

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15th 2010, 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, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

Members Absent: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Number Six Club, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, WILG

Other Community Members Present: Ryan Schoen (IFC President), Marlena Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Arti Virkud (Panhel President), Lauren Davis Wojtkun (FSILG Office), Donna Denoncourt (Residential Life), Mark Landsberg (MLA Consultants), Dennis Collins (MIT Housing Office), Deanna Lane (Stewart Howe), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Spencer Parra (IFC Recruitment), Diana Wieser (Panhel VP/Recruitment), Mike Duesing (Stewart Howe).

Welcome and Introductions – Ernie Sabine introduced Marlena Martinez Love as the new Assistant Dean of FSILGs and initiated a round of introductions of attendees.

FSILG Office Update – Marlena Martinez Love, FSILG Office and FSILG student leaders
Lauren Davis Wojtkun presented the RA training schedule and asked groups to sign a form acknowledging that their RA has completed training. Sorority recruitment was better than expected. Fraternity recruitment was on par with last year although there were a large number of outstanding bids. Potential members who have reluctant parents can be given the FSILG office contact information. IFC President Ryan Schoen reported that Beta Theta Pi was found to have violated IFC recruitment policy by serving alcohol at a recruitment event, which resulted in the IFC terminating Beta Theta Pi's rush privileges. The IFC is conducting a hearing before the presidents next week to determine if there are grounds for expelling Beta Theta Pi from the IFC. Schoen also reported that Phi Beta Epsilon has been expelled from the IFC for a period of at least 10 years, for having violated the IFC's hazing policy. This decision is being appealed and the details contested by PBE. There was a discussion about how alumni can know whether their chapters are in danger of being closed and what is currently being done to support organizations which are in poorer standing.

Fraternity Recruitment – Ernie Sabine

Ernie would like to start a dialogue with the IFC about how to improve the Fraternity recruitment process.

Treasurer's Report –Sara Pierce. Sara reviewed the previous and current year to date profit and loss statements and the budget for 2011. The AILG had a small net income last year.

Committee Reports

Accreditation Report—John Covert. John reviewed the accreditation status of the living groups and asked for additional volunteers to serve on visiting committees.

Facilities Report –Steve Summit. The Facilities Committee is trying to assist groups with facilities management. Steve presented a document outlining the basics of facilities management which will be available from the AILG website and updated periodically. On September 23rd and October 14th at 6:30PM there will be programming for undergraduate house managers to discuss facilities issues (House Manager 101).

IT/Telecom – Ash Dyer. Ash discussed the final phases of the IT upgrade including charge backs for extra items. The committee is also working with Matt Condell on updating the AILG website.

Finance – Karl Büttner. Karl discussed the AILG Housebill study which the committee produced last year. The general and individualized reports are located in each groups FCI locker. Karl also discussed the committee's ongoing interest in long term financial planning.

Education – Bryan Owens. Bryan reported changes to the educational programming such that the courses are shorter and occur in the evenings during the Fall and Spring. The Alumni Affairs course will be held on October 4th.

Advisory – Sara Wilmer. Sara is augmenting the advising program and will be in contact with FSILG advisors.

Peer Assistance – Steve Baker. Steve emphasized that the most effective way to ensure that problems do not occur in FSILGs is alumni involvement. Steve asked for experienced volunteers to help advise groups which are struggling.

Insurance – Jim Bueche. Jim reported that Willis will be coming through for the biannual inspection to revalue each insured group's property. Director's and Officer's insurance for House Corporations is going to be offered this year (~\$250-400). Some groups may have coverage through their National.

IRDF Update – Tom Holtey. Tom reported that the IRDF reimbursement for the annual Educational Operating Grants will change. The safety items and educational equipment reimbursements will remain at 100 per cent, but operating expenses will be reduced by 40%. There is a new project grant application cycle upcoming with a deadline of November 1st. See the IRDF website, contact the FCI or write to irdf@mit.edu with questions. Newsletters can be a good mechanism of soliciting for alumni donations to the IRDF. An e-mail will be sent out in November telling alumni how much they have received from and contributed to the IRDF as a chapter. Tom would like to have a source of student and alumni addresses to send reminders for grant and loan applications. He presented his resolution to collect and maintain a list of undergraduate and alumni student leaders. The following motion passed unanimously:

Resolved:

- That the AILG shall collect and maintain a master list of its Alumni and Student Presidents, Treasurers and House Managers.
- That permission is hereby granted to the FCI, IRDF and FSILG Office to share their information sources.
- That this information is for the sole use in required communications by these bodies.
- That email addresses and a phone number only will be required.
- That each AILG member organization is required to provide and update this information.
- That individuals may request, in writing, exemption from this list.

Presentation of AILG Goals for 2010-2011 – Ernie Sabine. Ernie presented a draft of the AILG goals for the year. These were presented as 5 main goals plus one goal of continuing the programs which have already been started (comprised mostly of goals from previous years). Ernie outlined which individuals or committees would likely be responsible for each goal.

Announcements

A discussion about Amherst Alley improvements will occur immediately after the plenary meeting.

A list of FSILG direct donors has again been posted on the MIT Alumni Association website. There are over 1200 such donors from 17 chapters on the list. Bob Ferrara reminded people that the annual Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) registration is now live. The ALC is held from October 22-24 and one highlight will be an award for last year's Smoot celebrations.

Alicia Hunt asked if there was anyone interested in weatherization or energy conservation to contact her about ideas for making the FSILGs more energy efficient.

Ernie reported that the search for the senior associate dean has come down to 4 candidates and a final hiring may be announced soon.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next AILG Plenary Meeting – Wednesday November 10, 2010 in Mezzanine Lounge
House Manager's 101 discussion – Thursday, September 23, 7-9PM – Religious Activities Center

CARMA Meeting, Tuesday, September 28, 7-9PM Religious Center (W11).

Alumni Leadership Conference, Friday & Saturday, October 22-23.

There was a discussion about whether expulsion periods of 10 years are appropriate for groups who have violated IFC rules and whether a discussion about this should be taken up with the undergraduate leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.