New Calendar Includes 65-Day Terms, Full IAP

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... teach a class during the semester would allow it to devote more time to IAP, he said.

Faculty members who spoke at the meeting gave the new IAP policy mixed reviews, but the majority seemed to agree with Hale V. Brath PhD '61, professor of physics.

"I would imagine that focusing on one subject for a month could be one of the most productive, fun times of a career," Brath said.

Critics of the proposal said that requiring students to pursue intense studies during IAP would greatly increase the pace and pressure of the academic year.

Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies Elizabeth J. Garrells, a member of the Institute Committee, said, "Students who are in majors with required courses during IAP, one out of their four undergraduate years would have a relentless experience where pace and pressure was exacerbated.

"This is of central importance to the students. Of course, one of the ways you increase pace and pressure is to eliminate those breaks between accosters," Garrells continued. Garrells did not support the revised calendar proposal.

Professor of Electrical Engineering Alvin W. Drake '57 supported the proposal while expressing the concern about the use of IAP. "I think that the free extension of courses into IAP is probably a terrible idea," he said.

The actual motion passed by the faculty made no mention of the use of IAP for required coursework. Instead, approval of courses offered during IAP will be handled by the faculty's IAP Policy Committee and on Curricula.

The chair of the IAP Policy Committee, Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence Bardwell, chair of the committee, said, "We are the chair of the committee. For a number of years, we have tried to increase the number of credit-bearing classes during IAP," he said.

"We think there are compelling reasons to use IAP so that it reduces pace and pressure," Garrells added.

Others criticized the calendar.

A handful of faculty members present spoke against the new calendar.

John V. Guttag, professor of computer science and engineering, speaking for himself and Barbara H. Liskov, professor of computer science and engineering, said, "We disagree with the basic premise that the length of the academic calendar should be increased. We also object to moving work into IAP."

Guttag added, "I'm quite confident that if offered an extra three class days, [professors] will not spread out the material over three more lectures, but increase the amount of material taught. The current calendar is superior even to the [Jaffe calendar]."

Professor of Psychology Steven Pinker said that MIT students already cover substantially more material than students at other institutions. The new calendar "is a significant reduction in the quality of life."

Verm M. Ingram, professor of biology, offered much broader comments on the problems of the calendar. "I really do not want to talk about the issues at hand."

"I wonder whether there aren't some other alternative ways of dealing with the end-of-semester crunch within the MIT calendar. What I'm suggesting is an academic calendar whereby half the large undergraduate classes begin in January and end in April, finals and all, and the other half begin in February and end in May," Ingram said.

"This kind of overlapping scheme, which still requires only one registration day, would go a way toward eliminating the end-of-semester crunch," Ingram continued. There was no discussion of Ingram's idea at the meeting.

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... gently arrested the other four," Glavin added.

The student who was arrested at the scene, whose name was not disclosed, was arraigned that night. His hearing will be sometime in late August, Smith said.

"Charges were brought against the other four on Tuesday," Smith added, "I don't know the date for their hearing, but my guess is that it will probably be sometime in late August as well."

The Institute is also considering what action to take against the accused students. MacKenzie, a senior, "will not graduate," Randolphi said. "A hearing was made about that a few days ago."

"Institute policy is that if a serious disciplinary matter is under consideration, then a degree will be withheld," Smith added.

A decision on whether the other four students will be allowed to continue study at MIT will be made after their hearings in court, Randolphi said.

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Anne L. Drazen, director of the Sloan computer facility, refused to describe the security of the cluster or additional security measures will be taken to secure the computers.

"I really do not want to talk to the press. It would violate the security of my labs," Drazen said. "I'm suggesting is an academic calendar whereby half the large undergraduate classes begin in January and end in April, finals and all, and the other half begin in February and end in May," Ingram said.

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An MIT group tests out its two-man human-powered submarine in the Alumni Pool Tuesday. This submarine will be one of about fifty competing to be the fastest, most economical, and most innovative in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., next month.

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August Canoe Trip, Tanglewood Concert

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(directly above the Muddy Charles Pub)

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