Institute Council wins qualified backing

(Continued from page 1)"issueminator of information. His role is small and gifted with an able chairman, it was asserted that it was extraordinarily good for it to focus on issues come up with recommendations.

The difficulty, he argued, was that "we were a mixture" of different constituencies. Even if one were to be plurality, he didn't think the council should give up the notion, make it more manageable. Universities, he added, are not democratic; "they become centrally controlled and are largely invisible," etc., the discussion that are not set. He added that the faculty itself still had a long way to go in having control over matters that affect them and the council could progress in this direction.

"Weitch" noted, if you set up policy councils which are not listened to, you become bitter and vicious.

Substantive issues Professor of Economics Lestershow, a Commission member, argued that any way in which the situations might be improved would be good. The substantive issues, he later said, are to open up MIT's budget proceedings and provide for a "forward looking" state of the Institute address by the president.

The president of Princeton, which already has a similar council, told him last spring that it was "very valuable" in that time of crisis. He argued that there is no reason that issues of importance to the whole community should be discussed in faculty meetings. Further, he pointed out, a fair, community-wide, judicious systems has to reporting to someone besides the faculty. Thusrow suspected that a group that is broadly based will be difficult to ignore.

Discuss policy Commission member Marvin Sirbu explained that the intent of the Council is to have some place to discuss "issues of policy." Professor Lionel Trilling was support to Thouron's argument, saying that making the faculty meeting the only place to discuss "institution-wide" issues puts it in a false position with respect to the student and staff. It would be an easier for the faculty to solve its own problems if it were not for the forum for the Institute for a whole. However, he wished that the charter would define the range of issues the council could discuss.

Larry Storch, another Commission member who had visited Princeton, added that students have been wary at first, but the Council there had slowly been able to build up its reputation and gain their respect. He stressed the importance of what the Council does, not how it is structured, in determining whether it will win students support. Disputing those who had spoken against the council for its nonresident, Buttner explained that "voting is a barometer on this group," giving an indication of what its recommendations mean.

Leaders need new ideas The final speaker, Gregory Smith, chairman of CIAC and a member of the Corporation, said there is a need for the establishment get new points of view. Some of the defects pointed out by Weinberg can be cleared up if the ground rules for the Council are made clearer. "Mess of good will," he said, "can realize the recommendations mean.

One faculty member noted that the role of associate advisor is still open, although, he FAC asks associate advisors to make a commitment to work with their advisors at least two months. In a couple of cases, associate advisors have given over for faculty members, he could not continue. Buttner expressed satisfaction with the results.

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Advisor wishes gain priority

Great strain on the system.

"We itch" added that another promising way of making the assignments is on the basis of freshmen seminars. The additional contact this provides has assisted in the formation of relationships.

Under the present system, the average number of advisors per advisor per year is 12.3 and 3.3.

One faculty member noted that the Council would increase the already-heavy time demands in faculty members. He pointed out that there were trade-offs between democracy, economy, and expertise in decision-making to be considered. The same speaker added that introducing the Cambridge City Manager in to the judicial process at MIT was "a little awkward, at best." Later in the meeting, however, Bob Simms, Planning Officer, noted that the City Manager probably wouldn't attend the meetings, former City Manager Sullivan, invited to sit on a similar group at Harvard, said he "didn't like the odds," which were only 20 to 1. Simha questioned whether the manager, who is actually only a city employee, was really the person to represent Cambridge.

Cambridge importance Jeff Rainhill stressed the importance of participatory democracy and felt that the representation of Cambridge is important.

John Kraynak believed it was important for students to be able to actually know someone involved in the decision-making process.

UGP Greg Chichlalan pointed out that there were certain issues central to a wide variety of groups at MIT. Feedback from employees about what students write on walls, the homosexual dance were issues which he felt could have benefited from the existence of the Council. At MIT, he believed, there are a number of interested students who would like to do it on an open level, however, most students are not really interested.

Charles Stevens of the CSR, called for more proportional representation for special interest groups at MIT such as the literary staff. He received support from many of the other speakers.

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