

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 10th 2010, 7:30AM in Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:35AM

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

Members Absent: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Number Six Club, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, pika, Sigma Nu, Theta Delta Chi, WILG, Zeta Psi

Other Community Members Present: Ryan Schoen (IFC President), Marlena Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Arti Virkud (Panhel President), Lauren Davis Wojtkun (FSILG Office), Dennis Collins (MIT Housing Office), Nicola Leckie (Stewart Howe), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Pete McChesney (Stewart Howe), Henry Humphreys (Residential Life), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office) and Alex Denhert (LGC Speaker).

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

Introduction of New Senior Associate Dean for Student Life and Dining: Henry Humphreys. The Plenary welcomed Henry to the MIT community. Henry expressed his enthusiasm for working with the FSILGs.

FSILG Office Update – Marlena Martinez Love.

The IFC and Panhellenic officers are transitioning. Of note, seven different fraternities are represented on the IFC Board.

Halloween was a busy weekend as there were five alcohol transports from at or near Back Bay residences. Marlena said that we are not doing enough to manage our risk with respect to crowding and other things. Bob Ferrara rode along with the MIT police that night and would be happy to talk with any interested parties. He said that the campus police will be focusing more on Risk Management in the FSILGs.

Some undergraduates have approached the FSILG office with help for filing taxes for undergraduate organizations (e.g. Form 990). Alumni are encouraged to provide help to their chapters.

There are 3-4 candidates to fill Marlena's previous position. Some members of the community will be interviewing these candidates.

Marlena invited organizations interested in coordinating with the evolving MIT meal plan to contact her.

Treasurer's Report –Sara Wilmer. Sara reviewed the previous and current year to date profit and loss statements. The AILG has spent about 1/3rd of their annual budget, which is within expectations.

Some organizations have asked for assistance with 990s. The Board can provide some advice on where to best go for assistance. There was a discussion on how many filings should be made, what kind of filings to make and who to go to for advice.

Review of AILG Goals—Ernie Sabine. Ernie reviewed the progress of the AILG goals for the year. Each Board member who was tasked with overseeing a goal gave a brief description of the goal and asked for assistance.

Committee Reports

Accreditation Report—David Hutchings. Dave is looking for volunteers for the Accreditation Committee. The committee is considering having some check-in during years where organizations are not being reviewed. John Covert presented the accreditation schedule and asked organizations that are being reviewed in the Spring to send their preferences for dates to be reviewed.

Facilities Report – Scott Klemm. All of our organizations have passed all of their inspections. Houses need to pay attention to their sprinkler inspections and reports. Tom Stohlman reiterated that the paperwork for the sprinkler, fire alarm and fire escape reports is important to have filed and that these should be presented to the inspector during the inspection.

IT/Telecom – Scott Klemm. The CNUP project external vendor is satisfied with their progress and compensation. Bills for work that organizations asked for above the base IT upgrade and for unexpected expenses have been billed to each organization via the FCI.

Bob reported that Stuart Peloquin, providing MIT support for IT to the FSILGs, has resigned and a replacement is been sought. The AILG website is in the process of being updated. The MIT websites are being upgraded to an iModules platform and there may be an opportunity for other MIT groups to transition as well.

The Committee will be considering whether a VoIP phone system would be useful to implement.

Scott suggested that if the undergraduates could provide a reason for why high bandwidth (more than 10MB) is required for their academic pursuits, this may assist in providing an argument to increase the bandwidth over the river to Boston groups.

Ash Dyer has done a large amount of work on this project and the AILG enthusiastically thanked him for his service.

Finance – Karl Büttner. Karl discussed the committee's ongoing interest in long term financial planning. The committee is planning a meeting before the end of the year, the date of which will be announced soon.

Insurance – Jim Bueche. Jim reported that houses are being visited for any necessary adjustments in property value. Jim encourages houses to increase their policy premiums as appropriate. The premiums per dollar should not increase next year. Director's and Officer's insurance is being made available to house corporations. This should cost in the vicinity for \$500, depending on how many organizations join in. Please tell Stan or Jim if you are interested.

Education – Bob Ferrara. The courses traditionally held during IAP are largely transitioning to being held during the term. The Alumni seminar, held last April 29th, will be repeated in the coming term. Feedback from last year's seminar was very positive.

Advisory – Sara Wilmer. Sara is continuing outreach to various advisory boards. Please contact her if you have questions about advisory boards.

Peer Assistance – Steve Baker. Steve asked that if any groups need any extensive assistance with their organizations to contact Steve.

IRDF Update – Tom Holtey. Tom is continuing the annual campaign to inform alumni about the IRDF and to encourage alumni to earmark some of their contributions to MIT to the IRDF. Tom mentioned that an e-mail will be going out on November 30th to all FSILG alumni informing them of the IRDF program and their house's contributions to and grants from the IRDF. Today, no houses have contributions to the IRDF that come close to what they receive. Steve Stuntz noted that the IRDF has money available to loan. However, houses probably cannot carry more than the interest from \$500K in debt, whereas a major renovation would cost in the range of \$2M.

New Business and Announcements

Steve Stuntz said that there is a 5:1 ratio of medical transport on campus versus off campus. This suggests that FSILG students may not be calling for medical transport out of concern for being sanctioned. Students who have a serious alcohol problem may be best served by receiving treatment. It would be ideal if the first response was to call for transport rather than having students make medical decisions.

Marlena said that the Good Samaritan policy limits sanctions from MIT for houses that call for medical transport.

There was a discussion about how alcohol transports lead to Judcomm investigations, which inhibit students from asking for help.

Marlena said that there are excellent support services at MIT for students who have alcohol problems and that students who are identified as having such problems should be referred by alumni or peers. She also encouraged alumni to follow up with students when a transport has occurred and that she cc's alumni about incidents as they occur.

There was a discussion about alumni notification of alcohol transports to better help students.

Phi Sigma Kappa announced that they had a lawsuit filed against them last summer because they had been renting their annex out exclusively to female occupants. The Boston Fair Housing Court deemed this gender discrimination. PSK settled their court case for \$5K and has to send their summer house managers to the City for education on fair housing practices and to publicize that they do not discriminate in housing.

There is a full page article in the Boston Business journal about Steve Immerman.

The IRDF Annual Operating Grant deadlines are approaching for many groups. The FCI annual meeting will be held tonight at 7PM in the Z Center media room.

MIT is having a major celebration for their 150th anniversary. There will be a Convocation April 10th, 2011, with a major event at the convention center in Boston. On April 30th, 2011 there will be an Open House at MIT. If someone is interested in organizing an FSILG Community Service event in the January-June timeframe as part of the 150th celebration, please contact Ernie Sabine or Bob Ferrara.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

CARMA group discussion – Tuesday, November 16 at 7PM in W11 Main Dining Room (food at 6:30PM).