

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4th 2009, 7:30AM in Twenty Chimneys, Student Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM

Members Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Xi, WILG, Zeta Beta Tau

Members Absent: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Upsilon, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Number Six Club, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Epsilon Phi, Zeta Psi

Other Community Members Present: Pete McChesney (Stewart Howe), Katie Maloney (MITAA), Tom Stohlman (BSF), Karen Nilsson (Residential Life), Alex Dehnert (LGC Speaker), Ryan Schoen (IFC President), Kaya Miller (FSILG Office), Marlana Martinez (FSILG Office), David Hutchings (Former IFC President), Dennis Collins (Housing), Lynette Diaz (FSILG Office), Arti Virkud (Panhel President), Veronica Wilson (Panhel Executive VP), Minh-Phuong Huynh-Le (Outgoing Panhel President), Scott Klemm (FCI).

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

7:35 FSILG Office Update –Kaya Miller

Introduction of new Undergraduate Leadership:
Arti Virkud ('11, Alpha Phi, new Panhel president)
Ryan Schoen ('11, KS, new IFC President)
Alex Dehnert ('12, new LGC speaker)
Veronica Wilson ('11, Executive VP Panhel)

Kaya presented the fraternity and sorority recruitment statistics. Approximately 980 students are residing in FSILGs of 1879 total. 496 students are new members of fraternities and sororities. Kaya will be determining what the functional capacity of the system is and at what percentage of capacity we are currently operating. 49% of male and 38% of female undergraduates are FSILG affiliated. The average fraternity is 41 members, the average sorority is 101 members and the average ILG is 28 members.

Four Judicial incidents since the last meeting. Nu Delta and Zeta Beta Tau are under warnings from the IFC. Sigma Chi has an incident under investigation. Delta Psi is under alcohol sanctions. None of these are major violations of the risk management policy. Discussion of whether sanctions are appropriate for alcohol transports.

7:50 Treasurer's Report –Sara Pierce

Sara presented the YTD expenditures and provided a handout of the budget. Sara reported that dues have been collected from most members.

7:55 SafeRide Update – David Hutchings

David Hutchings met with Dean Colombo and Larry Brutti of the Transportation Offices to discuss the changes to the SafeRide routes. SafeRide recently converted to 42 passenger busses which led to noise complaints in Boston. Due to a ban on operating commercial vehicles East of Mass. Ave., the routes have been changed. MIT has been granted a specific exemption to stop at Chi Phi. Seven FSILGs have stops more than one block away (PKT is particularly far away). David does not anticipate the former routes being restored. Question of whether the restrictions for commercial vehicles in Boston are time-dependent.

Karen Nilsson reported that it is unknown whether MIT's budget cuts will affect the transportation budget further.

Ash Dyer asked whether the AILG can discuss increasing our contact with Boston public officials.

Steve Baker suggested that community relations committee take up this issue.

Karen Nilsson suggested that the AILG work with Sara Gallop, co-director of community and government relations and offered to let her know of our concerns.

John Covert asked whether Karen Nilsson would be able to find out exactly what the restrictions are.

Kaya suggested that the Board meet with Larry Brutti, Director of Parking.

Bob Ferrara suggested that Police Chief John DiFava would also be an ally because of his contacts in Boston and concern for safety.

Kaya reported that the MIT police would provide rides to students who need them.

Ash Dyer volunteered to organize an effort to look into this issue further and will solicit volunteers after the meeting.

8:00 AILG Goals – Ernie Sabine

Ernie presented the AILG goals and those committees tasked to address these goals.

Karl Büttner asked whether community relations and alumni involvement might be independent goals with independent committees.

Steve Baker further suggested that the Alumni Involvement and Risk Management and Advising Committee merge and that the Alumni Involvement Committee spin off a Community Relation Committee chaired by Ash Dyer. This was informally accepted.

8:05 Committee Reports

Accreditation Report—John Covert

John reported that several houses have received accreditation, some are pending completed reports, and there are another round of reviews in two weeks.

John reported that full accreditation will not be given to any organization whose IRS Forms 990 are not in order. Information about Form 990 will be presented at Treasurer 101. John emphasized that organizations receiving reservations should not be concerned about having received a black mark.

Ash pointed out that there are many changes to the filing requirements for 990s for next year.

Facilities Report –Peter Cooper

Progress has been made on the evacuation route diagrams which will be made to ASTM standards. These have been processed with the help of the BSF and MIT. Tom Stohlman will be posting the drafts for feedback in the Boston houses this semester and the Cambridge houses in the Spring.

The Committee will need input from the Boston houses within a month to make the permanent evacuation route diagrams.

The Committee is looking into an energy saving competition.

IT-Telecom Report – Ash Dyer

The community network upgrade project is wrapping up. The committee is in negotiations regarding charges made. Jason Gottlieb will be in contact with Alumni for 100% sign-offs on project completion. Ash is continually discussing additional bandwidth to individual houses with MIT IS&T and Verizon. Issues with the operation of the infrastructure can be directed to Stuart Peloquin.

IT 101 will inform members about how to get the most out of the upgraded network.

Finance – Karl Büttner

Karl reported that a housebill survey and operating expense analysis were conducted and that the results of the housebill survey are in each group's FCI locker. These reports show how each house compares to the rest of the community with respect to collected housebills and these individual reports are confidential.

Karl reported that this data will be updated and refreshed this year and asked for additional volunteers.

A discussion on how to support chapters initiating capital campaigns will be held in the committee.

The date of the next meeting will be announced shortly.

Education – Bryan Owens

Bryan presented the IAP course offerings. A new course (FCI 101) will be offered to familiarize everyone with the changes to the FCI interface.

Bryan asked that the Plenary reach out to undergraduate and alumni members to inform them of these courses and ask them to register. Bryan suggested encouraging specific officers to attend. Registration is currently open.

Please e-mail inquiries to ailg-education@mit.edu

Sara mentioned that courses open to alumni would preferably be in the evenings or on weekends.

Advisory – Sara Pierce

Sara asked for additional volunteers interested in participating in the advisory committee.

John Covert asked that more Alumni attend the accreditation reviews (at least 2 or 3). Bob Ferrara additionally pointed out that undergraduates can learn a lot about their chapter very quickly from attending the reviews. One group had twelve undergrads attend a session.

Membership – Steve Baker

The Board is currently operating as the membership committee and is recruiting additional members. This committee will review the applications of new members. Inquiries should be sent to sbaker@alum.mit.edu and a meeting will be held in the next few months.

Peer Assistance – Steve Baker

This is a reincarnation of the Intervention Committee. Steve is asking for additional volunteers for this committee and inquiries should be sent to sbaker@alum.mit.edu.

8:35 IRDF Update – Tom Holtey

Applications for project grants are now in for 2009. The applicants will hear back by January 1.

Safety related expenses will be 100% grantable for all future operating grant applications. The spreadsheet has changed this year and houses should go to <http://web.mit.edu/irdf/forms.html> for this form.

Tom presented the letter that will go out to each FSILG alumni outlining that House's IRDF receipts and contributions. However, any house may request to opt out of this solicitation e-mail by letting Tom or Bob know. At least three Houses currently undergoing capital campaigns have already done so; any opt-out request will be respected. The e-mails will be sent by mid November. Houses wishing to add a prologue to this letter should contact Bob Ferrara soon at rferrara@mit.edu.

The IT upgrade used 20% of the cash in the IRDF and Tom Holtey would like to see this money replenished by future donations.

Tom Holtey asked for timely submission of future applications and thanked the community for recent successes in this area.

8:40 ATO Building Update – Bob Ferrara

Bob thanked the community for continuing to support the ATO alumni organization.

Several groups have expressed interest in occupying the building. Dean Colombo asked that four items be completed before the building can be occupied:

- Roof Repairs – expected to be completed by the start of Fall 2010. This will impact Kappa Sigma and Burton Connor.

- Repair to the 5th floor of ATO.

- Financial issues regarding the lease of the building to the corporation.

- Legal review of the lease and evaluation of ATO's equity.

On the last point, Karen Nilsson noted that there will be a meeting with MIT legal counsel next week.

The ATO Alumni Corporation has stated a preference that they would like either MIT to manage the property or to sell the property outright.

The building could be occupied by the Fall of 2010.

Karen Nilsson: the assumption is that the new occupants will be an FSILG as it is too expensive for MIT to run as a dormitory. The AILG provides MIT with a housing system that is self sufficient and gives MIT free housing, which is an incredible value to MIT. Karen thanks the AILG for this valuable resource.

8:50 Announcements

Marlena Martinez wants to remind Houses about frozen pipes and encourages houses to close windows.

Katie Casey: Reminder that Reunion Open Houses at Chapter houses will take place on Friday June 4th, 2010 at 3-5PM. Houses should respond to kcasey@mit.edu by November 30th to be in the print version of the announcement and can respond anytime to be on the web announcement.

Karen Nilsson: Steve Baker is on the MIT visiting committee for DSL. This will give other universities the opportunity to hear about the FSILG system at MIT.

Scott Klemm: FCI 101 will be offered in IAP. The new FCI website will be up in January. This will improve the ability of Houses to communicate with their members. Several Houses should see Scott regarding fire radios. FCI rebates have been dispersed. Charley Mills has moves to Connecticut and as currently working remotely. A/C units should be removed from windows.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next AILG Plenary Meeting – Wednesday February 10th, 2010 at 7:30AM in the Student Center

The meeting adjourned at 9:03AM.