MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 9th 2014, 7:30AM in W20, Twenty Chimneys

Members Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nu Delta, Number Six Club, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, pika, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Chi, Theta Xi, WILG, Zeta Beta Tau.

Members Absent: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Kappa, Student House, Theta Delta Chi, Zeta Psi.

Student Leaders and Community Members Present: Adam McCready (FSILG Office), Charlie Frick and Karie Allison (Stewart Howe), Henry Humphreys (Dean of Student Life), Jacob Oppenheimer (FSILG Office), John Dolan (MIT Alumni Association), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative), Sam Oppenheim (IFC VP), Obasi Onuoha (IFC Treasurer).

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM

I. Welcome and Introductions – AILG Chair Steve Baker initiated a round of introductions of attendees.

II. Treasurer’s Report – Anya Kattef (anya_kattef@yahoo.com). AILG Treasurer Anya Kattef presented the budget and year to date profit and loss statement. Anya is continuing to work with Scott Klemm to collect additional income items. Taking into account additional unbudgeted expenses of about $7,000 for assembly occupancy study charges, the AILG is projecting year-end assets of about $30,000.

Anya is working on the FY 2015 budget, which will be finalized and presented to the membership via e-mail by May 1st. There will not likely be an increase in dues, but may be a slight increase in the BSF program dues.

One important change to the FY2015 budget is the elimination of the Education program, as a Chair has not been available to run the program for the past year. This program has been supported by DSL, and the AILG will not be requesting funds for this program next year. However, we are actively seeking a Chair to run the education program, and if you are interested, please contact Steve Baker (sbaker@alum.mit.edu).

III. FSILG Office Update – Henry Humphreys and Adam McCready (mccready@mit.edu). Dean Humphreys reported that headway has been made with addressing the issue of MITIMCO leases and that they will be having individual meetings with chapters affected in the next few weeks.
Don Camelio is chairing a committee to identify candidates to fill Marlena’s former position, with a goal of hiring someone by July.

Adam McCready has been accepted to a doctoral program at Boston College. He will be stepping down as assistant director of FSILGs and will be staying on part time as a graduate assistant to assist with the transition. Adam’s position will not be filled immediately, but will occur after the new associate dean is hired.

There will be an additional meeting next week with our retained code consultant and Boston ISD. The deputy commissioner asked for further clarification on space use and there is the feeling that we have a clear direction from the City and we are closer to getting this resolved.

The FSILG office has hired a new graduate assistant to replace outgoing graduate assistant Michael Prinkey.

MIT has put together an MIT Strong team who will run in the marathon. Adam McCready and several FSILG alumni are running on the team, which has raised over $120K to date.

Boston Marathon security will be very strict this year and public drinking will not be tolerated by police. Please pass on that groups should be particularly mindful of the additional scrutiny.

CPW begins this weekend. The IFC is hosting larger CPW events on campus in lieu of having them in Boston chapter houses. The Greek Olympics will be kicked off on Tuesday April 22nd at 12:30pm on Kresge Oval and will bring attention to sexual assault awareness month.

IV. Boston ISD Update – Tom Stohlman (stohlman@alum.mit.edu). There is an increased focus on building safety this year from Boston ISD, particularly egress. There needs to be a “tunnel” about 7.5 feet high and 3 feet wide which needs to be clear to every exit. In the past, the building inspector has allowed some items to be in the way of secondary exits (e.g. sofas, chairs, etc). However, this is not going to be the case going forward. Bunk beds and lofts that impede egress may need to be removed and sprinkler systems may need to be altered to comply with this. The inspector will likely expect this to be done by next year, and will likely be pointing out which areas are problematic.

Boston properties should continue to work toward obtaining certificates for their roof decks. We are approaching a point where, perhaps by next year, the building inspector may ask chapters to tear down their roof decks if they are not certified!!!

Sleeping platforms above 5 feet in height should have railings.

V. Plans for the IRDF 50th Anniversary Celebration – Bob Ferrara (rferrara@alum.mit.edu). The IRDF 50th anniversary celebration will be on Saturday April 26th and will be a full day event. Proceeds will go back into the IRDF. Eric Grimson has agreed to be the emcee for the Gala Dinner. Several people will be honored there including Reid Weedon. Please register here! There will also be seminars throughout the day and a tour of Phi Beta Epsilon, which was recently renovated with assistance from the IRDF.
VI. FSILG Community Strategic Plan Update – Planning Committee (sbaker@alum.mit.edu). The formal implementation of the Strategic Plan is ending on April 26th, and this will be celebrated at the IRDF anniversary celebration. Theme Team leaders provided brief updates on their progress and these summaries and the full report are available at the AILG website: http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/strategic-planning/ and http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/plenary/

Groups who are interested in doing a facility assessment should reach out to Steve. There will likely not be a system-wide effort to produce such an assessment for every house.

Steve expressed that the community needs to do more work on the dining issue and that there is an opportunity to have a positive impact on our community. There was a discussion about the MIT Dining program and its relation to FSILGs.

VII. AILG/IRDF Committee Reports
Reports were distributed for the Accreditation, Facilities, IT, Insurance, and Finance Committees. These reports and other handouts are available at http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/plenary/

Accreditation. The next meeting is on May 5th. They will discuss setting standards for living group evaluation, and members of the community are encouraged to participate. John Covert updated on the ongoing and future accreditation reviews, and he expects to have a lot of reviews going on in the fall and therefore a need for many volunteers.

Finance. The preliminary housebill report was presented. Thank you to the 32 chapters who participated this year.

Facilities. Scott will need member groups to sign their Dormitory Licenses and these individuals must be listed on the Massachusetts Corporations website as directors of the corporation.

Insurance. Property, liability, and D&O insurance has been invoiced and paid for.

IT/Telecom. The fiber optic connections to Boston houses are up and running. The committee is working on getting better service to more distant houses such as pika. The committee is now focusing on upgrading wireless connectivity.

Education. No report. Currently seeking a new leader of the program.

IRDF. Applications for Educational Operative Grants must be submitted by 4 months from the end of the fiscal year and completed by 6 months.

VIII. Announcements
Please check on the status of your RA subsidy with Adam. Some chapters have not requested funds this semester.
The AILG is soliciting at least 2 candidates for the Board of Directors as well as up to three Ombudsmen; speak with any current board member for more information.

Next AILG Board meeting is Thursday May 5th at 6:00 pm in W59, 2nd floor

Next AILG Plenary meeting is Wednesday September 17th at 7:00 am in 20 Chimneys

The Greek Olympics kickoff on 12:30pm April 22nd at Kresge Oval. President Reif will present a keynote speech.

FSILG Awards Ceremony is April 24th in Twenty Chimneys, followed briefly by an AILG budget meeting at 8:30pm

IRDF 50th Celebration, Saturday April 26th; Please register here!

AILG Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 11th at the MIT Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM