Humanities changes approved by faculty

By Mike McNamara

A recommendation in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, approved by a vote of the faculty Wednesday afternoon, will take effect next September.

The faculty approval of a motion from the Committee on Education Policy to accept the new requirement prepared by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was the main business conducted in the two-hour meeting.

The faculty also amended their Rules and Regulations to allow CEF membership for the fourth and fifth years of MIT undergraduates.

The new program (for the complete text, see page 2) provides that students complete the Curriculum framework, structured around threeDistribution subjects and three or four elective subjects in one of fifteen fields. The requirement will take effect in the fall, and will apply in a slightly modified form to the classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977.

Debate over the requirement at the faculty meeting centered on what was called the Distribution definition. The faculty then approved an amended statement which modified the wording of the Distribution definition. The amended requirement was passed unanimously.

Introduction flexibility

The first business conducted by the faculty at the monthly meeting was the amendment of the Rules and Regulations of the MIT Distribution Program on the recommendation of Provost Herbert Hersey to take the place of the "Undergraduate Planning Program" in an ex-officio seat on the CEP. Rogers was recently appointed to the y. B. P. P. seat, which was temporarily discontinued in 1973. The post of Undergraduate Planning Professor, which was created in the 1969's, has been vacant since then.

This amendment was defeated by a vote of 81 to 76, according to Assistant Professor of Humanities, Sherman Skolnick, who had modified the definition of the Distribution subjects. Biggs' amendment, according to an accompanying statement was intended to "ensure that all student take at least three obviously humanistic subjects some time during their MIT career." [emphasis original]

The Biggs' amendment was defeated by a vote of 81 to 76 after an hour of debate. The faculty then approved an amended statement which modified the wording of the Distribution definition. The amended requirement was passed unanimously.

Rents in MIT dormitories will increase 9.1 cents next year, according to Assistant Professor of Humani-

ty, Gregor, and McCormick, and Bexley.

The increase, which was dis-
cussed in a statement by President Jerome B. Wiesner at the Febru-
ary faculty meeting, was ap-

Dorm rates to rise sharply

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The Institute substituted the increased costs for energy in the housing system last year, Beals said, so that cost "won't be the same this year." Beals continued, "but next year's rents have to rise to a new level."

The Rate and Tariff Committee has dropped the "house-cost/syst-
em" definition, which they have used in the past two years for this year's analysis. Under the previous system, costs were figured by dividing the costs of the system (the baseline for room-rental) by the number of residents, including those who are not members by the particular house, such as desk service, housemas-
ter's duties, and system costs, which were more-or-less equal throughout the system.

This rent would then be deter-
mined by dividing up the two costs among the residents, and by adjusting with a "quality differential," so that rooms in the same building, like the one-room rooms at Simmons are cheaper than those in East Campus, Senior House, Ba-
ker, and Bexley.

"The house/system cost plan was just extra work," Jim Mood-
ley-Tiff, Baker representative on the Committee, said. "Almost everything ended up as a system cost, and the differentials between houses were becoming the most important elements in the rents."

This year, Beals says, the dif-
ferential system will "probably be used."

"The Watergate Plane Crash - Who Killed Mrs. E. Howard Hunt?" - see MIT audience Monday night.

Skolnick, a Chicago legal researcher, told an MIT audience Monday night.

Skolnick, a member of the Watergate special counsel's staff, said at a lecture on "Watergate: the Flight Out of the CIA." He said that Watergate was part of a much larger conspiracy, Skolnick said, that the FBI did not allow medical people to attend the hearings.

He also contended that "CBS ordered the immedi-
ate cremation of their reporter [Michelle Clark] who was on the flight."

Skolnick said that Watergate was an accident of a much larger conspiracy. He claimed that the Alger Hiss and Rosenberg trials of the late 1940s, "the FBI was covering up for the super-rich bankers and big oil."

He personalized the bankers and oil men as the "Rockefellers," who "using their power to control the facts" and destroy the evidence. Skolnick alleged that air crashes in Alaska killing Repre-
sentative Hartling, and more recently, high level oil executives, were sabotages to cover up the linkage of big oil to Watergate. Within his proposed conspiracy, Skolnick said, "Nixon is on a level somewhat lower than Rockefeller. Rockefeller runs the oligarchs of the CIA. Nixon has fallen into the Mafia end of it." He sug-
gested that the Rockefeller faction of the conspiracy is trying to dump Nixon and, to that end, planned Watergate.

Debating countermeasures to the resistance he has met in his investigations, Skolnick alluded to judges who steal "judges' files which eventually end up on his possession. In specific relation to the plane crash, Skolnick described another "rip-off." He said, "I can tell you, because we thought it was patriotic, because we are not going to allow him to have any in-

The Housing Office is also considering, Beals said, a "round-
ing rate." structure for next year. This system would set a new record for the best information available, and would raise the rate for next spring upward or down after observing the costs that are incurred during the fall term. Beals pointed out that "there is no way of saying how much the adjustments would be," but adds that they would probably be small.

The Committee will take its recommendations to the Dorm-
ity Council early in April, Beals said, and then will an-
ounce the rates for next year. Members of the Committee did not seem to feel that the increases would cause too many dorm residents to leave the hous-
ing system. "Apparent and the cost of living in general will be-
ning up too," Moody said. "It doesn't have to be much more attrac-
tive to move off."