

Dear Editors of the WSJ:

I am appalled at the inaccuracies and misrepresentations in your September 1 editorial "Dissidents at Dartmouth." It does Dartmouth great harm and me and my colleagues supreme injustice.

Please get your facts right. The panel commissioned to propose changes in the current alumni governance system is hardly a shill of the administration. We are people from politically diverse, ideologically disparate points-of-view trying our best to advance the welfare of our College. We have produced a governance idea which is open, fair and designed to channel the energies and resources of alumni into productive modes for the College.

To cram these long-debated and carefully considered ideas into this simplistic "we-vs.-they" concept of confrontation is puerile and uniformed.

The proposed new constitution increases all-alumni, democratic voting for seats in the Alumni Assembly by two-and-a half times, comes closer to equalizing the trustee election process by providing more equal campaigning time for candidates and producing majority winners, and, importantly, creates a major new communications channel between alumni and trustees(called the Alumni Liaison Board).

This has been a long and exhaustive exercise in the democratic process. Everyone in the Dartmouth community has been invited to contribute. The product is a power play of openness and democracy, but certainly not a power play of the academic establishment.

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