

MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 9th 2010, 7:30AM in Twenty Chimneys, Student Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM

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

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

Other Community Members Present: Gordon Wintrob (IFC President), Marlana Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Kimberly Sparling (Panhel President), Lauren Davis Wojtkun (FSILG Office), Dennis Collins (MIT Housing Office), Nicola Leckie (Stewart Howe), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Henry Humphreys (Residential Life), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office), Robert Ferrara, Katie Maloney and Cat Sohor (FSILG Office).

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

FSILG Office Update – Marlana Martinez Love. Marlana introduced Cat Sohor, a new member of the FSILG Office, and the incoming IFC President (Gordon Wintrob) and Panhellenic President (Kimberly Sparling) to a round of applause. There are some changes to Orientation, but these will not impact FSILGs (i.e. recruitment). Marlana will no longer be able to share information about actions taken by the Committee on Academic Performance with alumni, but will continue reporting this to RAs. MIT and PBE are still working toward a resolution. MIT is working on repairing the shell of the ATO house and information regarding cost is being gathered for repairs to the interior. A number of RAs are moving on this year and groups can contact the FSILG office to see if their RA is leaving. There was a discussion about academic reporting of CAP action to alumni and many saw this loss of an opportunity to intervene as disappointing.

Treasurer's Report –Sara Wilmer. Sara reviewed the FY2011 budget and current year to date profit and loss statements.

MIT Update – Bob Ferrara. Bob's semiannual letter to MIT alumni will be delayed until an agreement is reached between MIT and PBE which can be announced. Bob shared the excellent fall, 2010 PSK alumni newsletter as an example to other groups. At the urging of the PKS Alumni Secretary, the Alumni Association and Bob have worked out a way to distribute monthly reports on deceased FSILG alumni. Bob will send out information on how to subscribe to this report. There will be no changes to REX this Fall. However, Henry Humphreys reported that a committee being formed will be charged with the goal to make recommendations on

orientation going forward. The MIT President has a search underway for the “inside MIT” successor to Chancellor Phil Clay, who is returning to teaching duties after 10 years in his post.

AILG/FSILG Participation in MIT150 – Ernie Sabine and others. Dave Burmaster has spent a lot of time determining how we can participate in the MIT 150th Anniversary celebration. Ernie reviewed the schedule of events, including a Convocation on Sunday April 10th and an Open House on Saturday April 30th. The AILG will have a booth in the student center during the Open House. There have been discussions with the MIT archivist about appropriate information and artifacts to be collected. Bob Ferrara and Steve Summit want to work on a better introduction to the “FSILGs at MIT” Wikipedia entry and member groups are encouraged to update their own entries.

Carl King reported that the MIT Public Service Center has set forth a community service challenge competition, an opportunity for FSILGs to show their involvement in the community -- <http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/volunteering/programs/fsilgd/> .

Committee Reports

Accreditation Report—David Hutchings. Dave is looking for more volunteers for accreditation visiting committees and ideally one or more volunteers from each chapter. The committee is implementing a trial program for an off-year accreditation mini-review. The accreditation committee will review the information provided and may make suggestions. The committee will report at the April plenary whether they felt that this was a useful exercise. John Covert reported that he is working on a mechanism by which a password encrypted BDF can be kept on Athena for collaborative BDF working.

Facilities Report –Tom Stohlman and Scott Klemm. Scott recommends that individual houses hire contractors to clear snow from their roofs in the event of heavy snow and that undergraduates should not shovel off their own roofs. Tom reported that significant progress has been made on obtaining Certificates of Inspection for houses which were inspected over the past year. Random Hall was shoveled off on Monday as it was the only MIT wood structure that was of concern.

Education – Bryan Bryson. The Alumni seminar will be repeated in the coming term on Wednesday March 30th. This is a followon to the very successful session last April 29. Old and new alumni directors, officers, and advisors are encouraged to attend. Bryan will send out an e-mail with the registration link. The former IAP courses are being revamped for the coming year.

Insurance – Stan Wulf. The Directors & Officers insurance policy is going to be implemented for 9 chapters who expressed interest. Other chapters who want to purchase insurance should contact Stan Wulf or Jim Bueche. The cost is expected to be \$400-\$500 annually and will go into effect on April 1st. MIT has requested that the FSILGs increase their liability coverage to \$10M, which may result in a significant increase in premiums (\$2,200 as a best guess). The Insurance Committee is investigating this request from MIT further. MIT and AILG insurance policies do not cover vehicle rentals by FSILG groups.

Finance – Karl Büttner. The AILG Finance Committee has had as a goal collecting information to assess the financial well-being of member organizations. In the past, the Committee has sponsored a Housebill Survey, which is ready to be launched for the coming year. New this year, the Committee is launching a simple survey to assess confidentially each group's capital

reserves. Ernie Sabine has put together a model for capital planning which can be used as a tool for determining how much needs to be set aside for repairs, equipment, etc. This model is now being tested by several houses and will be reported on at the April plenary.

IT/Telecom – Ash Dyer. The Committee is focusing on revamping the AILG website. The Alumni Association is rolling out a new website tool (iModules), which the Committee is considering. Ash is happy to have input or assistance on this project.

MIT had signed an agreement with Verizon for their bandwidth usage through the next 3 years for Boston houses. If people have particular projects or special needs that are academically related and require increasing bandwidth from 10M to 100M upload/download speed, please e-mail Ash.

Ernie recognized the work of Ash Dyer and the IT/Telecom Committee for their work on completing the CNUP project.

IRDF Update – Tom Holtey. All deadlines for houses whose grant applications were due at the end of the year were met, and Tom is appreciative. Tom also reports that contributions to the IRDF are up this year, and is also appreciative of the support. Alumni Corporation members can obtain confidential lists of donors from their organization upon request. The IRDF has money to loan at good rates and long terms.

New Business and Announcements

Tom Holtey reported that he has sent out an e-mail to alumni and students to report their involvement in the NABB.

Several houses have signed up for reunion Open Houses at FSILGs. If you wish to participate, please contact Katie Maloney. She is appreciative of houses which are holding events.

Bob reports that the next CARMA meeting will be about new member education on February 24th. There will also be a movie about Phi Gamma Delta on Monday March 14th. These meetings are open to the community.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- AILG Volunteer Seminar: Wednesday March 30th at 7:00-8:30PM
- Campus Preview Weekend: Friday-Sunday April 8-10
- CARMA meeting on February 24th at 6:30-8PM W11- Main Dining Hall
- CARMA Film: Monday March 14th, 6:30-8PM – location TBD.
- Next Plenary: Wednesday April 13
- CARMA meeting on April 26th at 6:30-8PM W20-407
- MIT Open House: Saturday April 30
- Board meets on 1st Thursday of month (the 3rd in March) in W59 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31AM.