GA passes resolutions on harrassment, committees

By Stuart Gilboa

A revised motion regarding affirmation and protection of rights of members of the MIT community and two motions regarding the reporting procedure of the general committees and confirmation of general committee chairmen were passed by the General Assembly (GA) at a meeting held at the President's House yesterday evening.

According to the motion concerning the rights of students, the "students of MIT will not suffer "...affirmations upon the rights of others. We [the UA] are committed to the protection of the rights of all members of the community." The Undergraduate Association reaffirms that perpetrators of such abuse be dealt with in an appropriately severe manner, up to and including dismissal from the Institute.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote by a large majority.

The original motion had included a section stating that "students find guilty of "student" acts" would be expelled. The meaning of "malicious" was determined to be ambiguous, and was eliminated from the final version of the motion.

By Frank Heach

The 1981-82 student activities budget was tabled by the General Assembly (GA) of the Undergraduate Association (UA) at a meeting yesterday evening. The budget will be voted on at the next GA meeting, scheduled in two weeks. The GA also unanimously passed a resolution requiring that a clearly-defined process be determined to negotiate a student activities budget each year which will ensure student input.

Both of these motions are reactive to the fact that the amount of money appropriated by the Institute to finance student activities has remained constant for the last six years, according to Raji Talib '81, a member of the Institute Board and sponsor of the motion.

President Paul E. Gray '74 has basically agreed to increase the level of student input to the budget-making process as a result of a meeting which Gray had with EA President John DeDeor '83 and members of the UA Executive Committee yesterday.

The resolution also provides that the Administration to increase the student activities allocation in next year's budget.

This year's budget allocated $10,000, which was proposed by the Dean for Student Affairs office. The GA is seeking $20,000 and one of the points before they approve the budget.

"The level of funding for student activities is substantially lower than other funding areas," said Talib. "Student activities are severely affected when the Administration feels that they are uncontrollable expenses."

Former UA President Chuck Markham '81 raised the possibility of a "student activities fee" by suggesting that all GA representatives "go back and talk to their people about it."

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley Melby, who was present at the meeting with Gray, asked Talib whether he had "made an effort to talk to people in the Dean's Office," and added, "You have to come and meet with me to justify why you need $10,000 more, so I can explain this to Arnold Conners '83, GA House Leaders, and I feel very receptive to the possibility of increasing the student activities funds, but it has to be a crusade."

Talib noted, "The problem is when we [the Finance Board] have to make a program where more money should be allocated. It is [the Administration's] responsibility to examine the situation and ask us for our budget."

Proposed activities budget tabled by GA

By Tony Zamparutti

The faculty, in its regular meeting yesterday, heard a proposed motion to rewrite the rules concerning faculty committees and allow the chairmen of committees to select student members; remarks by President Paul Paul Gray '74 concerning the Rea-ann Assembly's budget policy; the unannounced speech by Don Loew, Professor of Physics, in which he expressed his disappointment with the administration's budget; and a report of the IAP Policy Committee.

Several faculty members attended the meeting, held in Room 10-250.

The motion to change a variety of faculty rules, introduced by Richard Carthew, Linguistics and Philosophy Professor, included the wording: "student members, any of, each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee from a set of nominees provided by the student government." The proposed wording would be a "set of student representatives" on faculty committees, said Gerald Fitzgerald '82, chairman of the UA Nominations Committee (Nonom committee). Allowing chairmen to choose student members, rather than having the students themselves elect them, would triplicate the accountability of student members, since they would no longer be representatives of the student body, claimed Fitzgerald.

Carthew said in his opening statements on the motion, "the intent is to bring the rules of the faculty in line with certain Institute changes. Our intent is to ensure existing practice."

Fitzgerald, who was granted special permission to speak at the faculty meeting, explained the jurisdiction and procedures of Nominating Committee, and said that the committee has interviewed interested students. Nonom appoints student members to faculty committees, said Fitzgerald, and lists the top candidates for a committee in a preferential list. The list allows faculty chairmen to contact interested students, beyond the appointed members, and to provide substitutes for these members.

The Committee on Education Policy (CEP) approved proposed changes in faculty rules, which included minor changes in some graduate programs, and changes in the jurisdiction of some faculty committees. David Wiles, secretary of the CEP, said of the proposals, "We don't expect any changes in results from the changes in words."

Paul Gray reported to the faculty on his attendance at meetings of the American Association for Engineering Education and the Electronic Industries Association (EIA). From these meetings he gained a perspective on the Reagan Administration's proposed budget cuts.

Gray followed David Stockman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in addressing the EIA. Gray told the faculty, based on his impressions from Stockman's speech, that in the philosophies of the Reagan Administration, "any unwarranted circumstance for the campus or the Pentagon...those costs will just have to be borne."

"This will...suggest to him that we find only two respects with which the Reagan Administration, and by the same token the rich, want to cut corporate prices and the Graduate Student Loan Program."

Professor Arnold Shenk '82, English Professor, announced that the Killian Award Committee had chosen C. C. L finish Irene, Finance Professor, for the 1981-82 Killian faculty award. Shenk said that Lind "both by style and achievement" has been recognized as the highest ideals of the faculty.

Woodrow Flowers '73, Mechanical Engineering Associate Professor, presented the report of the IAP Policy Committee. At least every four years a review of IAP is undertaken by the committee. Shenk said that although IAP 's sins' are few, you can point out the entire faculty involvement in five years. "Faculty representation has, according to committee figures, been slightly decreasing since the last IAP committee, 1977."

J. D. Nyhart, Professor of Management and Ocean Engineering, presented the list of proposed faculty nominations to committees at the Faculty meeting. Proving Francis Lown reported that the administration has proposed that MIT will provide legal assistance to any professor engaged in litigation for his participation in any form of academic peer review, such as tenure decisions.

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By John LaPierre '92 (editor) had four goals for the improvement in a recent lacrosse game (Photo by Al O'Conner).