Committees With Undergraduate Support 1980

This supplement contains descriptions of all the Institute committees with undergraduate members. Though there are many additional committees (all the Institute Committees have short descriptions published yearly in Tech Talk) these include ones in which students play an integral part. The student members are either specifically required in the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty or are requested by the committee chairman or person to whom the committee reports. This insert is intended to make available to interested students a short description of all committees requesting undergraduate support. Included are names of chairpersons and the current student members. Should more information be desired than is included here, these people should be able to answer any questions. In addition, all students serving on these committees have been requested to file report forms to the Nominations Committee. Copies of these are kept on file in the Student Center Library. These contain useful information on what the various committees have done in the past and what their current concerns are. The majority of these committees receive their undergraduate members through the Nominations Committee of the Undergraduate Association. However, some of the committees select their own members.

The following committees are those that currently have undergraduate members. All undergraduates are eligible to hold seats on these committees. There is usually no prerequisite to serving on a committee. In most cases the students play an integral part in the committee and have full voting rights. The Faculty Committees are created by majority vote of the faculty. These committees deal with policy issues that affect every undergraduate student. These committees hold regular meetings, usually weekly. Many also divide into subcommittees when several issues are being considered. Presidential committees deal with the operations and activities of the Institute. They sometimes involve not only faculty, students and administrators, but also other employees and the surrounding community. Students serving on these committees are almost always full voting members. Most committees meet weekly with others meeting only once per term.

The Corporation Joint Advisory Committee on Institute Wide Affairs was created by the Corporation to keep it advised of important issues on the MIT campus. The committee has no specific issue which it must address. In the past it has reviewed important issues including the selection of the new president. Meeting frequency depends on the issue currently being investigated. The Coop Board of Directors includes many persons from the MIT community. The board has asked the U.A. Nominations Committee to suggest two students whose names will be endorsed by the Coop on the spring ballot. The students, as all other members, are paid as full board members of the Harvard Cooperative Society. Meetings are held regularly about once a month and more frequently if members are on subcommittees. In addition to those listed below there are several committees of the Undergraduate Association. Membership is either open or by committee hearing. Each committee holds several meetings during the term which may involve up to several hours per week. Contact the U. A. Office for more information on any of these committees.

Faculty Committees:

Committee on Academic Performance

This committee is concerned with the academic performance of undergraduates and shall make recommendations to the faculty on such matters as minimum scholastic standards, examinations, and grading. The CAP reviews student petitions for late dropping and adding of subjects, and various other requests. The committee requires a heavy time commitment, meeting once a week during the term and for a period of two or three days after the end of the term.

Chairman: Jane Dickson Administrative Assist. Bldg. 4-237 x 3-4164

Student Members:
Janice Antos '80 528 McCormick d5-9648
Sarah Axell '81 601 Runkle Senior House d 5-6651
Daniel Metager '80 475 German House d 5-7667

Committee on Curriculum

This committee's activities center on the implementation of the General Institute requirements and course curricula. They include:
1. considering proposals for changes in the institute requirements, and making suitable recommendations to the faculty.
2. acting with power on proposals for Science Distribution and laboratory subjects.
3. acting with power on requests from individual students for exceptions to the General Institute requirements.
4. acting with power on proposals for changes in subjects of instruction.
5. acting with power on proposals for new curricula and changes in existing curricula, and
6. reviewing reports by departments on individual student's programs which include major departures from an approved curriculum, and summaries of all minor departures.

Chairman: Prof. Richard K. Yamamoto 4-1575 TS Rm. 409

Student members:
Dick Gorman '81 DU
526 Beacon Street Boston, MA 536-3931
David Lingelbach '83 155 Bay State Road Boston, MA 536-3931
Lisa Hekata '82 425 McCormick d5-8565
Michael Tindell '83 331D Burton d5-8304

Committee on Discipline

This committee shall consider cases of alleged misconduct brought to its attention by the Dean for Student Affairs. An accused student shall be given the opportunity to present himself or herself in person at a meeting of the committee. If the findings of the committee include a recommendation that a student be required to withdraw from the Institute, the recommendation with the findings shall be reported to the President for approval or disapproval; otherwise, the committee is empowered to effect its recommendations. There is a possibility of summer student participation on this committee.

Chairman: Prof. Leon B. Giroisser 7-305 x 4-4110

Student members:
Charles Malaccia 80 DU
526 Beacon Street Boston, MA 536-3931
Markus Whitley '80 DU
526 Beacon Street Boston, MA 536-3931
Bob Schaffer '80 241F Burton d5-8244

Committee on Educational Policy

The Faculty Committee on Educational Policy (which includes student members) formulates and articulates overall educational policy, sponsors educational experiments, and coordinates much of the faculty's business. CEP representatives are appointed to other student committees of the faculty. The chairman of the faculty is ex officio chairman of the CEP.

Chairman: Prof. Sheila Widnell Bldg. 27-475

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