The MIT Corporation's Visiting Committee on Student Affairs is charged with evaluating complex issues facing student affairs at MIT. In its report to the Visiting Committee, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) has highlighted the following issues for discussion:

- The Appropriation to Student Activities (ASA) role.
- The role of the Association of Student Activities (ASA).
- Accountability of the Student Center Committee (SCC).
- Student activity accountability and self-governance.
- Operation and maintenance budget for facilities.

Many of the over-budgeted student activities obscure the real crises facing MIT student activities. Despite the MIT administration's repeated pronouncements on the advantages of student activity involvement, many organizations currently are not adequately funded. The Visiting Committee would not waste its time concentrating on the accountability of the few privileged and wealthy student activities; it should focus on ensuring the viability of the many student activities suffering from lack of support. While it is well-known the Institute faces several years of belt-tightening, many activities that are also strapped for finances are not as worried about accountability and self-governance as they are about whether they can attend an out-of-state conference next term.

MIT must recognize that student activities—whether they are defined as those formally recognized by groups traditionally enjoyed by groups—allocated to student activities has not increased significantly. Many of the over-$100,000 student organizations on campus are slowly dying for lack of financial support. While it has doubled tuition in the last five years, the budget allocated to student activities has not increased significantly. Many of the over-$100,000 student organizations on campus are slowly dying for lack of financial support.

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MIT's overestimated student activity funding, but all ODSA support services to students and student groups. In particular, the merger of the Residence and the Office of the Visiting Committee on Student Affairs is charged with its responsibilities. The Association of Student Activities (ASA) is a significant part of the undergraduate educational experience. It contributes vitality to the development of students at MIT, not solely in preparation for their careers, but as sources of learning and enjoyment while students attend MIT.

The Undergraduate Association President's (UAP) role, the role of the Association of Student Activities (ASA), the role of the Student Center Committee (SCC), and student activity accountability and self-governance. These are affirmative rights; just because funds from the Finance Board (subject to the terms of its constitution), "says ASA alone does not control groups' assets. The executive committee's notice says "activities without ASA recognition of 41 student groups and seizure of their assets. The role of the Visiting Committee on Student Affairs is charged with its responsibilities. The Association of Student Activities (ASA) is a significant part of the undergraduate educational experience. It contributes vitality to the development of students at MIT, not solely in preparation for their careers, but as sources of learning and enjoyment while students attend MIT.

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