Changing the UA

The Undergraduate Association General Assembly will witness the installation of president-elect Mike Witte and vice president-elect Michael Greco this Thursday and likely begin to consider the restructuring of undergraduate student government at MIT.

It is the opinion of this newspaper that such a change is needed. The current student government and itsodesignated functions should be reviewed and reassessed so as to provide a more efficient, representative and effective student government. The new student government should be based firmly upon the principle of representative democracy. It is to time recognise the responsibility and priorities of the student body and allow it to directly determine the priorities and policies of that government. A popularly elected representative body should control the financial and educational interests of students.

The quasi-independent Finance Board, Association of Student Activities, Nominations Committee, and Student Committee to a particular corner of the campus. A Student Activities Committee should be handled by the Social Council.