Deutch says he will not be next president

A stormy five years will soon come to an end

Analysis

By Prabhut Mehra

John Deutch's resignation in June will mark the end of a controversial five-year tenure as MIT's provost. Entering the position in the summer of 1985, Deutch quickly restructured the Provost's Office and launched an extensive drive toward educational reform.

But the MIT-educated chemical engineer soon became the center of several controversies—including heat projection for the 1990s defense-related interests and the hasty dissolution of the Department of Applied Physics. -Office, which continue to draw attention away from the office's goal of an aggressive, efficient manager.

Deutch entered the Provost's Office free from pressures as dean of science. His first key move was to restructure the office, bringing under his control the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, and creating two new positions for the Provost's Office: the associate provost for educational policy and programs and the dean for undergraduate education.

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Papers are best able to judge the quality and appropriateness of this kind of writing. Having departments administer the requirement, therefore, makes evaluations more accurate and complete, Perelman said.

Criterions stringent but varied

Of course, with the shift of responsibility from a central, schoolwide coordinator to the individual departments, criteria for fulfilling Phase II and criteria for "good writing" are bound to vary. "In Phase I, we are dealing with writing within a specific discipline," Perelman explained, "so these types of criteria will be different by definition." "I am seeking victory with this," said Deutch. "I am seeking victory with this." Each department has adopted their own method for fulfilling Phase II. Contrary to some predictions, they are not lax, Perelman said.

Dukakis says industry will recover soon

By Irene Kuo

In April, 1988, responsibility for administering most of Phase II of the Writing Requirement shifted from the Committee on the Writing Requirement to individual departments. This was done in an effort to improve the quality of the evaluations and to make the requirement more strictly enforced. Nearly two years later, some wonder if these people have been waiting.

Leslie C. Perelman, coordinator for the Writing Requirement, believes they have. Seniors who have not fulfilled Phase II by the spring term, receive a letter from the Registrar stating that their names will be placed on the unofficial degree list for graduation in June, he noted. The letter will also be sent to Dukakis, who will advise them to Perelman, who will advise them to:

The Student Center's Athena cluster

By Katherine Shin

The Committee on Academic Computing, whose job is to assess the past role of Project Athena and other academic computing at the Institute and make recommendations for the future, has finished collecting data. It will release a draft report of its findings late next month.

The draft's recommendations—which will likely include decentralizing control of the Institute's computer network—are expected to sharply define the role of academic computing at MIT. They will emphasize the use of computing as a tool to enhance undergraduate and graduate education, and will attempt to bring definition to the previously nebulous function of Athena in education.

To analyze past and future academic computing, the committee collected information from representatives from the five schools of the Institute, the Institute, and the educational role of computing.

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Deutch plans to step down in June, ending five-year tenure

By Reuven M. Lerner and Niraj S. Desai

Provost John M. Deutch '61 announced yesterday that he will not be MIT's next president and that he will step down as provost on June 30.

Deutch told the Academic Council that he believes the next president should have the opportunity to name a new provost. After five years as the Institute's chief academic officer, Deutch said he plans to return to teaching and research in physical chemistry and on public policy issues.

Yesterday's announcement apparently came as a surprise to members of the Council, which is composed of MIT's top officials, and to others in the administration and faculty.

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Athena report due next month

The five schools of the Institute sent someone to talk about the needs, recommendations, and past involvement of each school with academic computing," said committee spokesman Gregory A. Jackson '70. "We found that the needs of each school are quite different. The committee must try to accommodate these varying needs," Jackson added.

Its data collection process completed, the committee is presently writing a draft report which is scheduled to be circulated within the Institute in late February. The report will consist of approximately 20 recommendations concerning the organization of computing, sources of funding, and the educational role of computing.

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