

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16th 2011, 7:30AM in W11, Main Dining Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32AM

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

Members Absent: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Fenway House, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Nu, WILG,

Other Community Members Present: Gordon Wintrob (Outgoing IFC President), Tommy Anderson (IFC President), Marlena Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Kimberly Sparling (Outgoing Panhel President), Denzil Sikka (Panhel President) Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office), Robert Ferrara, Cat Sohor (FSILG Office), Adam McCready (FSILG Office) and Katie Maloney (MIT Alumni Association).

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

FSILG Office Update – Marlena Martinez Love (marlenam@mit.edu). Kimberly Sparling introduced the new Panhellenic President, Denzil Sikka. Panhel is supporting The Giving Tree project which provides gifts for children who do not get presents during the holidays. Gordon Wintrob introduced the new IFC President, Tommy Anderson, from Zeta Psi. Marlena will send out a full list of the new IFC and Panhel executive boards. Kim Novak's visit went well and Marlena is soliciting feedback from groups who met with her. Cat Sohor announced that there were judicial actions against three groups, and pending judicial actions against another three. There have been a total of nine alcohol transports this semester, most of which were of non-MIT students. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has decided to disband after not being able to gain traction in their colonization process. There are three additional groups who are petitioning to expand to MIT in the Spring of 2012 and Marlena is working with the undergraduate leadership with respect to these petitions. Marlena described that many of the problems which have arisen recently are a result of "pre-gaming", excessive drinking prior to (registered) events.

Marlena has confirmed with MIT general counsel their position that the Resident Advisors are not MIT employees, but are employees of the House Corporations. RAs are covered by the Willis plan as specifically named covered individuals. MIT does not consider the stipend that is provided to the House Corporation as compensation, and in the future these checks will be written out directly to House Corporations, not the undergraduate organizations. Workers Compensation insurance would cover RAs. Marlena will send out an e-mail detailing this information.

Breaking and entering incidents have occurred recently during daytime hours at several chapters. Marlana encourages organizations to be vigilant, especially during break periods. MIT police will do additional patrols of vacant living groups upon request. MIT has been providing additional focus for mental health related issues and Marlana has additional information upon request.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon announced that their colony will become a full chapter this weekend!

Treasurer's Report –Sara Wilmer (drebbe@alum.mit.edu). Sara reviewed the current year to date profit and loss statements. The 990 and state corporation filings are up to date.

AILG Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) – Steve Baker (sbaker@alum.mit.edu). Steve reviewed the strategic planning effort progress to date, the goal being to determine how to best position the FSILG community going forward. An updated mission statement was presented, and focused on providing support for MIT students. The SPC held meetings with a number of key stakeholders including local and non-local alumni, several MIT administration and support groups, key MIT administrators, and several undergraduate groups. Steve has gotten a significant amount of support from the MIT administration. There will be an "all hands" meeting on Thursday December 8th, 3-5PM in the Student Center PDR 1&2 to collate the data collected, the strategic plan will be reviewed at the FSILG retreat, and presented to the Plenary in the spring. Steve will be sending out a survey to Chapter Advisors via e-mail to solicit feedback.

Steve shared some preliminary information: the students identified some opportunities to improve communication between student organizations, are concerned about the perception of FSILGs on campus, would like to strengthen connections to the faculty, are concerned about "policy confusion" whereby rules are not clear or consistently applied, and that there are concerns about potential changes to the recruitment program.

Presentation of AILG 2011-2012 Goals – Ernie Sabine (esabine@alum.mit.edu) Ernie presented the AILG goals. MSP that the goals be accepted as presented.

Ernie recognized Jim Bueche, David Hutchings, Herman Marshall, Susan Woodmansee and Bob Ferrara for their role in the MIT Great Dome award which was recently presented to the Accreditation Committee.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Committee – Stan Wulf (sawulf@alum.mit.edu). Several committees need leadership including the Finance committee and the Telecom committee which need new chairs, and the Education and Facilities committees which are looking for additional members. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stan or the individual committee chairs/members listed below.

Accreditation—David Hutchings (djhutch@alum.mit.edu). Dave presented the current accreditation status of all groups and the fall accreditation schedule. There are ten reviews scheduled for the spring, which should occur during three accreditation review dates. We are getting closer to getting 100% participation (one member from every group attending a review). All groups are encouraged to send review board members. There will be an off-cycle accreditation review again this spring, and the committee will report on the success of this new effort.

Facilities—Scott Klemm for Steve Summit (scs@alum.mit.edu). Recent inspections went well and there are some minor repairs required for licensing: one or two organizations will not get a new certificate of inspection pending some additional repairs. Scott and Marlena will be sending out some e-mails about building security and winterization. SLI program agreements should be signed and returned to Scott with up to date contact information.

IT/Telecom – Bob Ferrara (rferrara@alum.mit.edu). The Committee is looking for a new chair and volunteer webmaster. The new website is up and running and individual pages can be managed by individual committees. Bandwidth upgrades for Boston houses from 10 to 100MPBS through Verizon is in progress for four chapters at a cost of \$779 per month. MIT has hired a consultant and the Committee is in talks with MIT IS&T for a more permanent solution (fiber connection). The Plenary thanked Denzil Sikka for the work that she did on the new website.

Finance – Rich Possemato (posse@alum.mit.edu). The Committee is seeking new leadership. The Committee produced a Housebill Survey which is now available in each individual group's FCI locker, and the 2011-2012 Housebill Survey will be launched in the spring.

Insurance – Jim Bueche (jbueche@alum.mit.edu). MIT has requested that we raise the liability insurance limit and the committee is continuing to investigate the cost of this additional insurance and expects an announcement at the next plenary regarding that increase. It is not clear what MIT would require from chapters who do not get insurance through Willis. Jim anticipates an increase in premiums, but not a major increase. Certificates of insurance are in your FCI locker.

Education – Ryan Andrews (randrews@alum.mit.edu). The committee is looking for new volunteers. Ryan is looking for members who have expertise in several areas including finance, insurance, risk management, and facilities management to help with new programming. Ryan is also interesting in identifying gaps in knowledge. It was suggested that MIT could facilitate WebEx seminars.

MIT Alumni Office – Katie Maloney FSILGs are encouraged to hold open houses on Friday June 8th at 3-5PM during reunion time for alumni. These functions will be present in the printed reunion book that is given to alumni. The Friday afternoon time slot has been reserved for these open houses so as not to compete with other reunion activities.

IRDF Update – Bob Ferrara for Tom Holtey (tholtey@alum.mit.edu). Tom just sent out an e-mail that on December 1st all members will be solicited for donations by the IRDF. This was very effective in increasing the amount of donations received last year. All groups will be included unless they contact Tom to opt out. Groups may also add a prologue to the e-mail by contacting Tom. About nine IRDF project grant applications have been received and funding decisions will be made soon. IRDF EOG applications must be submitted by the end of the calendar year for organizations whose fiscal year ends on June 30th. The committee is encouraging early submissions (shortly after the end of the fiscal year).

New Business and Announcements

The Review Committee on Orientation is a group put together by the faculty to improve orientation. David Hutchings attended an informational meeting this past week and reported on the purpose of the committee and their presentation. The committee will be writing a report

which will be submitted to the MIT Deans in February to make recommendations on orientation. More students are satisfied with the orientation process than 10 years ago and very few people change Residence Hall housing after arriving on campus, in contrast to the past. People are happier with recruitment than 10 years ago. FSILG members that attended emphasized the drawbacks of late fall or IAP recruitment. The committee is encouraging alumni feedback. Kimberly Sparling, who sits on the committee, described that the committee will likely not recommend moving recruitment, but may recommend revisiting issues regarding recruitment in a separate effort. Ernie suggested perhaps taking the lead on how we can improve recruitment. Steve Baker was not optimistic that the committee would make no recommendation about the timing of FSILG recruitment and encouraged FSILG members to continue to speak out. There was an extended discussion about the timing of recruitment.

MIT may be receptive to making arrangements with FSILGs regarding undergraduate dining plans that fit in with the MIT dining plan. Michael Meyers, Assistant Director of Dining was suggested as someone with knowledge of the MIT Dining Plan.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Review Committee on Orientation meeting - Monday, Nov 21 at 7pm in 10-250

Next AILG Plenary Meeting - Wednesday Feb 15th, Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center, 7:00AM.

Next AILG Board Meeting – Thursday, Dec 8 at 5:30PM in Hulsizer Room in Ashdown

Annual AILG Holiday Party – Thursday, Dec 8 at 6:30PM at The Thirsty Ear in Ashdown

Last day of classes – Wednesday December 14th

IAP - Monday Jan 9th through Friday Feb 3rd

CARMA Meeting -Thursday Feb 9th , Location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01AM.