

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2011, 7:30AM in Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34AM

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

**Members Absent:** Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Number Six Club, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, pika, Sigma Nu, Theta Delta Chi,

**Other Community Members Present:** Henry Humphreys (DSL), Gordon Wintrob (IFC President), Eduardo Russian (IFC Recruitment Chair), Marlana Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Kimberly Sparling (Panhel President), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office), Robert Ferrara, Cat Sohor (FSILG Office), Adam McCready (FSILG Office) and Nicola Leckie (Stewart Howe).

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

**FSILG Office Update – Marlana Martinez Love.** Marlana introduced Adam McCready, new Assistant Director of FSILGs. Adam will be the liaison for Panhel and the LGC. IFC Recruitment Chair reported 451 bids and 259 accepted bids to fraternities, which is similar in number to last year. Marlana asked that new members not accept bids in public places. Panhel reported 173 bids, with similar new member numbers to last year. ILGs recruitment was also reported to be positive. FSILG officers will be required to attend alcohol awareness training before groups are permitted to have events with alcohol, which may begin this weekend. Judy Robinson has joined DSL to focus on risk management and judicial issues. Kim Novak, expert on risk management and hazing prevention, will be coming to MIT at the end of October. She will be speaking at the October CARMA meeting, and will be available to meet with individual chapters. On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>, MIT will be hosting the Northeast Leadership Summit where Kim will also be giving a keynote presentation. Contact Cat for more information on Kim Novak's visit. Pi Beta Phi has been selected to occupy 405 Memorial Drive, taking residence next year. The new meal plan program may have an FSILG catering option—this is currently being explored. The FSILG office is relocating to W59 (Heinz Building).

**Treasurer's Report –Sara Wilmer.** Sara reviewed the FY2012 budget and current year to date profit and loss statements. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues thus far.

**AILG Strategic Planning Committee – Steve Baker.** Steve presented an outline of the Strategic Planning Committee work plan and led a discussion on the AILG mission statement. The goal of the committee is to present a strategic plan for the AILG at the February Plenary

meeting. The structure of the effort will be a larger strategic planning committee to which all are invited to attend, including undergraduates, and a steering committee which will be responsible for leading the strategic planning process. The underlying purpose of this process is to take a long-term look at the AILG goals and purpose. The first committee meeting will be in the W59 conference room (Heinz Building) 6:30PM Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. The committee will have a web page with information on the AILG website (now at ailg.mit.edu). Steve is soliciting feedback at sbaker@alum.mit.edu.

Some feedback about the mission statement:

- 1) Provide tools and assistance to empower FSILG alumni corporations.
- 2) Be an advocate for FSILGs at MIT and the broader greater Boston community.
- 3) Do we directly provide assistance to students, or do we do so through our individual alumni corporations? Build bridges with FSILG student organizations.
- 4) Engage recent FSILG alumni to remain involved.
- 5) Engage alumni who do not have chapter houses.
- 6) Several bullet points do not focus on FSILG students, but focus on all MIT students.
- 7) There is not currently an emphasis on academics. Should there be?
- 8) Promoting best practices.
- 9) Sustainability and future growth and well being.
- 10) Teach values and life skills that are complementary to what is being learned at MIT.
- 11) Promote the rights of MIT students as adults.

Steve reviewed who the committee will reach out to in forming the plan and asked for feedback. Several suggestions were made (housemasters, NABB, IRDF, etc.)

### **Committee Reports**

**Accreditation—David Hutchings.** Dave presented the current accreditation status of all groups and the fall accreditation schedule. The BDF has been shortened 10-15% and will now be accessible and editable on-line. The Accreditation Committee will be receiving the Great Dome award from MIT and Dave thanked all of the volunteers who made this possible. The pilot program for an off-cycle review will be continuing again this semester.

**Facilities—Scott Klemm.** Boston fire department inspections have occurred. Everyone passed, and several houses will have revisits. There were minimal issues related to work week and move-in. Tom Stohlman went into every bedroom to ensure that smoke detectors were present and egress paths were clear. The next meeting of the facilities committee is the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in the FCI office. Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

**IT/Telecom – Bob Ferrara.** There is a new AILG website (<http://ailg.mit.edu>). This WordPress based website will allow access to individual volunteers to different parts of the website. The Committee is looking for a volunteer webmaster.

Boston and Brookline houses and pika have service through Verizon's Transparent LAN Service, and some houses are now experiencing bandwidth congestion. FSILGS may elect to increase bandwidth from 10 to 100 MBPS at a cost of \$779 per house per month. The IRDF is considering reimbursement at 50% for this. Chapters should contact Scott Klemm before October 15<sup>th</sup> to sign a 6-month contract. IS&T is looking into long-term solutions.

**Finance – Rich Possemato.** The committee produced a Housebill Survey which is now available in each individual group's FCI locker. The committee is also seeking new leadership.

**Insurance – Jim Bueche.** Directors and Officers insurance is now being provided at \$235 per chapter to about 20 groups. MIT has requested that we raise the liability insurance limit and the committee is continuing to investigate the cost of this additional insurance.

**Education – Ryan Andrews.** The committee is addressing the challenge of enrollment and attendance in the various courses offered by the AILG. In response to this, Ryan is sending out a survey to students and alumni to determine which courses should be offered and at what time. Ryan hopes to have some program starting over the winter. The committee is also looking for new volunteers and input on the program.

**IRDF Update – Tom Holtey.** Tom presented the IRDF report, including the 2010-2011 fiscal year summary. The numbers of members that are being recognized for direct contributions to FSILGs has increased significantly this past year. Students are being asked for pictures of IRDF-funded projects in their chapter houses and there is a competition for the best pictures. The income to and outflow from the IRDF are currently in balance. The grant committee is asking groups to have all expenses documented (receipts) and signatures on all required forms. For an application to be actionable by the IRDF Board, these things will be required in the future. The percentage of expenses currently being reimbursed (60% of operating expenses and 75% of fire safety and educational expenses) will be held constant for the next two years.

#### **New Business and Announcements**

The next CARMA meeting will be at 6:30PM (food) or 7PM (presentation) on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parking for the plenary meeting will be \$5 in the future in the West Parking garage due to change in MIT policy.

There is a committee formed at MIT to review recruitment and orientation. Feedback from students with respect to FSILGs has been very positive.

There will be a new MITAILG-DISCUSS list to which members can sign-on for unfettered discussions on MIT/AILG policy.

Please update your group's contact information with the FCI

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

Alumni Leadership Conference September 15-17

Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

CARMA Meeting, Tuesday, September 27 – 6:30-8PM. W11-Main Dining room. Back to School – Summer/Fall Risk Management Review

Board meets on 1st Thursday of month (10/6, 11/3) at 6:30 pm in W59

Next AILG Plenary Meeting – November 16th at 7:30AM \*\*IN W11\*\*

Family Weekend – October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55AM.