

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Sigma, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Chi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

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

Other Community Members Present: Pete McChesney (Stewart Howe), Tom Stohlman (BSF), Karen Nilsson (Residential Life), Ryan Schoen (IFC President), Kaya Miller (FSILG Office), Marlana Martinez (FSILG Office), Arti Virkud (Panhel President), Lauren Wojtkun (FSILG Office), Donna Denoncourt (Residential Life), Mark Landsberg (MLA Consultants), Dennis Collins (MIT Housing Office), Chris Colombo (Dean of Student Life), Veronica Wilson (Panhellenic Executive VP), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office).

**Welcome and Introductions** – Ernie Sabine initiated a round of introductions of attendees.

**FSILG Office Update – Kaya Miller**

- Kaya announced the impending retirement of Karen Nilsson and recognized her for her work.
- Kaya introduced Jennifer Meredith, a new member of the FSILG Office.
- Campus Preview Weekend: About 1100 students were in attendance. IFC/Panhel ran information panels for students. All groups put out promotional materials for parents.
- The 2010 Census coordination has been largely completed, and groups are encouraged to insure that all forms are returned.
- Judicial Update: PSK has received a warning for new member education issues; During IAP, PDT had an unregistered event and BTP is being advised about drug usage. No additional incidents to report from the Spring semester.
- Insurance Payments are now due to the FCI, 9 bills are outstanding. Housing Licenses need to be signed by all groups.
- The Boston Inspectional Service Police showed up unannounced at Theta Chi and did an inspection, finding nothing wrong.
- RA application information is available at the FSILG office. Groups are encouraged to work with their houses during the RA selection process and, if necessary, identify new Resident Advisors for the fall before the finals period.
- On Monday May 17th at 6PM, the annual FSILG Awards ceremony will occur. All groups are encouraged to attend.

**Chris Colombo's Update.** Chris spoke about his continuing interaction with the AILG and FSILG community and has been continuing to learn about the FSILG system at MIT. The Dean

emphasized the amount of support that Alumni give to the students and that these good works are often unnoticed. The Dean discussed his conversations with Alumni during his Fundraising travels: a disgruntled alumnus spoke with the Dean about the Alpha Tau Omega decision, emphasizing that such decisions are the providence of the students. A number of other Fraternity Alumni spoke very highly of the AILG and in particular, the IRDF program. The Dean commended Karen Nilsson on her work at MIT and promised future celebration of Karen's work. There will be a national search for taking on the Senior Associate Dean position that Karen is vacating, and the AILG will have a voice in that search. While the search is ongoing, Bob Ferrara and Kaya Miller will be handling many of the duties of the office. MIT is in the midst of a 2-year, 13% reduction in expenses with no future reductions anticipated. The Dean anticipates that the Alumni will be pleased with how MIT has handled the downturn, which will be addressed by President Hockfield in an upcoming address. The Institute will be closing several Dormitories over the Summer to consolidate the remaining residents and open up significant maintenance opportunities. A mandatory dining program is operating in four dormitories, and the Institute no longer wishes to subsidize the program costs. A Committee on Dining Issues is in operation and will continue to work to resolve the Dining Issue. The Dean's Office is also coordinating metering of the Dormitories to monitor utility consumption and transportation of students around campus. The Dean fielded questions about the Dining Program.

Karen spoke about her MIT career and highlighted her enjoyment of working with the FSILG community over the last 4-5 years. She commended the AILG community on their work, in particular the Accreditation program.

**Treasurer's Report –Sara Pierce.** Sara reviewed the Year to Date profit and loss statement and the draft budget for 2011. There will be a budget discussion meeting at 5:30PM on May 6<sup>th</sup> prior to the next Board meeting in W59. Sara anticipates that dues will be \$400 for next year.

**AILG/FSILG Community Event – Ernie Sabine.** A community-wide service event is currently in the planning phases. Ernie announced upcoming community events such as the Alley Rally and Graffiti Cleanup.

**Dorm Relations Committee Update – Rich Possemato.** The Dormitory Relations Committee has discussed the need for increased interactions between the AILG and the dormitory Housemasters and is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Dean and a group of undergraduate housemasters.

### **Committee Reports**

**Accreditation Report—John Covert.** John reviewed the Accreditation Status of the Living Groups. Five new volunteers have been added to the accreditation visiting committees and the accreditation process is moving along smoothly.

There is a list of best practices that is being continually updated on the Accreditation website.

**Facilities Report –Tom Stohlman.** The lodging licenses are going to expire shortly and groups must sign their lodging licenses which are currently with the FCI. Tom emphasized the need for cleanliness to make a good impression on the building inspectors.

Marlena asked that groups continue to maintain good cleanliness during the summer alumni events.

**Education – Bryan Owens.** Bryan presented an outline for the FSILG Alumni Volunteer Seminar and encouraged all groups to send members, especially those who are interested in understanding the resources and projects that the AILG has ongoing. The Education Committee is working on revamping the education program including the timing of courses.

**Insurance – Jim Bueche.** Jim announced the establishment of a separate AILG discussion e-mail list so that the mitailg list would be reserved for announcements. The Insurance bills are in participating group's FCI locker. MIT has paid the insurance bill already, and this money will be returned to MIT upon payment. The Insurance Committee is investigating Officer's insurance for individual house corporations.

**Finance – Karl Büttner.** The Financial Study has produced an operating expense and Housebill analysis for last year. The 2009-2010 Housebill survey is ongoing and most houses have responded. Based upon current preliminary data, the cost of living in an FSILG increased by 4% while the cost of living in the dormitories increased by ~6 and 2/3rds% (although the Dormitory rate increase will be 4% next year). The final Housebill Report will be coming out shortly. The Committee is currently working on understanding how much each group is setting aside for capital reserves or long-range planning.

**IRDF Update – Tom Holtey.** The IRDF completed a round of project grants during the past quarter. There is an upcoming Project Grant deadline on September 1<sup>st</sup> (since corrected to November 1<sup>st</sup>). Safety expenses are being reimbursed at the 100% level for this year, but this is not necessarily the case for the future. Tom reminded groups that furniture being purchased through the IRDF must meet California Fire Code standards. The IRDF sent out a mailing to each group outlining their giving to and disbursements from the IRDF. This mailing will continue this year. The IRDF has money available to lend at market rates.  
-Tom fielded questions about safety expenses and educational expenses.

**Freshmen Living in FSILGs – Stan Wulf.** Stan reported that the committee has met twice to discuss issues surrounding freshmen living in FSILGs.

#### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

The FSILG Officer Seminar is on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Student Center PDR 1 & 2.

There is a CARMA meeting on the evening of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next AILG Board meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

The Annual Meeting of the AILG is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Faculty Club.

The FSILG Awards Dinner is on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Nominations for outstanding alumni awards are still open.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49AM.