AILG Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 4, 2014 5:30 PM | Hulsizer Room (NW 35 - Ashdown House) | Meeting called to order at 5:38 by Steve Baker

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker, Alice Leung, Anya Kettef, Eric Cigan and Akil Middleton
Staff and alumni: Bob Ferrara, John Covert, Scott Klemm, Stan Wulf, Tom Stohlman, Herman Marshall, Mark Porter, Ernie Sabine
Students: Yasmin Inam (Panhel). Taylor Rose (Panhel), Obasi Onuoha (IFC), Sam Oppenheim (IFC), Daniel Polumbo (LGC)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 6th meeting were reviewed and approved with changes discussed.

Financial Dashboard (Anya)

Anya presented the updated financials. All expenses on track, and there are just a few AILGs late on dues payments. Anya’s working with Scott on this.

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

Jacob and Ian at AFAAM (Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Annual Meeting) this week.
FSILG Director search: New names continue to be added to the list, but no results yet.
FSILG community survey: 218 responses, every house but one had alum and student responses, survey report being drafted.

Student Council Updates (Yasmin, Erin, Sam)

Sorority extension: There will be three finalists by next week. The announcement timeline has not been finalized.
Star program: officer training included, getting underway in spring.
IFC: Ramping up programming on sexual assault prevention and violence prevention. The next FSILG social policy meeting Thursday to discuss Cambridge and Boston.
LGC – Daniel informed there would be an LGC meeting coming up to plan for spring recruitment.

Bob Ferrara added that there had been a “lesson learned”: recently changes were made to SafeRide routes, but that LGC representatives hadn’t been part of the communication, resulting in some issues. Bob noted the need for more outreach to avoid such issues in the future.

Old Business

IT Recommendation on Webmaster (Bob, John Covert): Eric to revisit proposal and bring to board for expenditure in the next board meeting.
ILG recruitment publicity: Not to certify, have statement and let houses vote on whether they support, next step to float by student groups, Jacob wanted to make sure that MIT wasn’t in position to certify. Ernie asked whether alumni boards involved, would be annual endorsement. Expecting two levels: socially dry and dry. Complex and will be reviewed.

Spring recruitment: consider putting together all info together in an MIT mailing (Alice). Sam said IFC did an opt-in email to the freshman and sophomore classes, and sent info to those who expressed interest.

Faculty Advisor working group: thought to do steps to encourage, such as inviting favorite professors to visit house – e.g., faculty dinners such as those held by PDT. Ernie suggested hosting lunches in the dining rooms of the Student Center, with the idea that a more casual, drop-in format would help. Maybe having award at FSILG awards dinner. In the past, IFC and Panhel collaborated on an evening event, but it didn’t perform well for various reasons. Sam to bring up the topic in next meeting with President Reif.

Report on Faculty Meeting (Bob)

Faculty Meeting: there wasn’t a quorum at the meeting – about 50 attended. Agenda item was Title IX, Chancellor’s presentation on the survey, which was well received. Ed Burchinger (ICEO) discussed the Boston 2024 Olympic bid.

Fraternity Culture Working Group (Steve)

Held first meeting, initiative aimed at fraternities, with the next scheduled for December 17th. Group is operating by invitation only. Scope includes both undergraduate chapters and fraternity alumni organizations.

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

Nothing further.

Other items / Committees / Announcements

We’ve received 15 Certificates of Inspection from City of Boston. For five others we are working on documenting the rooms and number of occupants

Education Committee: Bryan Bryson is to be new Education Committee chair

Finance Committee: Fundraising seminar will be held on February 18th.

IT Committee: All houses have new wireless access points. Any issues should be raised to IS&T.

Accreditation Committee: intermediate intervention, mixed results, considering putting onus on living group to stay in contact with intervention manager, track from point of view of manager. Will try for three groups and track for the next few months. Mark Porter (DTD) agreed this made sense.

Facilities Committee: We discussed Tom Holtey’s memo and the committee’s role.

Executive session

Discussed FSILGs whose reviews resulted in recommendations with reservations. AEPhi, DTD and Sigma Nu.

Next Meeting


Motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously.