



AILG Plenary Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:30 AM | Mezzanine Lounge W20-307 | Meeting called to order at 7:30 AM by Steve Baker

In Attendance

FSILGs attending: Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Upsilon/Tech Chapter Alumni Association, Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Chi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau and Zeta Psi

FSILGs not attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Tau Omega, Nu Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Nu, Theta Delta Chi, WILG, Zeta Beta Tau

AILG Board: Steve Baker, Anya Kettef, Eric Cigan, Richard Larson and Akil Middleton

MIT Administration and Guests: Bob Ferrara (DSL); Brad Badgley, Jacob Oppenheimer and Brittany Scancarella (FSILG); Scott Klemm and Oscar Argueta (FCI); Kim Hunter, Austin Ashe and Danielle Reddy (MIT Alumni Ass'n)

Undergraduate leaders: Sasha Crandall Fleischman (LGC), Caitlin Mason (Panhel), David Dellal (IFC)

Treasurer's Report (Anya Kettef)

Anya reported on the P&L and budget, noting that we are on track in terms of expenses. She asked that AILG committee chairs contact her if they anticipate any changes in their budget for 2016-17.

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley, Brittany Scancarella, Jacob Oppenheimer)

Introduction of Brad Badgley - Steve Baker introduced Brad Badgley, who took over in December as Associate Dean and Director, FSILG Office. Brad expressed that he's met many alumni and students, and looks forward to meeting more. He encouraged anyone interested to set up a time to meet with him.

NGLA meeting - Brad mentioned he would be attending a meeting of the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) in Pittsburgh February 25-28 with a number of students. Brad expects they will all come both with new ideas that could be applied here at MIT.

FSILG Awards Ceremony - The event will be held Thursday, May 5th in MIT's Samberg Conference Center. Nominations will open on March 28th.

GRA reimbursement - Brittany asked that our FSILG groups follow up with her on GRA reimbursement. They will need to have completed the required forms, and need to provide her with invoices from their organizations.

Rosters - Brittany sent out a reminder asking for roster information, which is due now. Jacob added that groups with annexes must report on occupancy as well, including both group members and boarders.

Student Council Reports (David Dellal, Sasha Crandall Fleischman, Caitlin Mason)

Interfraternity Council - David told us that IFC is reviewing its recognition policy and now expects to have it ready by the end of the Spring 2016 semester. He also discussed some of the outreach that IFC is doing in the City of Boston to improve community relations, including contact with Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim.

Living Group Council – Sasha said that LGC officer elections are scheduled for May, and that LGC has decided to create a recruitment committee that will meet during fall recruitment to coordinate joint events.

Panhellenic Council – Speaking on behalf of the Panhel officers, Brittany said that applications to participate in Panhel recruitment are now available. She added that Panhel is also looking at how to use surplus funds.

FSILG Alumni Officer / Volunteer Update Process (Anya Kattf, Scott Klemm)

Anya explained developed new process for getting contact information that's easier to use and maintain. Will use the FCI system with some revisions. This provides a system that people are familiar with. Modifications are explained in the handout.

Scott gave a live demo of how to use the FCI site using Alpha Phi as an example. Most groups' information has been pre-populated using existing records. Two requirements were noted:

1. There needs to be one primary contact each for every group's undergraduate chapter and alumni organization. These will serve as emergency contacts.
2. Each contact should have a unique email rather than an email list.

In response to a question, Scott told us that groups wishing to do a bulk update of their information should send email to FCI.

Stan asked whether it would be possible for alumni volunteers to contact presidents of other FSILGs. Scott said that wasn't an initial requirement. He added this may be considered for the future expansion of the system.

AILG Mentoring Committee Report & Data Request (Mike Feinstein)

Mike Feinstein reported on the progress of the Mentoring committee. The committee is piloting its new program fostering good citizenship practices by FSILG alumni with three groups: groups: PBE, Zeta Psi and Sigma Chi. The project will require alumni volunteers from those pilot groups. Mike explained that we have contracted with Rise Partnerships to develop the content for this program, and they are putting together the content now.

Mike added that there will be opportunities to provide feedback on this content, and encouraged other alumni to let him know if they were interested.

AILG Locals Committee Report & Data Request (Eric Cigan)

Eric gave a quick update on the progress of the Locals committee, which is producing a report on the topic of whether MIT should revisit its policy on creation of new local FSILGs. In response to feedback from the draft circulated in December, the committee decided to conduct a survey on FSILG community attitudes toward the value of being chapters of National/International organizations. The survey is in progress and he encouraged all to participate in the survey.

AILG IT Committee Report on VoIP (David Lawrence)

David thanked Ash Dyer, the outgoing chair of the IT/Telecom committee, for all his past leadership, especially for overseeing the process of getting new internet services to all FSILGs.

The IT committee is now trying to get MIT phone extensions to all houses. The new system would support forwarding lists with various options. The goal is to move American Alarm contacts and other similar contacts over to these phone numbers for each chapter. The committee will provide physical VoIP phones for use with the system to chapters with no markup over cost. They are now working with IS&T on networking requirements.

He added that each chapter would get two lines: one would be specifically for emergency contacts, and a second would be for non-critical contacts.

IRDF Allocation Committee (Dave Latham)

Dave put his update in the form of a good news/bad news story. The good news is that nearly all IRDF resources (approx. \$18 million) were now in use as loans to house corporations. The bad news is that because of this situation, IRDF lacks the funds to distribute more large loans. The committee has ideas on how to proceed, but they need information from groups. He asked all to respond to an email from the IRDF Allocation Committee by February 29th so they can compile future community needs.

Currently the committee has funds to serve modest projects, but they would like to get significant new resources. He asked that anyone wanting further information contact Bob Ferrara.

AILG / IFC Recruitment Study (Akil Middleton)

Akil directed all to the handout providing more information on the study. Its goal is to collect data and do a detailed analysis for current fraternity recruitment processes. Some information gathering is to be done from records and surveys. Currently he is setting up more focus groups, and is working with Jacob Oppenheimer to launch the focus groups by March 2016. Met with all three councils to get input on how to make recruitment more efficient.

For more info, use the link on the handout. Akil is also looking for any interested alumni volunteers.

David Dellal added that the IFC recruitment chair visited all chapters during January and had conversations with all of them about recruitment. Goal is to have reports by end of academic year.

Other AILG Committee Reports

Accreditation – Herman needs more volunteers for reviews, see John’s email for details. Also the committee is coordinating efforts to obtain recruitment and occupancy information with FSILG office to reduce duplication.

Risk Management (Chapter Alumni Risk Management Advisor – CARMA program) – There will be a March 14th meeting with student group focused on encouraging positive/healthy sexual relationships, which is related to sexual assault prevention. Location will be in Room 8-205.

Community Relations – Jim Latimer reported on Kenmore Square mall beautification project, as well as and preparation for April and May events marking MIT’s 100 years in Cambridge, including a day of service (details in a handout). Jim recognized David Dellal for IFC’s outreach to neighborhood associations to attend their meetings, as well as meeting with council member Josh Zakim. The committee meets the first Monday of each month at 4pm in W59-200.

Tom Holtey expressed appreciation to IFC for their clothing drive in Back Bay during IAP.

Bob Ferrara added that David has been meeting with city representatives in city hall, and that the committee would consider holding future a committee meeting in Boston to encourage attendance from city representatives.

Education – Kim Hunter reported that most of efforts have been on curriculum development for mentoring committee. The committee is eager to provide information at the next Alumni Leadership Conference.

Facilities – Pat McCabe reported that BSF pre-inspections will now be done twice yearly for all houses.

Finance - Ernie said house bill survey will go out later this month. The survey provides comparison across system and with dorms. The committee encourages everyone to use their survey results when they consider revising the fees charged to members.

Insurance – Stan said AILG insurance policy expires March 31st, so contact him or Scott if you'd like to change your group's coverage. Property insurance is about the same, but he expects liability premiums to increase by at least 10 percent due to payouts elsewhere in the US. We will know more precise numbers in March. FCI will send out estimated bills in next two weeks. Stan noted FCI will need money by end of March to allow annual payment of premiums.

Parent Outreach – Bob reported on behalf of Pam Gannon.

- Pam has asked that groups send copies of their newsletters to her so she can build up a portfolio.
- Pam recommended that groups hosting open houses during Tech Reunions also invite parents of graduating seniors to their open houses.

MIT Alumni Association Update (Danielle Reddy)

Danielle introduced Austin Ashe who has taken the position previously held by John Dolan. She added several updates.

1. MITAA sent email out on reunions/open houses, and needs responses for groups who want their activities to be listed online
2. Reed Weedon award application to be sent out imminently. Two or three awards usually granted each year.
3. MITAA will have a presence in the MIT Open House on April 23rd, hosting an alumni lounge.

Announcements/Events

- All events on AILG website on Calendar page.
- AILG Annual meeting to be held Wednesday, June 8th in Samberg conference center (old Faculty Club)
- Two board member positions are up for election – these are currently held by Anya Kattaf and Eric Cigan. We are eager to keep sororities represented on board, and are encouraging everyone to look for new people. Also we will be electing one, two or three ombudspersons as following the procedure given in the AILG bylaws.
- Next AILG Plenary will be held April 13th.
- 100th anniversary of MIT in Cambridge, website devoted to it at <http://mit2016.mit.edu/openhouse>. The symposium that will be held requires signup. There will also be a day of service in Cambridge. The plan is to have table in front of Student Center for FSILGs.
- May 5th – FSILG Awards ceremony
- Scott Klemm mentioned that IP addresses for houses are changing, and recommended checking with undergrads on IP address changes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43am.