UA to Take on Three Projects Involving Disability Services and Awareness

The Tech received a copy of the following letter, addressed to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson (the citations have been omitted). It has come to the attention of the Undergraduate Association that the disability services available at MIT may not be in compliance with federal standards. We are interested in pursuing three major projects that would improve disabled services and awareness on campus in accordance with Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, under whose jurisdiction MIT falls.

The first project intends to raise community awareness of the needs and abilities of disabled students with disabilities would have the rights created by the ADA. For instance, the ADA Title II states that an "individual with a disability" is defined as a person who has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a "major life activity" or has a record of such an impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment. Some mental and physical impairments include multiple sclerosis, cancer, diabetes, emotional illness, HIV, drug addiction, and alcoholism. The ADA community should be aware of this definition.

Also, Title II states that a private entity must provide academic examinations in accessible places and manner. There are five main points that define "accessible place and manner":
1) the examination must be intended to measure, rather than reflect the individual's impairment (e.g., if a student can't speak, the speaking skills), 2) the exam format must be modified when necessary (e.g., permit additional time), 3) auxiliary aids must be provided unless they cause undue burden or fundamentally alter the nature of the examination (e.g., knowledge the exam is intended to test), 4) a modified exam must be offered at an equally effective location, as often, and in as timely a manner as are other examinations, 5) the administration of the exam must take place in a manner as are other examinations, 6) the convenient location, as often, and in as timely a manner as are other examinations.

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It is our goal to establish a qualified Section 504 coordinator in existence with the community at large will be aware. Currently, Assistant Equal Opportunity Officer Clarence G. Williams is listed as the referral person for individuals with disabilities on the MIT undergraduate and graduate applications. Also, most individuals with disabilities are referred to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Robert R. Clarence G. Williams is listed as the referral person for students with disabilities.

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I would like to personally meet with you and discuss the issues that I have outlined above. My first goal is to put together a working committee comprised of representatives...