speak Your Mind

MIT students' stories on coping with mental illnesses

**Story One**

Is there a place where MIT students can go to cry after failing an exam? I feel so ashamed, embarrassed, unworthy. I want to hide, I want to go somewhere on campus so that I can cry and breakdown. I feel like no matter how hard I try, no matter how hard I study, no matter how much of my life I sacrifice for school, I am not and will never be good enough for MIT. This is a devastating realization. I must have been admitted on accident. I'm about to cry.

**Story Two**

Being fat in the queer community is a daily struggle. I obviously do not fit the typical standards of beauty. But in the queer community, which is itself already a small subset of the community at large, it is even more difficult. Many feel that they need to live up to the queer stereotypes of being bitchy and/or having a great body, and then they project those onto others. Even some people outside of the queer community will say: "I love gay boys. They're always in such good shape and are way cuter than straight boys," and then look at me like I'm an exception, because I'm not in good shape and I'm not cute. Or, like I don't even belong in the queer community. Others think that they have good intentions and will comment on the "good looks" of others when I'm right there, too, which clearly means I am not good-looking, and my self-esteem (what little is left) takes another hit.

Plus, it's much harder to date or hook-up in the queer community when you're fat. Many use okcupid or grindr to accomplish these goals, but my experiences have yielded no positive responses. The responses I do get range from the benign ("You're just not my type, sorry.") to the blunt ("I'm not into fatties" or "I'm not a chubby chaser.") to the malicious ("Ew, why would you ask me that?" or "You've got to be kidding!"). And all this after a simple "Hello" or "How are you doing?" So much of seeking out relationships or hook-ups has to do with that first impression, where people look over your body and judge whether or not they want to even engage in that initial conversation.

I've been at MIT for a few years now, and I have not hooked up with anyone at MIT. The one hook-up I have had (that I now regret) was on a particularly desperate night of craigslist searching...Plus, I have never had a queer date or a relationship in my life.

Sure, I'm not perfect, and I don't expect to "click" with everyone. But I just wish that people could look past my physical appearance to see what's inside. Or, preferably, that people could "accept" my physical appearance "and" look at what's inside. I already have to deal with people's judging stares and snide remarks as I sit next to them on airplanes and on public transportation, as I enter an elevator, and as I order food at an eating establishment. All this could be significantly improved if I could have an intimate relationship with someone that could basically counterbalance such negativity I already have in my life. Can't the queer dating scene be a little better? Can I not die alone?"

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# Governance clause

## Groups uneasy about ASA clause

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SIPB met with members of the ASA Exec this past Monday to discuss their concerns. As a result, they adopted a modified version of the governance clause which protected certain SIPB property — both digital and physical — from being redistributed as the ASA Exec saw fit should it be derecognized. The last line of SIPB's modified clause states that "the Board retains the right to separate from the ASA in perpetuity."

**Supporting the clause**

In contrast, MIT's Film Club is one of the newer student groups on campus. The governance clause has been in its constitution since the group's founding last winter.

"We think that the ASA Governance Clause is fair; it ensures that all student groups are held accountable for any infractions of the rules and regulations of ASA," Joseph Elias, the president of MIT Film Club, stated. "These rules were drafted to ensure that student groups, such as the MIT Film Club, are accessible to and enjoyable for the entire student body; these groups cost money and use up some of MIT's valuable resources and should be held under review for infractions of the rules."

Keeler believes that the clause is reasonable, as all groups must agree to the ASA's rules and regulations in order to be ASA-recognized in the first place.

"The clause has been a requirement in constitutions for quite a while," said Keeler. "The clause doesn't really grant additional powers to the ASA — regardless of what a group acknowledges, the ASA is the

governing body for student groups on campus — but having the clause in every constitution hopefully ensures that groups are aware that they are bound by our rules, and are paying attention to them." In addition, Keeler says that the clause helps keep everyone "on the same page."

ASA secretary Benjamin P. Lehnert '13, also the grandmaster of the Assassins' Guild (an MIT student group), believes that the clause is justified "because all it does is delineate the powers of the ASA Board, which every group that seeks recognition agrees to anyway."

The ASA does not derive its authority from one place, but rather several places at MIT. "The ASA serves many roles, and so it derives authority from many different parts of the Institute," Keeler explained. "For example, our role as the allocators of space to student groups is derived from the Dean's office and CAC [Campus Activities Complex]; we work with SAO [Student Activities Office] and occasionally other offices on financial issues; and so on."

Keeler notes that the ASA generally likes to let student groups keep to themselves.

"We have no particular desire to interfere in almost any of the content of the constitution," emphasized Keeler. "The notable exceptions are requirements that MIT offices or we have that we think are just good for the general health of every student group. For example, we require student groups to be over 50 percent students."

She added, "I think it's very much within the MIT spirit to have student groups governing other student groups."

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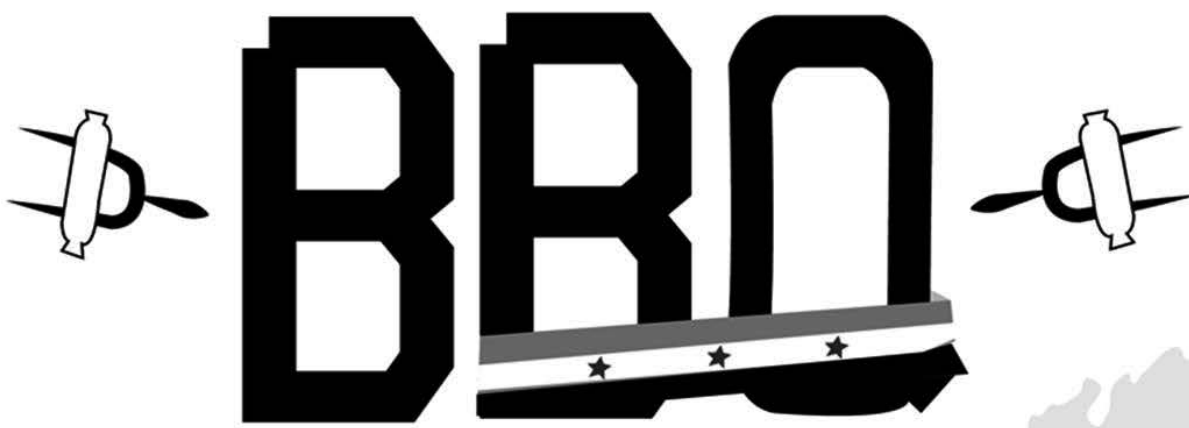
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# Tsarnaev's college friends face charges

By Maria Sacchetti  
and Matt Carroll  
*THE BOSTON GLOBE*

NEW BEDFORD — Dias Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov were college roommates who clicked with Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, another soccer-loving immigrant from the former Soviet Union who, unlike them, blended seamlessly into the United States. Tsarnaev spoke perfect English and knew where to shop and how to have a good time.

"He knew the system," said Robert G. Stahl, Kadyrbayev's criminal lawyer. "He knew how to go purchase things, where to go in college, what to do. So they gravitated toward each other."

The nature of that friendship came under sharp scrutiny Wednesday in Boston, where the men faced charges in two federal courtrooms, first in immigration court, where they had an initial hearing on possible deportation to their native Kazakhstan in Central Asia. Then in the afternoon, federal officials charged the roommates and a third man, a US citizen from Cambridge, with helping cover up their friend's alleged role in the Boston Marathon bombings.

In immigration court Wednesday morning, lawyers for Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov sought to portray the 19-year-olds as mere acquaintances of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who speaks fluent Russian and also 19 and in the same sophomore class at UMass Dartmouth.

Lawyers said the Kazakh men were engineering majors whose extremely low grades were endangering their student visas. Kadyrbayev was expelled after the fall semester because of low grades, a university official said.

One of Tazhayakov's lawyers said in immigration court Wednesday

that Tazhayakov was reinstated after switching his major to economics.

"It's a simple student violation" of their visas, said Linda Cristello, a Boston immigration lawyer, after the initial hearings in immigration court.

In Kazakhstan, Kadyrbayev's father Murat recently told the online Kazakh news site Tengrinews.kz that his son got excellent grades in high school and "knew Tsarnaev" in college and hung out with him sometimes.

But federal officials offered a different portrait of Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov — and a third friend, Robel Phillipos of Cambridge, in the criminal allegations against them Wednesday in US District Court.

Federal agents alleged that Tsarnaev and the Kazakh men were good friends who met in fall 2011 and grew closer last year, when Kadyrbayev apparently posted a photograph of the three in New York's Times Square on his VKontakte social media page.

Friends and court records said the friends went to parties and shared dinners and rides to class. Kadyrbayev visited Tsarnaev's home in Cambridge and met his family members, according to court records.

Two months before the bombings, Tsarnaev, Tazhayakov, and others gathered on the banks of the Charles River and ignited fireworks. One month before the bombing, court records show, Tsarnaev confided in the men over dinner that he knew how to make a bomb.

It is unclear how Robel Phillipos met the two Kazakh men. Phillipos and Tsarnaev were in the class of 2011 at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

All four men enrolled in UMass Dartmouth in 2011, though school officials said Phillipos withdrew last year.

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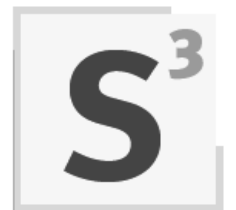


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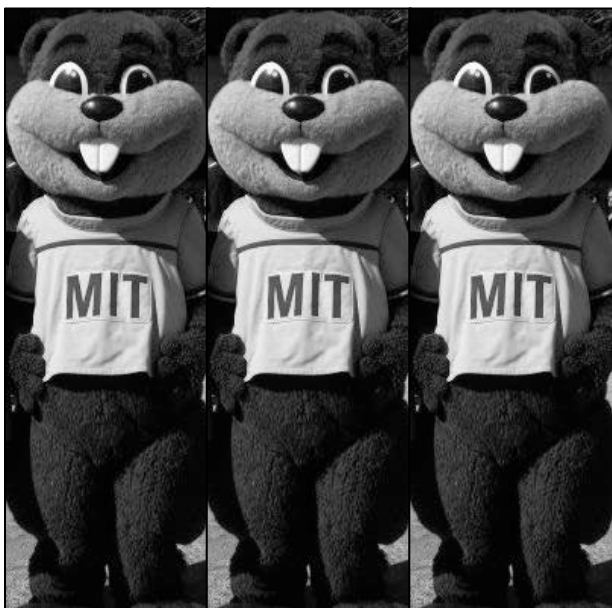
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