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Subject: [mitailg] Accreditation results: the 2006-7 Year End Report

The Year End Report of the MIT AILG Accreditation Program is available on-line at

<http://www.mitailg.org/docs/accredit/2007-year-end-report.pdf>

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Acknowledgements

Appendix: FSILG Review Reports (available by request)

Here is an abstract of the report:

This report provides the public portions of the Accreditation effort in the 2006-7 academic year, as operated by the Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG). The Accreditation program, an organized peer review of the living groups within the MIT Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group (FSILG) system, is described. The findings of the review teams are presented in detail and summarized. In particular, there were many "best practices", some of which were developed independently by several MIT living groups, which others could consider or benefit by adopting. The review teams also pointed out areas where our living groups need improvement and have documented lessons learned that living groups should avoid repeating. The process of internal review as carried out under this program should improve the MIT living group system.

This program has been under development over a span of several years and has evolved considerably over that time. It is now on the verge of regular operation. This report also includes some discussion of the development of the program itself and some areas that still require some definite improvement. So far, 33 reviews have been conducted. All of these living groups were recommended for accreditation but six of these recommendations came "with reservations". The plan is that these six living groups will be all revisited early in the next cycle, along with three more FSILG chapters that could not be scheduled.

The Accreditation effort is now run by John Covert of Phi Kappa Theta, under the guidance of the AILG via the Accreditation Committee of the AILG Board. AILG members may also be interested in the 19- page appendix, which contains the public portions of the review reports and the chapter responses. This portion of the report can be obtained by request to me (hermanm@space.mit.edu) or John Covert (covert@mit.edu).

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