

Associate Provost

The associate provost assists the provost in academic administration. The associate provost oversees the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, is responsible for campus space usage and planning, and addresses the Institute's relationships with federal agencies.

In assuming oversight of MIT Lincoln Laboratory for the senior administration, the associate provost participates in regular meetings of the Lincoln Laboratory Director's Office, the Senior Management Council, and the Advisory Board. He also works with the MIT Lincoln-Campus Interaction Committee to foster increased participation between Lincoln Lab and the academic departments. In the past year, there have been nearly 100 Lincoln-campus involvements, including Lincoln participation in over 40 graduate theses. David Briggs retired as director of Lincoln Lab and, effective July 1, 2006, Eric D. Evans became the new director. Previously a division head at Lincoln Laboratory, Dr. Evans is an expert on radar and optical technologies and a member of the Laboratory's Senior Management Council.

The associate provost chairs the Committee for Review of Space Planning (CRSP), which oversees space assignments and renovations, working closely with the Department of Facilities. Two subcommittees of CRSP monitor and expedite renovation projects and emerging projects, respectively. The full CRSP establishes priorities, approves expenditures, and considers longer-range capital planning. The associate provost also sits on the Building Committee and the Capital Projects Committee. CRSP efforts this year included refining a long-range capital plan, focusing on several near-term capital projects and, allocating funds for infrastructure needs.

The associate provost also works closely with the vice president for federal relations and research at MIT to build and maintain contact with key federal agencies. This year, after 14 years of service to MIT, John (Jack) Crowley, vice president for federal relations, retired in January. Jack worked closely with the MIT community on proposed legislation and on budgetary and policy matters. Jack's successor is William Bonvillian, who served for 17 years as legislative director and chief counsel to U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman. He has also taught in the area of science, technology, and innovation policy.

This year major areas of ongoing discussion included implementing the agenda articulated by the National Academies report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, and continued concerns over visa issues and the impact of export controls on research.

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