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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

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

Resolution 52gsc10.3

Title: **Room Types and Common Spaces in the New Graduate Residence**

Sponsor: Eric Weese, HCA Chair

Submitted: March 1, 2006

Whereas, Ashdown House currently provides a vital service to MIT graduate students by offering lower-cost on-campus housing, a vibrant community, and a home for the Thirsty Ear Pub; and

Whereas, the new graduate residence to be constructed adjacent to Sidney-Pacific is meant to provide housing for those residents displaced by the conversion of W-1 to an undergraduate dormitory; and

Whereas, the current plans for this new residence only include room types modeled after those that have rents currently above the median on-campus rent; and

Whereas, the new residence is currently proposed to have less than half of the common space available in either W-1 or Sidney-Pacific per resident, with no plans for the Thirsty Ear Pub.

We, the representative body of MIT graduate students, insist on the following actions:

In order to satisfactorily meet the needs of the graduate community, the new residence must contain a substantial number of rooms built with amenities and properties comparable to those of rooms that currently fall below the median on-campus rent; and

In order to sustain a successful community, the new residence must contain sufficient per capita common space to support the events that are currently held in W-1; and

MIT must officially declare its plans with respect to the Thirsty Ear Pub, which will no longer be able to operate in W-1 given its future undergraduate population.