

MINUTES

AILG Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2014 6:30 PM | Bldg W59 | Meeting called to order by Steve Baker

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker, Alice Leung, Anya Kettef, Eric Cigan, Dick Larsen and Akil Middleton

Staff and alumni: Henry Humphreys, Bob Ferrara, Jacob Oppenheimer, Ian Miller, John Covert, Scott Klemm, Stan Wulf, Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey.

Students: Yasmin Inam (Panhel). Erin Main (LGC), Obasi Onuoha (IFC), Sam Oppenheim (IFC)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 2nd meeting were reviewed and approved with several modifications.

Financial Dashboard (Anya)

Anya presented the updated financials.

FSILG Office Update (Henry Humphreys, Bob Ferrara and Jacob Oppenheimer)

FSILG Director search: Henry Humphreys met with Peter Cummings and Chris Colombo to review candidates and requirements. Given the prospect of an FSILG Village and other changes in housing, he anticipates FSILG director candidates will need strengths in residential issues, and the job position is being reevaluated to see if it could be made into an associate dean position. Also Henry said that MIT will employ a search firm rather than using MIT's in-house recruiting staff because it's expected a search firm would be better equipped to communicate the needs of the position and to answer candidates' questions.

Social event capacity of Boston FSILGs: Henry's working toward a quicker resolution to establish capacity for social events. He clarified these limits do not apply to each living group's normal house meetings. Henry expects a couple FSILGs will be selected to try out increased numbers before they are rolled out to all Boston FSILGs.

FSILG community survey: The response to the FSILG community survey has been strong. Survey results should be ready for review by Chancellor Barnhart by the beginning of December.

LCA situation: The move-out of the chapter occurred on November 2nd, and occurred without incident. A meeting was held earlier today with LCA alumni officers to discuss financial matters for the undergraduate brothers, with the goal of making their housing costs for the Fall term equal to what it would have been if they had stayed in the chapter house for the balance of the semester. Eric Cigan, an alumni leader of LCA, was invited to make remarks: he expressed appreciation for efforts by Henry, Bob and others to ease the undergraduate brothers' transitions, but noted that the chapter's alumni and undergraduates were disappointed by MIT's role in the chapter's closure and suspension.

Student Council Updates (Yasmin, Erin, Sam)

Sorority extension: Yasmin said that Panhel has kicked off the extension process, with applications from sorority nationals starting tomorrow. Ian has met with 11 sororities to date out of 20 expressing interest. Yasmin said that she expects there will be a list of invite-backs by December 11th.

Leadership Academy: Yasmin said this is likely to occur next semester. The location is TBD.

Sorority certification program: the sororities are launching a certification program. Each chapter is to offer its own program and to work with the corresponding MIT offices to prepare content. All chapters are ready for this program to launch next semester.

LGC elections: Erin announced that in LGC elections, she had been elected LGC Speaker and Daniel Palumbo had been elected LGC Secretary. She asked about whether MIT's subsidies for GRAs would be increased based on larger-than-required apartments, but Bob explained that the premium for larger spaces had been dropped due to its added complexity.

IFC elections: The members of the incoming Executive Committee are as follows:

- President: Samuel Oppenheim '16, Zeta Psi
- Vice President: Obasi Onuoha '17, Zeta Psi
- Judicial Committee Chair: Jack Spira '17, Theta Chi
- Risk Manager: David Dellal '17, Phi Kappa Sigma
- Recruitment Chair: Brandt Nelson '17, Delta Tau Delta
- PR & Programming Chair: Le Mount '18, Chi Phi
- Executive Assistant & Treasurer: Jacob Del Priore '18, Delta Kappa Epsilon

FSILG Village (Steve, Bob)

Community meeting / webinar: Holding a session on November 10th – response for the meeting has not been overwhelming, though the FSILG Village survey response has been strong.

Consolidation of smaller groups: Housing in an FSILG Village would be sized with an eye to chapter's having critical size of 30-50 for sustainability. John Covert suggested an approach used at the Univ. of Houston to allow university-provided houses to be shared between two FSILGs as a means of housing smaller FSILGs.

Boston ISD update (Tom Stohlman)

Tom Stohlman noted that four weeks ago, the ISD Commissioner visited two fraternities, than three weeks ago the ISD inspector visited Boston FSILGs, so this week he's following up with inspector to issue CIs. Boston Fire Department has given out all certificates.

Tom Holtey requested that his email "Facilities Committee addresses the Social Events Policy" be included in the minutes (see attachment).

Accreditation review follow-up issues (Alice, Anya)

ET review comments about ILG marginalization: Alice explained the opportunity to give greater visibility to ILGs that have no-alcohol policies. Discussion continued on how to market this and whether to issue as printed publication or online booklet. Interested parties should contact Alice or Jacob.

AEPHI review comments: Anya noted AEPHI's issues with chapter advisory board mostly consisting of non-MIT alumni advisors. Since these advisors aren't tied to the MIT community, they lack knowledge of MIT's resources, and some resources, such as the CARMA program, isn't generally applicable to them.

Faculty advisor position: Alice voiced that a short description of the role and benefits of FSILG faculty advisors could help with recruitment. Several ideas were discussed, such as Dick's suggestion to see whether multiple members of an FSILG share the same academic advisor. Jacob will work with Alice on drafting a description.

Old business

Update on MITIMCo lease reviews (Tom Stohlman, Anya): There has been slow but steady progress with Kappa Sigma and some progress with Zeta Psi.

Status of IT Committee recommendation on AILG webmaster (Eric, Bob, John): Effort has stalled, so there will be follow up, including raising the topic at the next AILG Plenary meeting.

Status of Community Relations Committee (Bob, Jacob): Bob has identified a person who could lead the committee. Also he noted that there is a new page on the AILG website for the Community Relations committee. Jacob added that work is in progress on a site for submitting community service project to facilitate collecting information from FSILGs. Additional promotional tools are in the works.

Other: There was brief discussion of a community form on gender equality and a campus anti-violence group (SAFER) being started by Duane DuFour.

Appointment of Education Committee Chair (All)

Bryan Bryson was duly appointed as chair of the Education Committee. Also Bob is arranging a location for alumni adviser training.

Agenda for November 11th Plenary Meeting (All)

Initial agenda

- Minutes
- Financial Report
- FSILG Office Update
- ISD Update
- FSILG Village
- Other Business
- Committee Reports
- Announcements

After discussion we agreed to add a review of the social event policy.

Review of issues of specific concern to Student Councils (All)

All relevant issues were covered earlier in meeting.

Committee and IRDF Reports

Accreditation (John): we are now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through reviews for semester. All but two are in, and all have been recommended. We have three remaining. A new rubric entry form is available. A form for house self-evaluation is under development.

Facilities – nothing further

Finance (Bob): a seminar on fundraising comparable to the one held earlier this year is planned for mid-February.

Insurance (Stan): LCA has joined the AILG insurance policy for liability insurance.

IT (Scott): 29 houses have been upgraded to new wireless. Six entry switches updated, with the other 23 still need to be done. After the wireless upgrades in progress, six houses will remain.

IRDF (Tom Holtey): We have closed grant year 2013 for operating grants. Tom expressed some concern because eight houses didn't apply. He will make this point in the report at the plenary meeting.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014 in the Hulsizer Room—it will be an abbreviated meeting followed by the AILG holiday party.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:39 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Addendum: Facilities Committee Email concerning Social Events Policy (from Tom Holtey)

[ailgboard-plus] Facilities Committee addresses the Social Events Policy

1 message

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Reply-To: tholtey@verizon.net
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Cc: Dennis Collins <colins@mit.edu>, Peter Cooper <plcooper@plant.mit.edu>

Thu, Nov 6, 2014 at 7:53 AM

AILG Board,

The AILG Facilities has requested that the Board forward the following statement to the group responsible for the Social Events Policy.

The AILG Facilities Committee recommends the following policy items to the Social Events Policy Committee,

- The social aspects of roof deck occupancy should be kept separate from the facilities aspects.
- The Social Events Registration Policy should be expanded to specifically address roof deck events in a separate section.
- Limits specified by the AILG/Facilities/HouseCorporation Guidelines for Roof Deck Occupancy should be cited as one of the limiting capacities for such use.

Tom Holtey, for the Facilities Committee

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