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Faculties Votes to Review Grievance Policy

By Eva Mye

Evon in Class

At last Wednesday's April faculty meeting, trustees moved to amass information to reassess MIT's grievance procedures.

Professor of Linguistics and Philosophy Judith J. Thompson proposed a motion that the Faculty Policy Committee reassess the Institute's grievance procedures for faculty members and then report back to the faculty about whether they need revision.

The motion passed, 24-6.

The meeting also included the presentation of the Killian Award to Professor of Music John H. Harbison, and the Harold E. Edgerton Award to Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Martha L. Gray '72 Ph.D. '86, who also teaches in the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology.

In addition, the annual report on harassment and the reports of the Committee on Undergraduate Policy and the Committee on Nominations were presented.

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