Preserve MIT writing

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage all people interested in the preservation of the writing program, and especially student-centered teaching at MIT, to change the direction of their efforts from simply attacking the administration, to proposing and pursuing a productive course of action. The only way anything will be accomplished is if we work together for our common goals.

Two issues have been discussed: is the administration being honest (and will we stand for it if it isn’t), and will there continue to be student-centered writing courses at MIT? These two questions are related but separate, so we should not let the success or failure of one cause the failure of the other.

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