

Breaking News: The Technion's Senate Takes Steps to Reverse Some of the Damaging Changes Done After the Grossman Paper and the Maltz Report*

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The Technion Plenum (Me'li'a, sometimes referred to also as the "big Senate") adopted on March 23, 2008, a resolution to unite this body with the Technion's Senate. The resolution was adopted after a fierce fight in which the Technion's Administration took the opposite side. An overwhelming majority of 97 supporters against 35 approved the proposed change.

The change has to be approved by the Executive Committee (Va'ad Me'na'hel) and by the Board of Governors in order to take effect. There is strong hope at the Technion that the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors will wisely choose not to get into a fight over this issue, and accept and ratify the change graciously.

When this change will go into effect it will reverse one of the major and most damaging Maltz Report-inspired steps that resulted in substantial weakening of the Senates in all universities. It will thus result in a renewal of the effective involvement of the academic community in the decision-making processes.

The threats against the universities to withhold funds and budgets if they do not implement the Grossman Paper dictates were in the past, and still are, illegal because they constitute a clear breach of the famous paragraph 15 of the "Law of the Council for Higher Education – 1958" (Chok Ha' Mo'etza Le'Haskala Ge'vo'ha – 1958). To read it go to:

<http://www.che.org.il/template/default.asp?maincat=11>

and click your way from there.

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