

Associate Provost

The associate provost chairs the Committee for the Review of Space Planning (CRSP), which oversees space assignments and renovations, working closely with the Department of Facilities. The associate provost also sits on the Building Committee. The associate provost represents the Provost's Office in a variety of initiatives including serving as a co-coordinator for the Institute-wide Planning Task Force and sitting on the Cooperative Program Steering Committee for the Masdar Institute.

CRSP managed the expenditure of a \$14.4 million budget for renovations in FY2009. Major projects in this fiscal year included (among others) the Laboratory for Advanced Materials (LAM) in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, the completion of Dewey Library renovations, renovation of lecture hall 10-250, and a large studio/classroom in the School of Architecture and Planning.

Working in cooperation with the Department of Facilities, we developed a new process for initiation of renovation projects. The Project Initiation Team (PIT) is made up of representatives from the Associate Provost's Office and the Department of Facilities. The team meets with requestors of space renovations and negotiates scope in advance of estimating renovation costs. Memoranda of understanding for renovations are drafted on the basis of these negotiations. We find that this process helps to ensure more effective project delivery.

In FY2009 CRSP, in cooperation with a number of units, supported a study to create a vision for a high-performance computing center (HPCC) to meet the emerging need for co-location of high performance computing equipment. Leveraging this work, MIT entered into a detailed planning exercise with the University of Massachusetts and other partners to define a multi-university HPCC in western Massachusetts. This activity is hoped to conclude in a commitment to move forward with creation of such a facility in 2010–2011.

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