Commencement Transition Team

The mission of the MIT Commencement Transition Team is to guide the execution of the plan for 2021 as defined by senior leaders and the School deans and to make recommendations for and execute the on-campus Institute celebration for the graduates of 2020. For continuity and representation for 2020 graduates, membership comprises former student leaders who served on the Commencement Committee in AY2019–2020.

In regard to Commencement 2021, specific tasks include: confirming the elements of the OneMIT Commencement ceremony; guiding planning for the undergraduate diploma ceremony; making recommendations for elements that are appropriate for School advanced degree diploma ceremonies; serving as a resource to Schools as they plan their events; and recommending both composition and charge for the next generation of the Commencement Committee (which will launch in academic year 2021–2022). The Transition Team will adapt celebration plans for both classes in response to Institute directives and decisions regarding public health and safety.

Prof. James Michael Poterba, Chair (June 30, 2021)
   Economics
Prof. Deborah K Fitzgerald (June 30, 2021)
   Prog in Science, Technology, & Society
Prof. Leslie A Kolodziejski, Faculty Marshal (June 30, 2021)
   Electrical Engineering-Computer Science
Prof. Leslie Keith Norford (June 30, 2021)
   Architecture
Prof. Joel Voldman (June 30, 2021)
   Electrical Engineering-Computer Science
Mr. Kofi Blake, President, Class of 2021 (June 30, 2021)
Ms. Mahi Elango, UA President, 2019-2020 (June 30, 2021)
Ms. Danielle Geathers, UA President, 2020-2021 (June 30, 2021)
Mr. Nacho Nwana, President, Class of 2020 (June 30, 2021)
Mr. Temi Omitoogun, President, Class of 2022 (June 30, 2021)
Ms. Mallika Pajjuri, President, Class of 2023 (June 30, 2021)
Mr. Nico Salinas, Student ’21 (June 30, 2021)
Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Student G (June 30, 2021)
Dr. Peter Su, GSC President, 2019-2020 (June 30, 2021)
Ms. Madeleine Sutherland, GSC President, 2020-2021 (June 30, 2021)
Mr. James P Brogioli (June 30, 2021)
   Alumni Association Alumni Relations
Mr. Jacob Cohen (June 30, 2021)
   Sloan School of Management
Ms. Tiera Giurleo (June 30, 2021)
   School of Engineering
Ms. Kathryn R Liede (June 30, 2021)
   Office of the President
Ms. Jagruti S Patel (June 30, 2021)
   Chancellor’s Office

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Current Committee Membership

Commencement Transition Team

Ms. Blanche E Staton  (June 30, 2021)
  OVC Department Heads
Ms. Heather G Williams  (June 30, 2021)
  School of Science
Ms. Elizabeth Cogliano Young  (June 30, 2021)
  Office of First Year Advising & Programs
Ms. Mary Rose Callahan *  (June 30, 2021)
  OVC Department Heads
Ms. Gayle M Gallagher *  (June 30, 2021)
  Institute Affairs
Mr. Ted E Johnson *  (June 30, 2021)
  Institute Affairs
Ms. Rebecca J Tyler *  (June 30, 2021)
  Institute Affairs
Ms. Kristina Kastrinelis, Staff to Committee  (June 30, 2021)
  Institute Affairs

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