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**Faculty Committee Will Study Graduate Education, Research**

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Emphasis on graduate funding

The "dominant item" on the committee's agenda is how MIT will fund tuition for its graduate students in the future, Allen said. Currently, graduate student stipends are funded through the Employee Benefits Pool, which also funds things like health insurance. "The way it's done now has been challenged by the federal auditors, and the committee is considering "no fewer than seven alternatives," he said. He noted that these other universities have similar funding processes.

Before 1983, graduate students paid their tuition with stipends they received from MIT. Under that system, graduate student research assistants were expensive to hire, and there was concern that "faculty members would find it less attractive to get [postdoctoral fellows] or anyone without tuition" to work on their labs, Allen said. The current system was devised in order to ensure that graduate students secured educational research jobs.

"I think [the set-up has] been successful in terms of raising the number of research assistants," Allen said. He added that the Office of Naval Research, which sponsors research at MIT, has been "satisfied" that this is a "good thing ... for the health of the university and the health of the nation."

Lister expressed concern that changing the way graduate students are funded would result in significant cost savings. "From my perspective, most of the change in the way the institution does indirect costs," Parker said. "It's a stimulus. Also, the provost is genuinely interested in finding cost cutting measures, reducing the cost of research and finding a mode of operation that makes the graduate student happy with regard to graduate student tuition," he continued.

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