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UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Activities Council  Athletic Association
Class Presidents  Sophomore  Junior  Senior
Dean Presidents  Baker House  House  Senior House
Inter-Fraternity Conference  Chairman  2 Representatives
Non-Resident Student Association  Association of Women Students

Executive Council

Permanent Subcommittees
Student Committee on Educational Policy
Foreign Opportunities Committee
Public Relations Committee
Judicial Committee

Administrative Subcommittees

Student Center Committee
Activities Council
Finance Council
Secretariat (UAP)

Temporary & Special Subcommittees

Open House and Parents Weekend
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A Complex Problem

However, it is generally felt that an organization such as SAC should exist, even though it is not obvious where it fits into activities or student government. No heavy majority exists for the matter, and this topic will be discussed before a decision is reached.

Discussion

After examining the pros and cons, it was concluded that anything which affects the general MIT community may be discussed by Inscomm if it sees fit. By the words "if it sees fit," it is meant only that discussion must be asked for by a member. At any point in the debate, anyone may challenge the importance of the topic, and if a majority is in favor of continuing the debate, it shall continue. If a majority is not found, the topic in question will be dropped. Furthermore, discussion of the topic does not necessarily imply that any action will be taken; rather, this is one method to advise a group, committee, or individual, or to become better informed of the issue at hand.

Further Action

What is the relation between Inscomm's activities, and class governments? The feeling is nearly unanimous on both points. After the reorganization of the Activities Council and its definition of powers, all activities will be subject to review by the Council. In the case of an interactivity dispute or a question of ethical behavior, Activities Councils will be called upon to settle the entire matter. It is, therefore, not expected that any Inscomm directive would ever occur. However, Inscomm exercise total overview for all activities and, therefore, over Activities Council, also. If a situation should arise where it becomes necessary for Inscomm to intervene in matters concerning either an individual activity or Activities Council as a whole, it may do so.

Class Governments

Likewise, Inscomm will reserve the right to complete review concerning the class governments. If the officers of any class government decide to undertake a project or break a precedent that Inscomm deemed detrimental to university life in any way, a recommendation or mandate to these officers will necessarily follow. A good case in point would be that of a class-sponsored function which, to all appearances, will throw a class into debt. The action taken should clearly be for the benefit of the class and should only be taken with the consent of the class. How can such a mandate be enforced? Where is the power of Inscomm located when it makes a decision? The answer lies largely in the administration. The president of the Dean Student Affairs, the Dean of Residence, and the FAC will have the power of enforcement. Naturally, Inscomm must have their support in such a matter.

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Another source of power is in the student body itself. Any decision of Inscomm may be challenged and if the majority of the undergraduate students concur with the decision, it remains in effect and enforcement can be added by the general will of the students.

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SUBCOMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Once again, a nearly unanimous decision has been reached in regard to subcommittees. Since all subcommittee chairmen are elected by the Institute Committee, the members of Inscomm have the privilege to remove (by a 2/3 majority) any chairman they feel is unworthy of his position. Furthermore, choice of members and project formulation are subject to total review in any case where it is found necessary. This does not mean that subcommittees have no existence or flexibility; it only means that if an undesirable situation occurs within a subcommittee, Inscomm has defined methods of eliminating the problem. Subcommittees then remain free to innovate projects and carry them out as they see fit but they are protected by overview from falling into a dangerous state of affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIFICATIONS

To eliminate "dead horse" subcommittees from continuing as an inert part of Inscomm, all temporary and special subcommittees will undergo certain specifications as to length and tenure of existence at their inception. These specifications will be specified by Inscomm at that time. If no specifications are placed on each subcommittee, it will become defunct when the new Inscomm takes over unless the new group decides to retain it and accordingly votes to retain its existence.

FUTURE IMPORTANCE

The adoption of this Constitution will be, it is hoped, a step to increase the efficiency and overall effectiveness of our present system of student government; to strengthen the regard in which the administration already holds it, and to promote the general welfare of the undergraduate body for which it stands.