AILG Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2015 6:30 PM | W59-237 | Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM by Alice Leung

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker (arrived during meeting), Alice Leung, Anya Kettef, Eric Cigan and Akil Middleton
Staff and alumni: Bob Ferrara, John Covert, Scott Klemm, Stan Wulf, Tom Stohlman, Herman Marshall, Patrick McCabe (DU)
Students: Taylor Rose (Panhel), Sam Oppenheim (IFC)

Approval of Minutes (Eric)

The minutes from the December 2014 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Dashboard (Anya)

Anya presented the updated financials. All expenses on track. Collection of dues was discussed, including ideas of adjusting chapter dues based on different considerations, such as chapter size, house vs. unhoused. Bob to help with contacts with some groups. Anya to work with chapters on payment plans for dues in arrears.

FSILG Office Update (Bob)

FSILG Director search: Hired search firm, no further update.

FSILG website: there has been considerable progress on the FSILG office website by Jacob and others. This has included getting many policies and procedures posted. Work is ongoing regarding policies concerning communications with Nationals. Also a new alumni update form has been rolled out.

Other items:

- Will send out email tomorrow on fundraising seminar scheduled for February 18th.
- Coming up – Dr. Susan Komives, a national leader in higher education and leadership development, will be the next presenter in the DSL Speaker Series.

AILG Annual Meeting: Starting planning for annual meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at La Sala this year. We discussed ideas for speakers, including Marty Schmidt, Jim Champy, Ed Bertschinger and Cindy Barnhart.

Student Council Updates (Taylor, Sam)

Sorority extension: presentations by three finalists will take place Feb 12th, Feb 24th, Feb 25th and process will continue. (The finalists are Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon and Sigma Delta Tau.)

IFC: the first president’s council meeting of 2015 will be held next week, and will include vote on updated Social Event policy.

LGC: No report.

Social events policy – discussed review processes and how to communicate the update. Councils are voting.
Old Business

IT Recommendation on Webmaster (Bob, John Covert, Eric Cigan): We discussed the draft document specifying the responsibilities of the webmaster and amended it so that the webmaster would attend meetings at request of AILG secretary, and be paid $1,500 for balance of this academic year.

Faculty Advisor working group: sending out email to list with group’s conclusions. Mostly informal steps. Targeting date for “Invite a faculty member over” in March. Faculty / staff mixer by IFC/Panhel in April. Discussed other factors, such as FSILGs that already do such events at other times. Will send suggestions to council leadership and they can transmit to members.

AILG mailing lists: We discussed mechanisms to communicate standards for use of the AILG discussion email lists. Akil to come up with community standards proposals, and John will propose text for a footer that will placed on emails transmitted to the mitailg-discuss list.

Social Events Policy – in discussion of the policy, Anya expressed objections to the policy’s limits on events without alcohol. A compromise was discussed under which the Social Events Policy committee would reconsider these events. It was moved that the Social Events Policy be passed provided there would be a Social Events Policy committee review within 60 days. The motion was not passed, and was sent back to committee.

Other - Committee to work on the wording for the alcohol-free policies is continuing to make progress.

Fraternity Culture Working Group (Jacob, Steve)

In its meetings, the working group discussed how to create healthier environment, and hosted presentations by Sarah Rankin (campus-wide Title IX investigator/coordinator) and Don Camelio (Director, Community Development & Substance Abuse). Overall the working group is in an information gathering phase and is forming subcommittees. Areas of focus include how to educate alumni advisors, and how to support healthy actions already in community concerning hazing, sexual violence, alcohol and mental health.

The topic of sexual violence topic will be covered in next week’s plenary. Key points to be covered are that 97% of all reports of sexual violence involve drug/alcohol use, and there is a higher correlation of sexual violence with alcohol use among FSILGs living groups than non-FSILGs living groups.

FSILG Village Survey (Steve)

We discussed the survey results. The FSILG office is considering focus group among the 6-8 FSILGs that expressed the most interest. Taylor commented that the awareness of this seemed limited, possibly because the survey was sent to FSILG leadership positions, and may not have been communicated widely within FSILGs. The consensus was that the focus groups should be representative of attitudes in the FSILG community to be effective.

AILG Plenary Agenda

We agreed the FSILG Village discussion will be shortened to allow time for Fraternity Culture Working Group presentation on sexual violence.

Herman suggested an agenda item on the best practices / needs improvement for accreditation, and the Accreditation Committee’s time allocation was increased to 10 minutes total.

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

Nothing further.
Education Committee: No report.

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

IT Committee: Completed the planned network upgrade. Three houses (ZBT, ET, pika) remaining as per plan.

Accreditation Committee: John passed out handout with schedule. Good responses so far, though he still needs volunteers for 3/7 and 4/11.

Facilities Committee: reported some issues with FSILGs and heating systems. Planning to recommend maintenance to heating systems in fall.

Executive session

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

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2015 in W59-200 (March 5th meeting cancelled). Motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned 8:35pm.