Faculty passes HumD changes

By San Cable

The MIT faculty voted at its regular meeting Wednesday to endorse changes in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirement proposed by the Committee on Student Affairs.

The changes abolish the Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement, which had been in effect since 1881. They replace it with the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Requirement, which will be administered by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences to administer the humanities requirement, and require the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Information Center to prepare a guide for students on the humanities requirement.

The number of required units of distribution, concentration, and elective humanities subjects will not change, according to Professor Sylvain Bromberger, head of the Committee on Educational Policy task force which drafted the proposals.

The committee requested the task force in October to investigate the administration of the humanities requirement. The task force constructed proposals based on opinions of all faculty members teaching distribution subjects, all departments and sections in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Architecture and Planning, the Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement, the Committee on the Humanities and Social Science Council.

The arrangement of the humanities requirement has "on the whole, worked out well," Bromberger said. The recommendation was "to preserve the weaknesses, but to preserve the strengths of the existing system, and to help overcome its weaknesses, he added." The criteria governing humanities distribution subjects, open to many mutually exclusive interpretations and ignoring the diversity of humanities, arts and social science courses, Bromberger continued, have proved "unworkable."

The idea of the Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirements has not worked out," Bromberger said. "We have charged the committee with an impossible task of enforcing the humanities requirement, and they have almost pulled it off."

Students are not well enough informed about the classes "to pick three classes from a list of one hundred," Bromberger said. The method for verifying completion of the requirement needs to be changed, he added.

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SCC expects $4,000 loss on Tubes

By David W. Bower

The Student Center Committee expects to lose $4000 sponsoring Spring Weekend, according to Social Chairman Susan Marlowe `84.

The committee budgeted $26,500 — the most expensive Spring Weekend ever — for this weekend's events with Delta Tau Wiesner discussing nuclear war

By Jack Link

"We've been going around the course behaving like a truth squard, trying to keep an eye on those fellows who are hooping-and-throwing the country into buying the MX missile," declared Institute Professor Jarno Wiesner during his talk "The Myth of Experts" Wednesday evening.

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Another Flashdance in the fall, according to Nguyen. The council provided $6000 to print four issues of The Graduate. The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs contributed the remaining $600 to the total publishing cost of $6900.

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