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Future Stated in Report

The editorial which appears below was written by Dr. Martin Elliot, Academic Vice-President of IIT, who served as head of the Institute Planning Committee, whose report serves as a basis of a 10 year expansion program.

by Dr. Martin A. Elliot
Academic Vice President

The Institutional Planning Report which the Board of Trustees of Illinois Institute of Technology has recently adopted as the official guideline to the future of our institution comes into being neither quickly nor easily. It took, in fact, nearly three years to produce.

It was in October of 1961 that President Retallack appointed an Institutional Planning Committee to develop comprehensive recommendations for IIT's development over the decade 1962-63 to 1972-73.

In February, 1962, a preliminary statement of institutional goals was submitted to the President and transmitted to the faculty for study and suggestions. The Committee then went back to work and completed the first draft of its full report in November, 1963.

This draft was discussed by the entire faculty at meetings extending through the spring of 1964 and suggestions made in these meetings were transmitted by the Committee in preparing their final draft, which was completed in June.

This draft was reviewed by the Board of Trustees and its Committee on Educational Foundation at its July meeting, the Board voted to adopt the Report's recommendations as the Institutional Development Program.

The entire process is a document which we believe presents a considered evaluation of IIT's role in our technological age and a plan for development that is being kept with the crucial needs of this age.

Several things should be kept in mind about the Report. For one thing, note that the three years of concerted effort will produce a document that says the last word on what IIT should be in 1972.

The main guidelines can be stated briefly and their importance should be recognized.

The work of the planning committee, in its continuing process, will be crucial for the future of our institution. The report which it has submitted is only a first step towards a comprehensive, systematic plan for the development of IIT.

At the same time, this report sets forth the necessary steps for the development of our institution. The report includes a discussion of the financial aspects of the plan, and the need for increased external support.

The report also includes recommendations for the development of new programs and facilities, as well as the need for increased external support.

The report is an important document and I urge all members of the faculty and staff to read it carefully and to consider its recommendations in the context of our institution's future.

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Graduate full-time enrollment is increasing by more than 200 per cent per year.

Consequently, special emphasis is placed upon the importance and dignity of teaching. The Planning Report particularly urges development of an atmosphere of intimacy between teacher and student — the kind of climate for learning that a university of moderate size can and should maintain.

Continuing development of a great faculty is, of course, one of the key elements of the Report.

2. IIT is concerned with the interaction of graduate and undergraduate education. A university has two main functions: to conduct research and to educate. These functions are intertwined.

3. IIT is building a strong Graduate School not only to advance human knowledge through research, but also to create the best teaching climate. Faculty members direct research on the frontiers of knowledge, bringing their experiences into their undergraduate teaching.

4. IIT is concerned with maintaining institutional flexibility and adaptability. Institutions, like people, can become set in their ways. They can go on doing things in the same way because this is the way it has always been done.

5. IIT is concerned with maintaining institutional interaction with society in all its aspects — industrial, economic, and cultural. This is why it has chosen to function in the mainstream of urban life and wherever possible to relate its programs directly to the needs, problems, and activities of the metropolitan community.

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