

# MINUTES

## AILG Board Meeting Minutes

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*Thursday, June 18, 2015 | Room W59-237 | Meeting called to order at 6:32PM by Steve Baker*

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### In Attendance

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Board: Steve Baker (TX), Alice Leung (ET) Anya Kettef (Alpha Phi), Eric Cigan (LCA), Akil Middleton (ZPsi) and Richard Larson (PBE)

Staff and alumni: Bob Ferrara, Jacob Oppenheimer, Scott Klemm, Stan Wulf, Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey, Kim Hunter, Pam Gannon (Alpha Phi), Matt \_\_\_\_, Pat McCabe (DU), Rod Taft (Fiji), Shane Arnold (Fiji), Bill \_\_ (Fiji, by telephone)

Students: Obasi Onuoha (IFC), Eric Main (LGC), Daniel Palumbo (LGC)

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### Approval of Minutes (Eric Cigan)

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Minutes from the May 2015 board meeting weren't available for review. Minutes for the April 2015 meeting were accepted.

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### Financial Dashboard (Anya Kettef)

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Anya presented the updated financials. Nearly all items are final for the fiscal year, and we came in about \$2,000 ahead of budget. We are now caught up on collection of dues from AILG members.

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### PGD (Fiji) alumni presentation (Shane Arnold, Rod Taft)

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Rod Taft led the Fiji house corporation at the time of the Scott Krueger incident, and Shane Arnold is the current house corporation president. They gave a brief background of the incident and COD's subsequent decision to ban Fiji from MIT into perpetuity. Then they moved on to recent developments.

- They've had a dialog with the Chancellor and MIT staff over the last year, leading to the Fiji alumni putting forward a formal proposal to MIT in conjunction with Fiji's national.
- The proposal included producing an update to the video on alcohol abuse that they produced some years ago, endowing funds to a workshop / seminar series on alcohol and drug abuse, and committing that their chapter would be alcohol-free.
- They noted that the Krueger family wrote a letter to MIT supporting the return of the chapter.

In the discussion of the Fiji proposal, numerous points were made by board members and others, including whether an MIT decision supporting the return of Fiji could positively impact MIT's ban on freshmen living in FSILG housing, what would be the effect on Sigma Nu chapter currently residing in 28 Fenway, and how a return and the recruitment effort would mesh with returns of other closed fraternity chapters like DU and LCA. Several comments were made about the impact of the MIT ban on freshmen living in FSILG housing, especially on ILGs with less visibility than chapters of national fraternities and sororities.

Following the discussion, the AILG board expressed general support for Fiji to continue pursuing this effort.

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### FSILG Office Update (Bob Ferrara)

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**Associate Dean / FSILG Director search:** Director search is underway by the executive recruiter. Henry's goal is to get fill the position by the end of October.

**Staffing changes:** Bob goes out on medical leave in early July, after which Henry will act as FSILG Officer director. Brittany Scancarella has been brought on as associate director starting in July. Ian will be staying on through the beginning of September, and Ally has left. The FSILG Office has been authorized to retain two graduate assistants.

**Year-end business:** FSILG is sending out list of AILG-level volunteers and has asked committee chairs to review. Jacob needs receipts for reimbursement immediately.

**Social Events Policy:** version 6.8 was reviewed in April and is now with MIT lawyer. The goal is to get it to the student councils by early August.

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### Formation of the AILG Parents Outreach Committee (Pam Gannon)

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Pam gave a summary of her relevant background, including serving as the founding president of Alpha Phi, being married to a LCA alum, and being the mother of two children at MIT who belong to the FSILG system. She expressed that in her experience in working with MIT parents and students, she's seen strong reasons for a better outreach effort to parents. Pam wants to organize and make relevant information widely available.

Pam to build out current ideas for the committee into a charge to focus efforts appropriately. Pam is now looking for volunteers to participate in the committee.

There was widespread support for Pam's effort from alumni, staff and undergraduates in the meeting.

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### FSILG Village Update (Steve Baker)

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Steven Defalco and Steve Baker attended the recent West Campus planning meeting. Land has been identified as new undergrad housing, where it would ring the athletic fields. The next step is to create committee from the interested parties and develop a hard proposal that would include ownership topics, property management, size/configuration of buildings, etc. FSILGs that are interested will be recruited to participate.

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### Revised Roof Deck Capacity Proposal (Tom Stohlman)

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Tom reviewed proposal, saying it was more conservative than prior ones. Following discussion, it the policy was moved, seconded and passed as amended (below).

**AILG ROOF DECK OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES**

For Cambridge and Brookline houses or Boston houses with roof deck certifications.

Allowable deck occupancy is the lesser of:

1. Area of deck (sf) / 25.
2. 10 occupants per exit multiplied by the number of legal exits, unless an architect or Massachusetts Building Code expert can demonstrate a higher egress capacity in conformance with current building code, as if new.
3. Number of residents on lodging license.

Special House Event Exception:

If an architect or Massachusetts Building Code expert can demonstrate current building code egress conformance, as if new, occupancy may increase for one time Special House Event use consistent with the MIT FSILG Social Events Policy. That policy requires written approval of Associate Dean/Director of FSILG Office for each Special House Event and any social event use of a roof deck.

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### Engaging Younger Alumni/ae (Akil Middleton)

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Akil explain the motivation to reach out to younger FSILG alumni/alumnae in the MIT community to get them more engaged with the FSILG community. He plans specifically to reach out to MIT graduate community in fall,

noting that a challenge will be to let graduate students who didn't attend MIT as undergraduates know what FSILG undergraduate life is like at MIT (as opposed to their own undergraduate institution)

In support of Akil's ideas, Anya mentioned that it's commonplace in MIT sororities for half the members of their house corporations and alumni advisory committee to be from schools other than MIT, and noted the value of their perspectives from having attended other schools.

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### Maintaining contact with FSILG Advisors (Anya Kattf)

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Anya discussed the benefits of FSILGs having a stable of advisors to provide adequate support to FSILG chapters. Jacob noted that FSILG Office policy is that all FSILGs are required to have a minimum of five advisors,

Anya is to come up with plan based on roles that advisors typically play. Jacob discussed how FCI platforms could be used to build / maintain this data.

The sentiment of board is in support of this effort.

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### Intervention proposal (Steve Baker, Bob Ferrara)

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Steve and Bob shared the proposal and walked through it for the board. In the following discussion, Obasi noted that the IFC's recently-implemented sunshine policy has proven to be a good change, and as delivered is a good resource for the community.

Obasi also expressed concerns that students may perceive that AILG is taking control. Scott suggested that an AILG board member should help present to IFC Presidents Council to help address concerns. There was also discussion that the term "intervention" could impact perceptions, and that perhaps another term should be considered.

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### Review of issues of specific concern to Student Councils

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Nothing further

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### Announcements / Other Business

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**AILG Board meeting dates:** AILG board meetings will continue to be held Thursday evenings. The September 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting will be held at BTP immediately after the MIT-sponsored barbecue on Bay State Road. There will also be an AILG goal-setting meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Safety Facilitator contract:** approval of the BSF contract was moved, seconded and passed.

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### Managing AILG-Discuss (Anya Kattf)

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Anya explained that the ailg-discuss email group inherently had limits because it lacked discussion threads that would enable constructive conversation on topics of general interest. She would like to see it morph into a discussion forum format instead. The board was generally in support, so Anya will proceed with drafting a proposal to implement this.

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### Election of Officers

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The following board members were unanimously elected to new one-year terms.

- Steve Baker: chairperson
- Alice Leung: vice-chairperson
- Anya Kattf: Treasurer

- Eric Cigan: Secretary

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## Committee Reports

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**Accreditation Committee:** The committee met on Monday, June 15 at 4PM. The Annual Report of the Accreditation Committee was drafted by John Covert and reviewed at the meeting. There will be some general alterations to the format to add appendices about the evaluation rubric and a graphic with average values from the various FSILGs. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13 at 3PM, where the committee will finalize the annual report and begin discussion about changes to the BDF and the rubric. They also plan to discuss how to incorporate the rubric in reviews.

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## Adjournment and Next Meeting

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Motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

The next AILG board meeting will be held Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the Beta Theta Pi house (119 Bay State Road, Boston).