

AILG meeting

September 15, 2004

1) Opening & Introductions

attending: see list on last page.

2) Goals of the AILG

Dan Geer described the proposed goals and the operational approach of the AILG board:

- Strong houses and house corporations (know them all, get/create tools)
- Economic buttressing (grants and contributions, econ models)
- Strategic assessment reports (govt/press/MIT roles, and relationships)
- Productively respond to the three major opportunities (grants program, accreditation, and the Task Force findings)
- Recruitment intervention (parents, public generally)
- Educational offerings (HMI01, TRI01, risk managers [to be reviewed])

3) Treasury report, AILG dues

Dave Burmaster proposed that AILG members pay \$450 per year in dues and presented a proposed budget. It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget and dues be adopted. The motion carried without dissent and one abstention. Ernie Sabine recommended making course notes available as CourseWare.

4) Accreditation

Susan Woodmansee led discussion of the proposed implementation of an AILG accreditation process. Susan clarified that this process would provide a recommendation to Dean Benedict. The focus would be on the house corporation, not replacing the IFC. There was a concern about “rogue” houses that would consciously avoid the accreditation process. Steve Baker recommended reviewing the NIC accreditation process. It was moved to adopt this proposal, which passed without dissent.

5) Task Force Report

Steve Immerman described the schedule for implementing recommendations of the Task Force. The umbrella of tasks is to be called Project Aurora. Steve will lead this process, which he says should lead to developing the best FSILG system in the country. <applause> Dan Geer pointed

out that there will be a comment period for the next month or so and that the AILG board will develop a formal response. There will be open meetings to discuss the report on October 4 (evening) and 5 (morning). Steve noted that the new MIT President, Dr. Susan Hockfield, is already aware of this report and that Chancellor Phillip Clay will support the transition between Presidents.

6) Announcements

Dave Burmaster encouraged all house corporation leaders to ensure that their treasurers and assistant treasurers attend the IAP house finance course.

Dave Burmaster called for volunteers to support a network upgrade to increase bandwidth to the FSILGs across the river.

Dan Geer announced the AILG web page, <http://mitailg.org/>, is now up and running, thanks to Matt Condell.

Bob Ferrara described the progress on implementing operations grants. Over half of the houses have been measured to determine educational area percentage, which is the fundamental factor needed to determine the sizes of grants. The three pilot grants are underway and the target is now to accept general applications from any FSILG in late October. The only significant issue that remains is the selection of an appropriate educational area percentage by the Treasurer's Office.

Dan Daneshvar reported that Rush is nearly over and that the results are similar to last year, with 422 bids. Bill Denhard raised the concern that freshmen in dormitories are being provided alcohol, which Dan confirmed has happened and that the IFC is also concerned about this activity. Doug Vincent pointed out that we FSILGs should maintain our leadership in this area. Dan Geer and Dave Burmaster indicated that the Rush numbers are not likely to be sufficient to support the current FSILG system, since they are still substantially lower than before first year students were required to live on campus, so that some houses may end up closing.

Next meeting is November 17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

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