ADMINISTRATION

MIT Corporation

The Institute's board of trustees is known as the Corporation (http://web.mit.edu/corporation), led by its chairman. Its membership includes approximately 75 distinguished leaders in science, engineering, industry, education, and public service, and (as ex officio members) the chairman, president, executive vice president and treasurer, and secretary of the Corporation. Between quarterly meetings, the Corporation functions through its officers and executive committee.

The Corporation appoints visiting committees for each academic department and for certain of the other major activities at the Institute that relate to the undergraduate student experience. These committees, whose members are leaders in their respective professions, make recommendations to the Institute administration and the Corporation concerning departmental activities and, in turn, provide counsel to the departments.

Academic and Administrative Organization

The Institute's chief executive officer is the president. Senior academic and administrative officers of the Institute include the chancellor, provost, executive vice president and treasurer, associate provosts, deans of the schools, senior vice president and secretary of the corporation, vice presidents, dean for graduate education, dean for undergraduate education, dean for student life, dean of digital learning, director of libraries, and Institute community and equity officer.

The Institute's academic departments and institutes—each under the leadership of a head or director—are organized within five schools. In addition, numerous interdisciplinary laboratories and centers have been organized to facilitate research in fields that extend across traditional boundaries; administration of each laboratory or center is the responsibility of the faculty member who serves as its director. Research projects sponsored by government, industry, or foundations are administered through the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Educational policy for the Institute is determined by the MIT Faculty (as defined by the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty). The Faculty meets monthly during the academic year and conducts much of its business through a number of elected standing committees. The Faculty Policy Committee (FPC), which includes student members, maintains a broad overview of the Institute's academic programs, deals with a wide range of policy issues of concern to the Faculty, and coordinates the work of the Faculty committees. The chair of the Faculty chairs the FPC.

Communication and exchange within and between the faculty and the administration are facilitated through four Institute-wide councils. Senior officers responsible for the overall administration of the Institute, plus the chair of the Faculty, meet regularly as the Academic Council to confer on matters of Institute policy. Department heads and directors of major laboratories and centers join them to form the Faculty Council. The Administrative Council, comprised of the heads of the major administrative sections of the Institute, meets twice during the academic year. The Creative Arts Council, chaired by an associate provost, consists of deans, department heads, directors in the arts, and campus-wide faculty representatives who meet to confer on issues concerning arts programs and policy.

For a detailed view of the Institute's organizational structure, see the MIT Organization Chart (http://orgchart.mit.edu).