The MIT Council on Educational Technology

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Mission

The mission of the MIT Council on Educational Technology (MITCET) is to enhance the quality of MIT education by encouraging the appropriate application of technology, both on and off campus.

The Council provides strategic guidance and oversight of MIT institutional activities concerning the application of information technology to education, and it advises the Provost on priorities, policies, and opportunities. In advising the Provost, the Council will report to the Information Technology Governance Committee (ITGC) to consider educational technology issues within the broader context of the Institute's information technology activities.

The Council coordinates the work of the advisory committees that oversee major MIT educational technology activities (OCW, DSpace, Accord, Learning Management Systems, ...), including receiving periodic reports from these groups and the associated programs. It also serves as the advisory body to the MIT Office of Education Innovation and Technology.

Specific Activities of the Council

1) The Council, in coordination with the ITGC, advises the Provost on allocating resources for educational technology infrastructure, programs, and experiments. These resources will come both from within MIT and from externally generated grants, gifts, and collaborations.
2) The Council advises the Dean for Undergraduate Education on DUE activities related to educational technology.
3) The Council is an advocate for technology innovation in education. It manages a pool of resources allocated by the Provost to apportion in support of educational technology innovation.
4) The Council sponsors activities and events aimed at informing the MIT community about educational technology initiatives, opportunities, and best practices.
5) The Council monitors the effectiveness of Institute-funded educational technology activities, and it may serve as a review board in the case of requests for continued Institute funding.
6) The Council undertakes periodic reviews including fact-finding activities involving other institutions for benchmarking and comparisons.
7) The Council conducts discussions on behalf of MIT with potential collaborators concerning Institute initiatives in educational technology, and it recommends actions to the senior administration for follow-up and approval.
**Structure of the Council**

The Council will have two co-chairs who will be the Dean for Undergraduate Education and a faculty member appointed by the Provost. The Council will have as an executive officer the director of the DUE Office of Educational Innovation and Technology. The membership of the Council will consist of the following statutory members:

1) The head of IS&T
2) The head of the Libraries
3) The director of MIT Open Course Ware
4) The Chair of the faculty
5) The Chair of CUP
6) The Chair of CGP

In addition, there will be one faculty member from each School appointed by the appropriate School Dean and up to three faculty members appointed by the Provost for three year terms (renewable), as well as a representative of the Alumni Association. Finally one undergraduate and one graduate student will be invited to participate through the UA and GSC nominations processes. The council will meet regularly.