

Who will be MIT's next President?

- From President Vest:
 - “I also hope that, as you seek a new president, you think about our students first and foremost. The students - the young men and women who come here to study as undergraduates or graduate students or post-docs - are among the most incredibly talented, brilliant people on the face of the earth. These are the real jewels of MIT. They are the reason we are here. And we have a very, very deep responsibility to help them to learn and to grow and to give their talent to the world in the same way that you, the members of our faculty, and our staff, already do.”

– *Faculty Newsletter, December/January 2004*



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Welcome! Thank you all for attending.

Order of Events:

- Presentation by Dr. Kirk D. Kolenbrander, Assistant to the Chair and Secretary of the Corporation Committee on the Presidency
- Moderated Discussion by R. Erich Caulfield (GSC President, Student Advisory Group Co-Chair) and Pius Uzamere II (UA President, Student Advisory Group Co-Chair)
- Open Floor and Breakout Sessions



MIT Presidential Search

- Dr. Kirk D. Kolenbrander,
Assistant to the Chair and
Secretary of the Corporation
Committee on the Presidency
 - History of the MIT Presidency
 - Role of the President in the MIT Administration

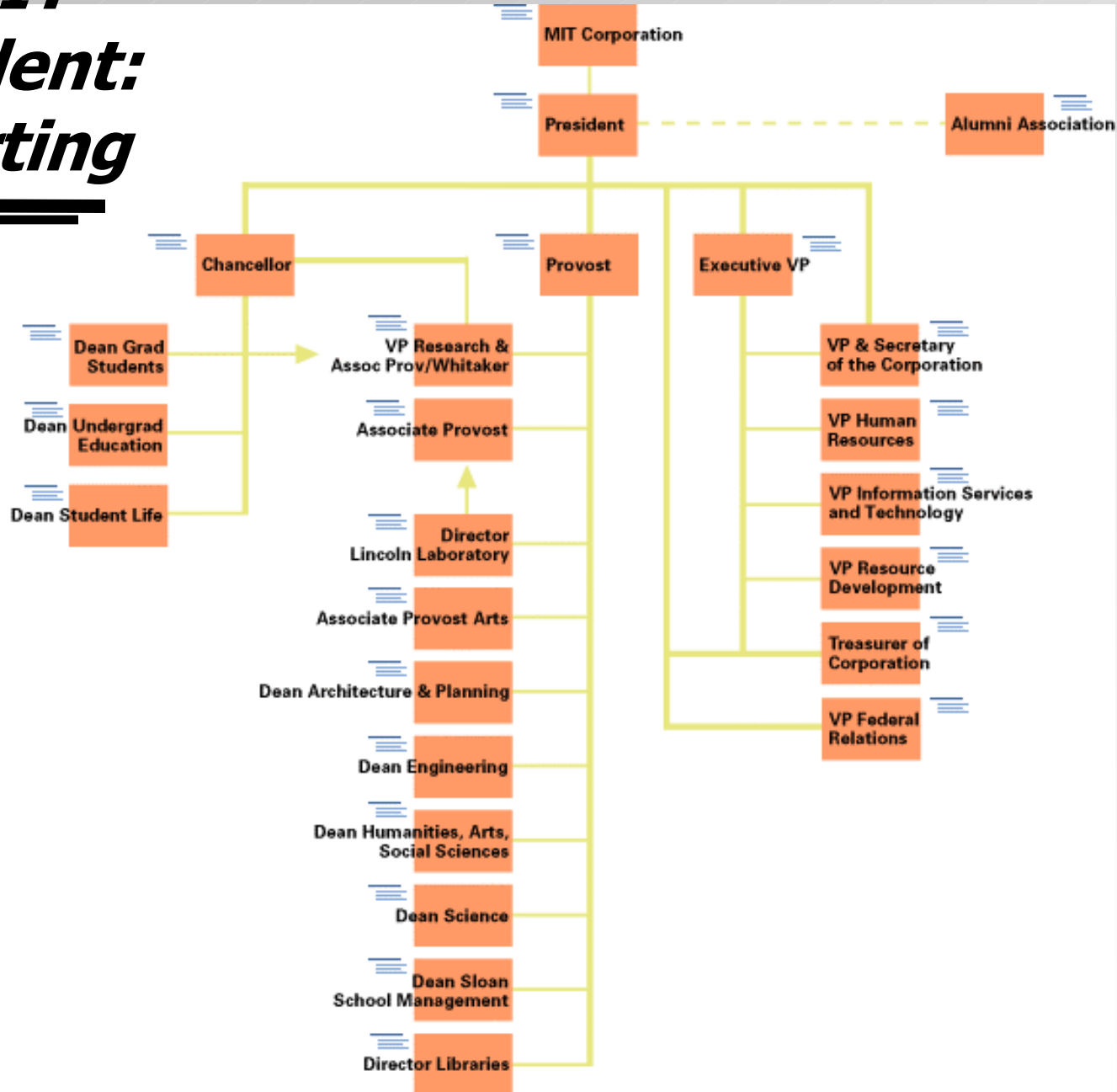


The MIT President: Role

- The President serves as the CEO of MIT, and as a member of the MIT Corporation and Chair of its Executive Committee
- The President presides as senior officer of the faculty at meetings of that body, and chairs several management councils, including the Academic Council and the Administrative Council
- The President is personally involved in building and sustaining relations with the federal government, as well as with industry, alumni and alumnae, and other individual and institutional supporters



The MIT President: Reporting



Student Advisory Group to the Corporation Committee on the Presidency

- Chaired by **R. Erich Caulfield** (*GSC President*) and **Pius Uzamere II** (*UA President*)
- Charge:
 - To provide the Corporation with a representative student perspective on the challenges facing MIT in this decade
 - To comment on the experience and personal qualities that should be found in the next President
 - To provide nominations of specific individuals for the MIT Presidency
 - To provide additional input throughout the developing process until the next President is selected
- Final Selection will be made by the MIT Corporation Committee on the Presidency



Discussion

What are the areas of opportunity MIT might take advantage of in the decades to come?



Discussion

What do you think are
MIT's biggest challenges
for the future?



Discussion

What qualities would you most seek in the next MIT President?

*Some topics to consider (this is *not* meant to be comprehensive, please feel free to discuss something different than what is below):*

- relative importance of academic vs. industry experience
- existing experience with MIT: graduate / undergraduate MIT alumni vs. current MIT faculty or admin vs. non-MIT affiliate
- importance of activism and leadership by the MIT president on a national / global level vs. managing MIT's internal affairs
- level of direct involvement by the president in affairs of the Institute (as opposed to a more managerial role)



Discussion

What should the next MIT President's priorities be?



*A few possible priorities (again, this is *not* meant to be comprehensive, please feel free to write something different than what is below):*

- Fundraising
- building MIT's physical infrastructure
- improving student life programs
- national-level activism for student concerns
- building connections with industry or other institutions

Discussion

Do you have a specific person in mind to recommend as a candidate?

(Consider the rationale behind your choice - why is this candidate well-equipped to face the challenges discussed previously, and how does he/she embody the traits you think the next MIT president should have?)



Discussion

Open Floor



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We thank you once again for attending the **GSC/UA Presidential Search Forum** – for those of you who wish to continue the discussion, we will now be breaking into smaller groups with members of the Student Advisory Group recording your feedback. We plan to have a follow-up forum next week, February 18th, from 7 to 9pm (room TBA). Please visit the websites if you have additional feedback as well!

GSC Website: <http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/initiatives/president>

UA Website: <http://web.mit.edu/ua/www/presidentialsearch.html>

MIT Website: <http://web.mit.edu/president/search/index.html>

