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#### TABLE 1

## SELECTED PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT PROMOTE SEX EQUITY AT FEATURED INSTITUTIONS

### MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Women's Coordinator Women's Studies Program Women's bulletin boards Several women's newsletters A women's monthly journal Numerous women's groups Black women's and other minority groups Advisory Committee on Women Students' Interests Women's Forum Women Graduate Students in Computer Science Women Graduate Students in Political Science Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Admissions Association for Women Students (undergraduate) Women in Architecture Dean's Office Women's Group Society of Women Engineers Ad hoc Laboratory Women's Groups Chemical Engineering Women Graduate Students Personnel Women Women Faculty American Association of University Women Technology Wives Association Technology Women's Organizations Women's League Technology Matrons Organization of MIT Alumnae Administrative Staff Women Women's Advisory Group to the President

Tuition assistance (very highly used by support staff women) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program directed by a woman and carefully affirmed for minorities and women Extensive medical services of special interest to women Groups and outreach for eating disorders, many other needs Strong harassment policies and procedures Sexual harassment programs, films, training sessions, outreach brochure Suite of rooms for women students Lounge space for women employees and students Women's dormitory Women's dining room (also open to men) Women's sauna Two chairs for women Part-time tenure ladder option Flexible time, split-and part-time jobs with supervisor's permission Leaves of absence with permission Informal mentoring system Posting system for all vacancies Serious search for all faculty Many in-house training programs on supervisory development, resume writing, assertiveness, etc. Systematic salary equity and promotional analyses Child care bulletin boards Family day care and center care Strong administrative Equal Opportunties Group Innovative (department-based and school-based) affirmative action planning strongly backed by central administration

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### TABLE 1 (Continued) MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Continued)

Women's Groups (Continued)

Office-Clerical Work Group of Administrators and Support Staff to consider support staff issues:

VDT safety, career development, harassment, etc.
Lesbian women's groups
Medical women's groups
Telethon to recruit women students
Special efforts to widen pool of women students:
on-campus weekends, booklets, mailings, etc.
Special freshmen orientation programs for women students
Special fellowships for women students
Admissions and financial aid reports on minorities and women

Non-union grievance procedures
(with minority and female administrators available to all)
Many departmental studies on race and gender issues
Workshops on gender and race issues,
women's health issues, etc.

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