New faculty policy on academic honesty

Preface

The following guidelines have been developed at the recommendation of the faculty and endorsed by the student government. The student government was very active in the development of this policy, and the wording of the text reflects their concerns and ideas.

Departmental Handling of Violations of Academic Conduct

The guidelines are not intended as a change in MIT's basic position on the issue of academic honesty. For the most part they are a composite of policies and procedures now being followed by many faculty members and departments. They are intended to bring the process more clearly, more equitably, and a better understanding of possible options. The guidelines emphasize the importance of clear communication about the academic conduct that faculty members expect from their students. They thus suggest how violations of these expectations should be handled by each department individually.

Guideline text:

AMT/Bulletin's statement on Conduct, Discipline, and Grievance Procedures.

Some faculty members believe that there may be some degree of assistance from other faculty members in the grading process, but are concerned that faculty members may be responsible individuals who do not feel comfortable with the idea of the faculty member's disciplinary penalties being imposed.

Some academic offenses by students may be handled differently by between the faculty member and the student, possibly with the assistance of the faculty member's department.

Guideline text continues.

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Forum on Pornography Policy

February 5th, 4:00 pm

Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center

The UA Council and Graduate Student Council will be voting on this month on an updated version of the policy concerning sexually explicit films on campus. Students should attend and give input to this vote.

UA NEWS

Tuition Increase?

Bryan Moser will be presenting information to the administration concerning the effect of high tuition on student life. Send letters to Bryan at the UA Office for more details.

Education Reform:

Student Response to the Institute

Take a seminar for credit to help draft a student critique to current efforts on education reform. Discussions centered around student perspectives on educational policy and serious participation of students will take place. History of policy at MIT, trends at other universities, and student initiated research projects will be assisted by Professors Kaysen and Snyder. Contact the UA Office for more details.