

Application for Student Representative to the Student/Affiliate Health Insurance Advisory Committee

About the Committee

The Student/Affiliate Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SAHIAC or Committee) comprises representatives from various departments throughout the Institute, including OGE, S³, DSL, and MIT Medical. The Committee also includes an undergraduate and a graduate student representative.

The Committee reviews issues affecting the Student Medical Plan (also called the Basic Plan, and provided to students as part of tuition), the Student and Affiliate Extended Insurance Plans, and the Graduate Student Dental Plan. Collectively, these plans provide health and dental care coverage for undergraduate and graduate students, affiliates, and their dependents.

SAHIAC is an advisory committee, not a decision-making authority. The Committee reviews health plan data and benefit requests, and makes recommendations on premiums, cost-sharing, and service coverage that balance the needs of the student and affiliate populations against resource constraints and rising costs in health care. The Committee also provides input on communications to improve the community's understanding of the MIT health plans and the waiver and enrollment process.

All recommendations by the Committee are submitted to the Offices of the Provost, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, and Chancellor for review and approval. The final decision about each year's plan designs and premium rates rests with this leadership team and may not reflect the formal recommendation of the Committee.

About the Student Representative positions

The Committee invites students who are interested in learning about and influencing the direction of health care on campus to apply to become student representatives for the upcoming two-year appointment cycle. Interested students should complete this application. The Committee meets approximately six times during the academic year. Applicants must be willing to commit to a two-year term.

Name:

Major/year:

Why are you interested in participating on this Committee?

Tell us about any prior experience you have had with the health care or insurance industry. What is unique about your experiences that would help you as a Committee member?

How can you bring an independent perspective to your participation and recommendations?

Are you comfortable presenting the views of other students, even if those views are different than your own?
Are you comfortable soliciting the input of other students, including those outside of your normal social and academic circles?

Describe a time when you facilitated an open discussion of individuals with opposing views, among friends or in the classroom. How did you encourage discussion without alienating participants? Did the group reach a consensus?

Can you commit to being an active participant in the meetings and discussions, for two academic years, making a reasonable effort to attend all meetings?

Submitting your application

After completing this form, save it and send it as an email attachment to walsh@med.mit.edu. Applications are due by October 10, 2017.