Dear students,

As the semester winds down, I hope preparations for your final projects and exams are going well. Typically, I would wait until January to share changes in MIT policy, but today a new law legalizing recreational use of marijuana in Massachusetts takes effect. I’m writing to let you know how that law affects MIT’s own policy on marijuana.

**What’s not different:** There is no change to MIT’s prohibition against students using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, possessing, or facilitating the use of marijuana—including medical marijuana—on campus, including in FSILGs, or as part of any MIT-sponsored activities.

**What is different:** MIT no longer restricts the lawful off-campus possession or use of marijuana by students who are age 21 and over, so long as the usage is not part of any MIT-sponsored activity.

To learn more beyond these essential facts, please read the updated policy when you have a few moments. If you have questions about this or anything else related to student life, please contact me directly or come to the DSL Deans’ Open Office Hours every Friday from 11:00AM -12:00PM in 4-110. For now, good luck on your finals and best wishes for a relaxing holiday season!

Warm regards,
Suzy Nelson