

AILG Board Meeting

August 13, 2009

Attendance: Baker*, Bueche*, Wulf*, Klemm, Miller, Holtey, Covert, Sabine*, Ferrara, Marshall, Hunt, Stuntz, Woodmansee, Possemato*, Pierce*

* denotes board member

1. Financial status - Bueche

(see handout)

Question whether we currently have open commitments to FCI – answer was no.

2. Confirm 2010 meeting dates

a. Plenary dates are booked in Mezz Lounge.

Concern that the June Annual Meeting is not inclusive of students (after graduation).

Discussion that earlier dates involve finals, end of classes, etc. Bylaws also dictate the timing in June. Agreement that we should include student leadership in our activities, but perhaps the Annual meeting is not the best place to try to accommodate students.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, Annual Dinner (at Faculty Club?)

b. Board meetings are the first Thursday of the month as per tradition.

Board Meetings - at 6:30 in the W59 Conference Room

September 3, 2009

October 1, 2009

October 29, 2009 (moved up from 11/5 to prep for November 4 Plenary)

December 3, 2009 (Holiday party)

January 7, 2010

February 4, 2010

March 4, 2010

April 1, 2010

May 6, 2010

June 3, 2010

Discussion that we rarely get business done at the holiday party. It's hard to have a meeting at a restaurant and the cost is also rather high given the economy, and given that we normally invite committee chairs and other non-board volunteers. Could we have a meeting prior to dinner? Meetings take sufficiently long that it might be difficult to have a party and meeting the same night. Consider that the FCI might be able to co-host the party with Kaya's office.

In any case, hold the date.

c. Winter retreat—target date Monday, February 1st, 2010.
Retreat held by the DSL to benefit both students and alumni.
LGC able to have the opportunity to interact with alumni, helped AILG inform FSILG office goals for the spring.

d. Other meetings
Sunday, August 30, 2009 – noon to 2pm, Johnson Athletic, DSL welcome for parents and families. (Kaya is still planning the event and will invite student presidents and will ask Board to ask for nominations of alumni representation)

Every department under Dean's office will have a table. Dean will welcome families and talk about resources. Will be a resource fair. Handouts should be similar to in the past. Students will be having brunch in their dorms.

Alumni Leadership Conference - September 25-27, 2009
Association of Fraternity Advisors Conference - Dec 6 - 10, Jacksonville, FL
Chapter Alumni Risk Management Advisors (4 meetings - TBD)
IAP Courses
Facilities Committee
Accreditation Committee
AILG IT-Telecomm Committee
Alumni Risk Management sessions
FCI Board & Annual Meeting

3. Elect new Board Officers

- a. Chair – Ernie is nominated by Stan and Sarah. Accepted. Passed unanimously.
- b. Vice Chair – Stan was nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Ernie. Accepted. Passed unanimously.
- c. Treasurer – Sarah was nominated by Ernie. Accepted. Passed unanimously.
- d. Secretary – Rich was nominated by Steve. Accepted. Passed unanimously.

Noted that the relationships Steve has developed with MIT administration on behalf of the Board do need to be maintained, but can be maintained by him in other roles. Also noted that this is an opportunity for newer members of the board to take on more leadership and allow members with more tenure to provide guidance and support other activities of the board.

4. Goal-setting for the year

Ideas:

- a. Accreditation
- b. Educational programs
- c. Obtain member feedback
- d. New dean – see MIT partnerships

- e. Web content – some community members do complain about insufficient or lack of timely information on committee meetings and dates. We need to decide early enough to publish the dates, and also get this information to Matt Condell early enough. Encourage committees to create a standing meeting date (can cancel if not needed) and provide the names and contact info for committee leaders and perhaps also committee members. Also suggestion to redesign the web site to make not only an archive of minutes and information, but also make it more of a living up-to-date document. Need to charter a committee at the plenary (may need a budget? Leave up for committee to decide).
- f. Intervention process – Steve is still interested in pursuing this. This would involve how to help or provide assistance at the alumni level.
- g. Alumni advising – encourage more alumni advising of undergrads. Had an IAP workshop last year. Committee members met a few times but tends to fall under same purview of the volunteer committee. May warrant combining efforts with increasing and improving volunteerism. Advising is important but without more alumni involved, this is difficult. Suggestion that inviting new volunteers to participate in accreditation is one way of highlighting the importance of advising. Last year the committee took a survey, about half of the community responded.
- h. Risk management – participation in risk manager/advisor program increased last year, but less than half the houses are participating. Still deserves some continued focus. AILG does not have a committee established to lead this. We tend to focus on risk management when there is an incident, but when we achieve “steady state” things tail off until the next big incident. Difficult to maintain focus when there is not a major event to catalyze it.
- i. Finance – continue to develop finance committee along the path that was set last year. Housebill and cost structure were wins from last year. Next step might be to act on this information or build a history of housebill information.
- j. MIT partnerships – build strong productive relationship and deepen engagement with FSILG office, residence life and alumni association staff. Might add relationship with Dean to this list. Financial services staff is another area that serves students and might benefit from knowing more about the FSILG system.
- k. Summer housing policies and procedures - dropped
- l. Resident advisory policy – more focus on job description? Dropped
- m. Making the FSILGs more appealing to students – livability improvement? Cleanliness is clearly one area to consider. This has been discussed in the facilities committee. Food is also not up to the standard of other MIT living options. Reminded some of RRI (Recruitment and Retention Initiative), working with students who also are working on this regularly. What are the things that students may not address but we can help them examine or have a different perspective? One approach might be to pick a lifestyle issue each year – last year for example we addressed internet

connectivity. Tackle something else this year? Would be nice to be able to measure too. Noted that we have invested significant money in this area from the IRDF between operating grants, addressing deferred maintenance, IT work – it's not addressing all the issues but it's significant to consider in what else we should be doing. Maybe we aren't doing the right things? Will the chapters take umbrage with having us tackle an operations issue like this at the AILG level without consulting with them? Could ask the students (including the 20-30% who don't move in) to identify what areas they need to address. Again expressed importance of teaming with undergraduates.

- n. Celebrating accomplishments and history from AILG on behalf of the community. List of amazing alumni, recording things we do well, contributions to National and related organizations. Marketing and PR may come out of this.
 - o. FSILG community service day – get a large number of members to work on projects on the same day, even if doing different projects. Smoot day or Charles River Cleanup might be options. Students need to get excited too, may be able to plug into Greek Week and IFC.
 - p. AILG president and treasurer workshop to share ideas and best practices. Maybe under educational programs? Alumni Leadership Conference? – haven't gotten great attendance in the past. Able to bring new officers up to speed quickly NIC also offers this training for member alumni governing boards – get their facilitator to do a program for us.
5. Pressing / urgent issues:
- a. AEPHI has no alumni support that we have seen for a number of years. We contacted their national, who said there was a local alumni group that works with the chapter and the students must not have told us. They haven't included names so we are still concerned. Risk that we're colluding with MIT in a way that forces people to do things they wouldn't otherwise have to do, such as pay us \$500. We have a group that is struggling and has no alumni involvement – risk to them and also may set a precedent for operations outside the system. This isn't about the \$500, it's about concern for their chapter. Next step might be for one of us to reach out to local AEPHI alums we know to see if we can get them involved and help develop an alumni organization. We welcome alumni from other chapters, doesn't have to be from MIT. Kaya also has concern for them "floating."
 - i. Action to get names of regional alums from the national office (Bonnie is their exec director) – Steve Baker took the action to contact her. Alicia offered to meet with representatives.
 - ii. Action to get names of MIT alums from Bob Ferrara and try to connect with them.
 - iii. Provide a time limit for response from AEPHI
 - b. ATO
 - i. IFC Jud com hearing the last week in August re: providing alcohol at a pre-party at an ATO apartment

- ii. AILG should be ready to respond once the situation develops later this month.
 - c. Work week and inspections
 - i. Boston interest in trash and noise issues peaks this month. Cambridge is likely to follow suit. FCI will offer larger dumpsters but houses will have to pay, but may be able to work together.
 - ii. Don't do construction without permits
 - iii. Ask house corps to follow up on Kaya's email (facilities committee can address on Tuesday and send out an email to AILG list).
- 6. Other notes
 - a. Steve Baker was recently appointed to the Visiting committee for student life (2 year appointment). They review the department and report up to the President, just like academic departments undergo a visiting committee review.
 - b. Request for Kaya to get info on H1N1 to this group and the AILG as a whole. MIT Medical has this info.
 - c. Tom showed draft plans for Chi Phi evacuation. MIT facilities have been working to create a standard for these. Some input information has been lacking (e.g., where will signs be posted? Where are pull stations? Assembly points at cross streets?), so we may need to get involved to get plans completed for all floors of our FSILG houses. A project manager has been assigned but it's unclear who will be paying for the work. Plan to have these ready for the next inspection cycle.
 - d. New BSF – Tom Stohlman – is in contract negotiations with MIT. He is running for the Cambridge City Council and if he succeeds he will have to resign.
 - e. Judy Cole is the new executive of alumni association.
 - f. Of chapters that chose to report (about 17) there were 1100 alums who gave directly to their FSILGs.

Adjourn.