

Updates to *Rules and Regulations of the Faculty*

Date	Section(s)	Update
5.2024	2.61, 2.62.1	Housekeeping changes to make references to transcripts consistent.
5.2024	2.62.3	Add the minus modifier to the J grade.
2.2023	2.73	Changes to ensure student author ownership of copyright.
4.2022	2.71, 2.72, 2.73	Require digital submission of theses instead of hard-copy.
2.2022	1.11, 1.73.5, 1.73.6, 1.73.7, 2.91	Change title of Vice President and Dean for Student Life to Vice Chancellor and Dean for Student Life. Per 1.91, this change does not require a vote of the Faculty.
2.2022	1.73.8	Change title of Head of Information Systems and Technology to Vice President for Information Systems and Technology. Per 1.91, this change does not require a vote of the Faculty.
7.2021	1.73.4	Change title of Director of Financial Aid to Director of Student Financial Services. Per 1.91, this change does not require a vote of the Faculty.
5.2021	1.11	Add the Dean of the Schwarzman College of Computing and the Institute Community and Equity Officer as members of the Faculty.
5.2021	2.63.3	Increase the spring semester credit unit limit for first-year undergraduates from 57 to 60.
5.2021	2.85.3	Decrease the units required for the Master of Architecture from 312 to 282.
11.2020	1.73.9, 2.24, 2.62.3, 2.63.2, 2.83, 2.84, 2.85, 2.85.1, 2.91	Change pronouns to be gender neutral: his/her/their --> their; he or she --> they; his or her --> their
11.2020	2.53	Clarify the intent of the language prohibiting tests on Monday evenings.
11.2020	2.11	Change "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples Day" per Institute change announced September 25, 2020.
10.2020	1.73.10	Add a second undergraduate student and a second graduate student to the membership of the Committee on Campus Planning.
10.2020	1.73.7	Add a third graduate student to the membership of the Committee on Discipline.
5.2020	2.62.1; 2.63	Update R&R to establish flexible Pass/No Record grading option for undergraduates beginning in Fall 2020. Marked changes can be seen in Enclosure E to the April 22, 2020 Institute Faculty meeting.
4.2020	1.31	Update the Faculty meeting schedule so the May meeting is aligned with the new Academic Calendar.
4.2020	2.85.5	Update the requirements for the MBA degree to align with current practice re thesis option and adding Leaders for Global Operations program requirements.
4.2020	1.51	Add requirement for departmental affiliation for nominees for service on the Standing Committees of the Faculty, and for brief bios for faculty officer nominees.
4.2020	1.71	Add to Rules & Regs how nominees for service on the Standing Committees of the Faculty are selected. Separate text into sections based on type of committee member.
4.2020	1.73.9	Change the selection process for members of the Committee on Nominations from appointment by the President to election by the Faculty.
12.2019	2.84a(vi)	Change "Physical Educational Requirement" to "Physical Education and Wellness Requirement"
12.2019	1.73.8	Add two postdocs to the regular membership of the Committee on the Library System.

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4.2019	1.73.2, 1.73.3, 2.41, 2.63.2, 2.84	Update R&R so language conforms to Chancellor's Office non-gendered class year usage guidelines: change "freshman" to "first year" or "first-year", or "freshman" to "first-year student". Marked changes can be seen in Enclosure E to the March 20, 2019 Institute Faculty meeting.
4.2019	2.62	Clarify the language regarding not grading on a curve. Marked changes can be seen in Enclosure E to the March 20, 2019 Institute Faculty meeting.
4.2019	2.52, 2.53, 2.54	(1) Clarify expectations regarding required academic exercises held outside of class time and after the last class session, and make clear that these apply to both undergraduate and graduate subjects. (2) Clarify and make parallel the term regulations language for undergraduates and for graduate students. Marked changes can be seen in Enclosure E to the March 20, 2019 Institute Faculty meeting.
4.2019	2.11	Changes to the Academic Calendar to allow Commencement to be held one week earlier, usually at the end of May. Marked changes can be seen in Enclosure D to the March 20, 2019 Institute Faculty meeting.
10.2018	1.73.6	Changed "two graduate students" to "three graduate students".
5.2018	1.73.5	Update "Heads of Student Support Services; Disability Support Services" to "Associate Deans and Directors of Student Support Services and Student Disability Services".
5.2018	1.11, 1.73.4, 1.73.5, 2.22, 2.23, 2.24	Update both Dean of Admissions and Executive Director, Student Financial Services to Dean of Admissions and Student Financial Services. In 1.73.5 also relatedly added Directors of Admissions and Financial Aid.
5.2018	1.11, 1.73.6, 1.73.7, 2.91	Update Dean for Student Life to Vice President and Dean for Student Life.
5.2018	1.11, 1.73.1, 1.73.7, 2.41, 2.52, 2.62.3, 2.82	Update Dean for Graduate Education to Vice Chancellor.
5.2018	1.11, 1.73.2, 1.73.3, 1.73.4, 1.73.5, 1.73.7, 2.52, 2.62.3, 2.63.2, 2.91	Update Dean for Undergraduate Education to Vice Chancellor.
5.2018	1.91, 2.101	Added language to allow the following without a vote of the Faculty: changes to reflect updated titles of offices and individuals that have been changed by the senior administration.
5.2018	2.82	Removed text regarding unusual/disputed recommendations and reporting of number of degrees awarded, as these are no longer standard practice. Reformatted for readability.
5.2018	2.11	The scheduling of the September student holiday is now done with the Chair of the Faculty, not with the Faculty Policy Committee. Reformatted for readability.
5.2018	1.73.1, 1.73.2, 1.73.10	Removed sentence regarding appointment of committee chair.
5.2018	1.71	Added text regarding the appointment of committee chairs (see below 1.51); this also enables the removal of redundant text in committee definitions re appointment of chairs. Formally established the need for staffing of the Standing Faculty Committees.
5.2018	1.61	Removed because the Faculty Council no longer exists.
5.2018	1.51	Moved text regarding the appointment of committee chairs to 1.71 as being more relevant there since these are not elected positions. Changed timeframe of notification of appointments to Standing Committees to reflect current practice. Reformatted for readability.

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5.2018	1.31, 1.32	Added sentence in 1.31 to enable changes to the Faculty Meeting schedule if the third Wednesday falls on or immediately before a major holiday. Reordered 1.32 for better readability.
5.2018	1.20	Restructured to account for sharing of responsibilities among the Faculty officers. Removed final bullet of 1.23 in the previous version, as this is no longer done. Added text re responsibilities shared with administrative staff.
5.2018	1.11	Removed final sentence, as the practice of appointing <i>ex officio</i> members of the Faculty has been discontinued.
5.2017	1.73.10	Revised the membership to add one undergraduate, one graduate student, and the Director of Campus Planning (<i>ex officio</i>).
4.2017	2.84.a.iii	Revised language to allow for greater flexibility by allowing other combinations of subjects that comprise 12 units in sum (not just one 12-unit or two six-unit subjects) towards the Institute Laboratory Requirement.
3.2017	2.11, 2.41, 2.52, 2.53, 2.54, 2.61, 2.62.1 (d and e), 2.62.3 (O and DR)	Brought into alignment with the recommendations of the 2015-2016 FPC Subcommittee on Sub-term Subjects, specifically regarding: calendar, add/drop, term regulations (both undergraduate and graduate), and grades.
3.2017	2.81, 2.85, 2.85.8	Added new degree type Master of Applied Science (MASc) for one-year professional master's degrees with no thesis. Reclassified the MDEDP as the first instance of this new degree type.
12.2016	2.81, 2.85, 2.85.8	Added new degree type Master of Data, Economics, and Development Policy (MDEDP).
11.2016	2.30	Added new subsection 2.32 to allow departments to arrange advanced standing credit for graduate students.
10.2016	1.73.4 (a)	Removed "except in cases of students applying for readmission" re revisions to terminology from 2015-2016 report of the Committee on Academic Performance.
10.2016	1.73.5 (b)	Brought into alignment with new terminology from 2015-2016 report of the Committee on Academic Performance. "and on applications for readmission at the undergraduate level after a voluntary, medical, or required withdrawal" --> "and on requests to return at the undergraduate level after a personal, medical, or required academic leave, or a leave of absence."
3.2016	1.32	Change of terminology: Professors without Tenure (Retired) to Professors Post-Tenure.
2.2016	2.81, 2.85, 2.85.7	Added new degree type Master of Business Analytics (MBAn).
12.2015	1.72	Amend the charge to the Faculty Policy Committee to incorporate still relevant responsibilities previously held by the Committee on Outside Professional Activities. Add new subsection (e) re conflicts on interest. Renumber former subsections (e-h) as (f-i).
12.2015	1.71, 1.73.9, 1.73.10, 1.73.11	Disband the Standing Faculty Committee on Outside Professional Activities. 1.71: removed "Outside Professional Activities". Removed Committee on Outside Professional Activities, formerly subsection 1.73.9. Accordingly renumbered 1.73.10 --> 1.73.9 and 1.73.11 --> 1.73.10.
5.2015	2.85.3, 2.85.4, 2.85.5	Updated MArch, MCP, and MBA degree requirements. Added Sloan Fellows and EMBA. See 3/18/15 Faculty Meeting, Enclosure D.
5.2015	2.85, 2.85.1-2.85.6	Removed H-level subject designation, effective fall 2015. See 3/19/14 Faculty Meeting Agenda, Enclosure F.

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4.2015	1.73.1	Added Registrar as <i>ex officio</i> member of Committee on Graduate Programs. See 10/15/14 Faculty Meeting Agenda, Enclosure E.
10.2014	2.84 a.i.	Deleted subject 18.023. See 9/17/14 Faculty Meeting Agenda, Enclosure E.
5.2014	1.71, 1.73.11	Addition of Committee on Campus Planning. See 5/21/14 Faculty Meeting record.
4.2014	1.73.7	Addition of sections (b) and (d), revisions to sections (a) and (c). See 3/19/14 Faculty Meeting Agenda, Enclosure E.
12.2013	1.73.7	Removed the phrase "by any member of the MIT community" from section (a). Anyone, not just members of the MIT community, may bring a complaint to the attention of the Committee on Discipline.
4.2013	2.84	Added 7.015 and 7.016 as new options for satisfying the Biology GIR.
4.2013	2.12	Inserted the phrase "taught on campus" and extended the restrictions to cover subjects taught during IAP.
4.2013	2.11	September student holiday shifted from Monday to Friday.
11.2012	1.11	Removed the Director of the MIT Professional Institute from the definition of faculty and reduced the number of <i>ex officio</i> faculty from four to two.
11.2012	1.32	Updated the name of the Committee on Graduate Programs (formerly, the Committee on Graduate School Programs).
11.2012	2.87	Updated the name of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Removed a reference to the Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology.