AILG Committee Reports
November 12, 2013

Accreditation— Herman Marshall (hermanm@space.mit.edu). The accreditation committee met on Sept. 30, 2013 and Nov. 4, 2013. Notes are posted to the AILG accreditation web site (http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/ailg-accreditation-program/). We reviewed results from the previous weekend's reviews, cursorily examined a draft of the 2012-13 committee report, and examined the committee's goals for the upcoming year. The most important action we propose would be to take some time during a plenary meeting to highlight some best practices and point out lingering areas that need improvement across the system, that come from collating results from years of reviews. The February meeting of the AILG plenary might be a good date for such a presentation.

At the November meeting, we set a timeline for completing the 2012-13 committee report, reviewed the status of reports from the reviews held on 9/28/13 (all but one were complete), started a discussion of what we'll present to the AILG Plenary meeting in February, and start a discussion about how to develop uniform review standards. For the latter, we will look at adding a survey to the review process to rate various aspects of the living group on a 1-5 scale. We are looking into getting help for such a survey from within the Division of Student Life. At the next meeting (Monday, Dec. 2 at 4PM, in W59), we will talk about these items and start discussion about how the Accreditation process may support or initiate interventions.

Facilities – Steve Summit (scs@alum.mit.edu). The big facilities-related news is of course the occupancy number / roof deck issues, which have grown much bigger than the facilities committee, and which have -- I hope -- been adequately covered elsewhere. Among other things, there are some new write-ups by Tom Stohlman on these issues on the AILG website.
The BSF has noted an increasing problem with the motivation level of undergraduates at some houses when it comes to facilities issues. This manifests itself in various ways: missed appointments for pre-inspections, missed appointments for actual inspections (putting Tom on the spot with the inspector), poor follow-through on inspection issues, etc. Please remind your house managers and other in-house officers of the importance of these responsibilities.

IT – Ash Dyer (ashdyer@alum.mit.edu). MIT Network V3 will start to go live at 9am this morning (November 12th). Starting today houses will be transferred over to the new fiber as determined by the fiber route. All houses should be live on the new fiber by mid-December. Please make sure the network closets are clear of clutter to ensure that the final change over goes quickly.

The installation team would like to again thank everyone who has accommodated the project with sometimes short notice.

Strategic Planning – Steve Baker (sbaker@baker-wohl.com). Please see the Strategic Progress Report handout.

The following committees had nothing to report:
Insurance – Stan Wulf (sawulf@enters.com)
Finance – Ernie Sabine (esabine@alum.mit.edu)
Education – Currently Seeking a Chair

IRDF Report

Project Grants for Calendar 2014. Several small" Project Grants proposals were submitted prior to November 1 for calendar 2014. They total less than the $200,000 that was allocated, so each request should be fully funded.

IRDF Promotion & Stewardship. Last week, e-mails were sent to the members of almost all FSILG chapters encouraging donations and reminding them of what the IRDF has done for their chapter as well as the entire FSILG community. Newer chapters with few alumni/ae and those with active capital campaigns were excluded. In addition, thank you e-mails were sent last month to each of the 787 IRDF contributors for MIT Fiscal Year 2013, and their names are noted on the MIT Alumni Association's IRDF Donor Recognition website. Also, 1500+ names of donors who gave directly to the FSILGs, as forwarded by the Alumni Treasurers, are noted on the FSILG Direct Donor site.

Fiber Upgrade Progress. As noted in the AILG-IT Committee report, the Fiber Upgrade is going well and all the Boston FSILGSs are expected to be fully operational by year's end. The entire project team would like to thank all the houses and residents that have allowed the project to proceed at a very rapid pace.

New Educational Operating Grant form. The new form is available under "forms" at the IRDF web site. Please note that operating costs are now reimbursed at 50% times the Educational Area Percentage. The 1K$ per year charge for fiber connections for Boston FSILGs is also implemented in the new form.

IRDF 50th Celebration. The IRDF 50th Anniversary Celebration now has its own logo (see below). Plans for Saturday, April 26, 2014 are being worked on by a special committee, headed by Lisa Tatterson '99, Four FSILGs have signed on sponsors, but we are hoping for several more.