

Catherine Gamon, Director of MBA Student Affairs, announced the Siebel Scholars from the MBA Class of 2007. Nominated not only for their academic excellence but also for their community involvement at MIT Sloan, the five winners were selected from over 65 nominations by both faculty and staff. The award recipients Jose Almirall, Alper Celen, Alice Chen, and Nicholas Padgalskas (LFM/MBA), will all receive a generous financial contribution.

Next to address the audience was Kara Penn and Sascha Dalip, both members of the MBA Class of 2007. They updated students about MIT Sloan's Strategic Change Initiative and the faculty retreat that they recently attended. Kara noted that both faculty and staff are energized about the project and seek student feedback. "The faculty care about the student experience here. Students are key customers and our opinion is valued by management," said Kara. Sascha said that they need more students to get involved with the project. Interested students should contact Sascha, Senate Academic Committee chair, [sascha@sloan.mit.edu](mailto:sascha@sloan.mit.edu) or Kara, Senate Master's Program Committee Representative, [kpenn@sloan.mit.edu](mailto:kpenn@sloan.mit.edu).

capitalize on students' energy because you are all involved in so many activities outside the classroom that offer teachable moments. These activities will make you better managers when you leave MIT Sloan."

Repenning also said that the faculty hopes to work with students to Prepare, Act, and Reflect (PAR) on all the activities that students are involved with at the School both inside and outside of the classroom. He offered that faculty would be available for more coaching opportunities and help students with self-assessment tools.

Senate Executive Officer, Heather Tow-Yick, took a moment to thank Dean Schmalensee for all his hard work over the past nine years. The Dean will step down from his position next summer. Dean Schmalensee briefly addressed the audience, saying that the transition process would be under way shortly and that the Provost would put together a search committee for a new Dean. Students are not usually asked to sit on the committee, but are often involved in the search process, Schmalensee said.

The next Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, at 12:00 p.m. in E51-345. Lunch will be provided.

*back row (l-r) Jeremy Gilbert, McKinsey recipient; Alper Celen, Siebel Scholar; Jose Almirall, Siebel Scholar; Nicholas Padgalskas, Siebel Scholar; Nikhil Garg, McKinsey recipient; front row (l-r) Jennifer Liao, McKinsey recipient; Ilyse Cody, Siebel Scholar; Alice Chen, Siebel Scholar; and Parith Rungsimanond, McKinsey recipient.*

