



UA Committee on COVID-19

Purpose

In the context of COVID-19, our mission is to gauge and assess the vast range of situations facing individuals in the undergraduate community. We will use those insights to find the best ways to address concerns within the power of the UA and create a process whereby students are brought into discussions that go into shaping student programs at MIT.

Principles of Operations

Each committee member will reach out to different community sectors and aggregate student concerns through active community engagement. This committee will present several reports, including Institute recommendations, throughout its operation.

Topics will include but are not limited to:

- Mental Health (MIT Medical, S³, community connection, effect of financial implications or family health issues)
- Academics (Grading policies, access to wifi/necessary academic resources, quality of remote education, leave of absences)
- Home Life (financial health, food access, varying family situations, disabilities accommodations)
- Campus life (2024s experience, future of Burton Conner and New Vassar, financial and social effect on IFC and Panhel, heightened racism against Asians, protocol for return on campus)
- Cambridge response (Cambridge homeless support, effect on MIT service workers such as dining staff)
- Summer programming

Membership Provisions

This ad hoc committee will be led by the Chair and Vice Chair, as appointed by the UA President, who will select members tasked with engaging specific community sectors. This committee will comprise roughly 10-15 undergraduate students with a common purpose of engaging the diverse undergraduate body. The Chair and Vice Chair will facilitate an application process open to the whole undergraduate body for membership.

Period of Operations

This steering committee will be active until the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. Due to the uncertain nature of the pandemic and its effects, this ad hoc committee may extend its period of operations.