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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

General Council Meeting
March 1, 2006
GSC Office, 5:30pm

Resolution 52gsc10.2

Title: **Ensuring Substantive Graduate Student Input into the Planning of the New Graduate Residence**

Sponsor: Eric Weese, HCA Chair

Submitted: March 1, 2006

Whereas, the Graduate Student Body was omitted from the planning process for the new graduate residence over the past twenty-two months; and

Whereas, as a result of the deficient input given to the architects, the proposed new residence configuration is not optimal for supporting graduate student life; and

Whereas, the proposed configuration may also adversely impact student life in currently existing graduate residences in the northwest corridor; and

Whereas, the MIT administration has very recently offered the opportunity for graduate students to provide input into the planning process.

We, the representative body of MIT graduate students, endorse the following actions in order to ensure that our concerns are addressed.

The GSC President shall appoint an ad-hoc committee charged with the coordination of all efforts related to graduate student involvement in planning of the new residence.

The GSC President, having already met with the Chancellor, shall, if deemed necessary, schedule a meeting with the President of the Institute in order to discuss any significant issues that might arise regarding student input.

If such a meeting is needed but cannot be scheduled early enough to impact the planning process according to GSC resolution 52gsc.10.1, or if such a meeting is held but the President of the Institute does not sufficiently address the concerns presented, the GSC President or their designee may organize petitions and/ or respectful email campaigns by the student body to senior administrators.

If needed, the GSC President shall organize an emergency meeting of the General Council in order to determine further appropriate action. This emergency meeting shall be held on Wednesday, March 22. In such an event, this resolution shall serve as official notice for the special meeting, in accordance with GSC Bylaws Article V.A.2.