Friday, February 7, 2014

Committee on Student Life (CSL)

Chair: Gunther Roland

Attending:

1. Prof. Gunther Roland
2. Dean Baker
3. Anna Pope
4. Ranan Zhou
5. Jongyoon Han
6. E. Salih Magen

Q: Anyone from Sloan present? Perhaps we could reach out for an additional person from Sloan.

Q: Where/how are new members recruited? How does the group advertise for new members?

Q: Should the time frame and day be changed? We could send a DOODLE poll out for optimization.

Q: We have 6 more meetings and how can we be better at reminders?

Q: How can we expand participation?

Q: How do we modify our scope?

The role of the Committee is to meet with the Chancellor and Deans. The Chair, Professor Roland presents the discussions of the Committee in a constructive and influential way. We operate in an advisory position only - no real outcome.

Find new topics:

1. What are the current active Working Groups? GSC housing?
2. Task Force and/or MIT Policies – guns, drugs, etc.
3. Working Group – Dean Ortiz on International Students
4. Quality of Life Survey
   a. Rana suggest student input on the next set of question on the survey
   b. GR level of access to data (some public and some not)
5. Inviting the new Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart
   a. Survey re: managing stress
6. GRT International Student trajectory and issues revolving around MIT inefficiencies with federal regulations and opportunities at MIT
a. Cut off for stipend re: number of hours a week
b. “Payment in Kind” for working as GRT
c. Unfair presentation of positions re: stipend / housing –food / ½ fellowship vs. ½ assistantship
d. Rana says it may be related to how MIT can pay people vs. federal law
e. Fellowship vs. advisor discretionary fund

7. Rana – undergraduate security issues in the dorms
   a. Newer dorms have too much
   b. Older dorms have to little
   c. Security guards vs. student worker security guards
   d. How are housemaster chosen?
   e. Friendliness and culture of dorms and are inconsistent

8. Student perspective on Career Development
   a. How does a student manage their way out of MIT?
   b. Should we organize students from the past and listen to their experience?
   c. What are the differences between Graduate and Undergraduate experiences?