

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 at 7:30AM at Student Center Twenty Chimneys**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM

Members Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, Kappa Sigma, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Theta Chi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

Members Absent: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Number Six Club, Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Delta Chi, WILG

7:30 Welcome and Introductions – Ernie Sabine initiated a round of introductions of attendees

7:35 FSILG Office Update –Kaya Miller

Panhel reports that 190 women received bids, numbers are higher than usual.

IFC gave out 338 bids. On par to get 280-290 new members including about 12 sophomores. ILGs have given out 15-20 invitations to join.

Kaya: Beloit College “Mindset” handout presented. Gives perspective on what incoming students are thinking.

Upcoming 2010 census. RAs are asked to be census officers. Trial runs set to start this spring. Committee on academic performance number released to AILG advisors. 78 students seen by the committee of which 75 were FSILG affiliates. Seven were required to withdraw. This is on par with last Fall’s numbers. Kaya asks for support getting mentoring for students going before the CAP.

H1N1 update: Kaya asks that students with flu like symptoms self-isolate. RAs should convey this information to undergraduates. Students do not need to report to the infirmary unless they have more serious problems. MIT has made available masks, thermometers and other medical supplies to individual FSILGs. MIT will send out notifications if there are any students who are ill to RAs and Chapter Advisors.

No major Judicial Issues yet this semester.

RA payments available.

Marlena reported regarding summer issues. Last year 33% of incidents related to FSILGs (fire alarms and theft). This year 9 fire alarm and 9 theft incidents. Several noise and trash incidents. Questions regarding collected rent from summer residents and eviction of summer residents which should be directed to House Corporations.

David Hutchings reported on the IFC Judcomm hearing on ATO leading to their expulsion from the IFC for serving alcohol to minors and failing to provide assistance. Their appeal was denied, resulting from their loss of recognition from MIT and the IFC.

David fielded questions regarding the severity of the punishment. David was complemented for his efforts in properly handling this incident.

Kaya reporter that the housing license for the chapter house will be revoked. MIT will work with ATO to make sure that the house is used in some way and the students will be found housing. Parents have been contacted regarding information and support for their students. Current ATO brothers will be given alumni status by their house.

David Hutchings reported that Saferide purchased larger busses which violated city noise ordinances and they had to be re-routed several times, finally resulting in the banning of the busses from the Back Bay east of Mass Ave area. The MIT parking office has been trying to work with the City to find a solution to the problem. Members noted the prevalence of crime in the Back Bay area.

7:55 Treasurer's Report –Sara Pierce

Sara reported on the year to date profit and loss and the FY2010 approved budget. Currently waiting for dues to be received.

Accreditation Report—John Covert

Reported the AILG Accreditation status and asked for additional volunteers (at least one from each house) particularly for the upcoming 10/3 review.

Facilities Reports –Steve Summit

Steve thanked Jay Flynn for his service as the BSF and reported the selection of Tom Stohlman (Kappa Sigma) as the new BSF.

Tom reported that he has facilitated several inspections already despite the demands of work week. Several houses were “perfect.”

Steve is working on evacuation route diagrams. He has draft plans which have informally met with the approval of Boston Fire Department. They should be reviewed by individual houses for accuracy and installed this term.

RAs are being given tools to assist with facilities management.

Reported that AILG, Inc. is in the position to contract directly with the BSF. Steve suggested that the plenary consider resolving that the AILG, Inc. make an ongoing commitment to the BSF. MSP that the BSF program automatically renew every year. \$500 per organization, plus \$500 per house. Suggests that the bills would be sent out at the beginning of July and elections would be due in September.

Steve asks for additional volunteers on the Facilities Committee.

8:10 IRDF Update – Tom Holtey

Tom presented the IRDF annual report. Money is available for loans. However, more money has been leaving the IRDF that entering, thus a new Project Grant policy is in now in effect.

Reported that the IRS allows for IRDF fund to be used for Safety required by municipal bodies (inspections, maintenance of sprinklers, handicapped access, Ansul and range work in kitchen, BSF fees). These will be funded at the 100% level going forward. This will increase the outlay for grants by ~30%. New applications and spreadsheets have been generated and are on line at . <http://web.mit.edu/irdf/index.html> .

New policies have been put in place for project grants: project grants will be handled under a process where the amount of money available will be budgeted each year and chapter specific alumni giving will be strongly considered in giving project grants (operating grants will not be affected by individual giving). Also the age of the house and the age of the organization, the

status of the organization, past grants etc. will also be considered. This policy and process for administering the IRDF is available on the IRDF website. November 1st is the deadline for applications for project grants and the distribution will be announced by January 1st. Houses that are not granted for 100% of their application can have that re-applied for a subsequent year. Funds are dispersed when projects are completed.

IRDF Contribution Enhancement program. Tom presented a program for soliciting FSILG alumni for donations to the IRDF. This will consist in part of a letter sent to all FSILG alumni stating the alumni contributions and disbursements to each house. Individual houses can add a preamble to the letter or can request that the letter not be sent to their alumni. These letters will go out in November and requests regarding these letters must be submitted by October 15th.

Community Network Upgrade Project – Ash Dyer

All but 2 houses are complete, but 100% sign-offs are in progress. Please ask the undergraduates not to alter the network until it has been signed off. Alumni must sign off for the project to be complete.

8:20 Discussion of Goals – Ernie Sabine

Accreditation

Educational Programs

Looking for assistance in administering the program

Strengthen partnerships with MIT

Improved AILG web site

Finance

Develop alumni peer assistance process and procedures

Improved FSILG Livability

FSILG Capital Campaign Improvement

Improved AILG/FSILG Community Relations

Jim Janosky described organizing a larger community service project.

Summer Housing and Resident Advisor (RA) policies

Improved Risk Management

Improved Alumni advising

Obtain member feedback on current AILG programs

Suggestions: FSILGs should tap alumni from national organizations.

Alicia Hunt and Pi Beta Phi both described this as working for their houses

Alicia Hunt described website resources to which she could direct the AILG and assist with usability.

Roy Russell made a suggestion that the accreditation process should have as a goal to increase involvement from more Chapters or houses.

Discussion about correlation between FSILG membership and going before the CAP and how FSILGs can provide more academic support.

Tom Yu asks that we consider privacy issues when delving into individual academics.

Dave Burmaster and Ernie Sabine suggested that we could address academics without violating privacy issues.

Alicia Hunt proposed a committee on academics. Tom Yu, Dave Burmaster, Rich Possemato and Steve Baker indicated their desire to serve on such a committee.

Bob Ferrara suggested that Alumni Capital Campaign Assistance could be a Finance Committee Issue. Karl Buttner indicated that this would work.

Steve Summit suggested that the relationship between MIT and the AILG has improved and therefore we can also be advocates for the FSILG system, as suggested by Sam Kesner

Ash Dyer suggested that website come under the IT Committee

Steve Summit suggested that Livability should be handled by Facilities Comm.

Suggestion by Kristie Gill that peer assistance, community relations, and Alumni advising could be rolled into one committee. Perhaps Risk management as well.

Potential Additional Members

Education –Tom Yu

Website – Dan Dunn

Peer Assistance – Steve Baker, Dave Burmaster, Jim Latimer

Peer Assistance/Community Relations/Alumni Advising – Kristie Gill

8:50 Announcements

Ernie recognized Jim Bueche and Steve Baker for their work on the Board.

Next plenary meeting is November 4th at 7:30AM in same location

AILG Board meetings are first Thursday of month (except November's is on Oct 29)

Membership Committee may need to do something this year.

Bob Ferrara described the reporting of direct giving to FSILGs. Fourteen FSILGs reported 1177 donors gave in the last fiscal year.

Sunday September 27th, Women's Professional Day

Tuesday September 29th, world premier screening of Bruce Twickler's movie "Broadside"

Dave Burmaster announced that the Education Committee will definitely offer Treasurer 101 and House Manager 101. Other courses may be offered depending on interest.

Kaya: Houses are no longer required to be dry for rush. Fraternal Law describes a Chapter that did not follow their own RM policies.

Dave Hutchings: SAE officially recognized by the IFC.

Scott Klemm: Dues are due. FCI Annual meeting at the end of October.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06AM.