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Jablonski, John J. Haas Institute. She has previously served as student life director at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has worked in student life at Harvard University.

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Jablonski, President of the Student Executive Council, said that "channels of communication need to be reestablished or strengthened. I think that includes those with the homecoming and the students and also with the undergraduate Association."

Jablonski encouraged students to send any comments about what is really like at MIT.

Students should also look to the CAC office for "assistance when you're having a problem negotiating outside of the classroom experience at MIT," Jablonski said. She is also interested in students' ideas about "student activities, clubs and organizations, or Greek life."

The RCA office can help students to take the environment better," Jablonski said. "We are here to guide and assist, and not mandate policy whenever possible."

Jablonski and other administrators are reviewing the entire disciplinary system to see if it can be more effective and helpful," she said. "I think we're going to get involved, or would like to get more involved, in helping the students in the residence halls resolve more of their own conflicts in house."

MIT students do not have one set of guidelines of policies and procedures for harassment or for discipline, Jablonski said. Several publications outline more policies, she said, but do not adequately describe procedures.

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