



---

*Thursday, September 1, 2016 | Sigma Chi, 523 Beacon St., Boston | Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Steve Baker*

---

### In Attendance

---

Board: Steve Baker (TX), Akil Middleton (ZP), Eric Cigan (LCA), Pam Gannon (AP)

Staff: Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC), Brad Badgley (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative, Inc.), John Covert (Accreditation/PKT), Kim Hunter (MITAA/AP)

Alumni: Karl Buttner (SC), Bill Donahue (SAE), Tom Holtey (CP), Jim Lattimer (SAE), David Lawrence (TEP), Herman Marshall (BTP), Patrick McCabe (TCAA), Taylor Pearl (PBP), Ashley Smith (PBP), Tom Stohlman (KS), Stan Wulf (PDT)

Students: David Dellal (Interfraternity Council)

---

### Introductions

---

Steve Baker began the meeting by thanking Sigma Chi for hosting both the board meeting and the Neighborhood Barbecue.

---

### Approval of Minutes (Eric Cigan, Pam Gannon)

---

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 Board Meeting.

---

### Financial Dashboard (Eric Cigan)

---

Eric Cigan reported that all funds are collected and there is nothing exceptional to report. He noted that 2015-16 finished slightly under budget.

---

### FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

---

Brad Badgley noted that the search for a new assistant director for the FSILG Office was narrowing down. He will involve alums in the final interviews.

The new member education meeting went well, as did house manager training. There were no risk management problems in August.

---

### Student Council Updates (David Dellal, Brad Badgley)

---

**IFC** – Dave Dellal described a new “Meet the Greeks” event designed to provide an introduction to fraternities prior to the Kresge Kickoff on Saturday. The IFC co-hosted the Neighborhood BBQ event and will be having a clothing drive. He noted that there is a new help-seeking protocol from MIT, which covers both students and organizations. IFC is setting up new member symposium in late September to run party-safe-plus training.

**Panhel** – Brad Badgley reported that Panhel recruitment events were starting that evening. Delta Phi Epsilon is renting space from Sigma Phi Epsilon at 515 Beacon Street, Boston.

**LGC** – Brad Badgley reported that the LGC was working on their recruitment process. Events are listed in the schedule and the LGC is coordinating house tours.

---

### Review of 2016 AILG Goals (Akil Middleton)

---

Akil Middleton outlined the six AILG Goals for 2016-2017 using the handout. Some are new goals and some are already in progress with work continuing this year. The group reviewed and discussed the goals and decided to add MITIMCO leased residences to Goal 3.

---

### Information Technology Committee Proposal on Network Switch Upgrades (David Lawrence)

---

David Lawrence presented the work of the IT Committee regarding the replacement of wired switches. The committee has collaborated for several years with MIT's IS&T Department to upgrade all FSILGs to MIT standards. The last remaining hardware upgrade is the replacement of Cisco switches for each FSILG. After negotiations in price and bulk purchasing, free installation by MIT IS&T, and subsidized funding by the IRDF, the final cost is projected to be \$2763 per switch. Each house should need only one switch. The group discussed the project and concluded that a vote should be taken at the Plenary Session on September 14 when more stakeholders will be present.

A **Motion** was made by Akil Middleton, seconded by Eric Cigan: That the AILG Board recommend affirmative action on the IT Committee proposal to the Plenary. The motion passed unanimously. David Lawrence will present again at the Plenary Session.

---

### Proposal to Rename the FSILGs (Steve Baker)

---

Steve Baker noted that the Board had discussed the possibility of renaming the FSILGs as "Independent Living Communities" or any other more generally descriptive title. He suggested that student councils and alumni discuss this to determine whether there is any interest in pursuing a name change. The group briefly discussed the issue, focusing on retaining nomenclature that is inclusive and accommodates the many different situations of member organizations.

---

### Committee Reports

---

**Accreditation** (John Covert and Herman Marshall) – The committee has set up reviews for 14 organizations. They are looking for sorority alumni volunteers. They want to continue to sync data with the FSILG Office.

**Facilities** (Tom Stohlman) – The committee gave a presentation to undergraduate house managers about the state of FSILG facilities, which included overall ratings and areas of concern. Best practice recommendations are: organizations should spend money on facilities annually, students should inform the house manager and alumni about issues, house managers should have a mentoring process, and that alumni involvement is critical.

**Community Relations** (Jim Latimer) – The committee's hallmark event tonight, the Neighborhood BBQ, was very successful, with about 100 attendees that included MIT staff and administration, alums and students, and Back Bay neighbors. The Committee wants to align its future work with AILG goals and will investigate ways to participate in neighborhood philanthropy.

**Education Committee** (Kim Hunter) – Kim Hunter noted that the MIT Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) will be on September 23-24 and the AILG has a luncheon time slot reserved. She asked for ideas for the presentation. The committee plans to coordinate with the Accreditation Committee.

**Parent Outreach** (Pam Gannon) – Parent Orientation was August 28-29 with approximately 600 parents/family members on campus. The IFC and Panhel held an open house and two simultaneous information sessions, which

were well attended. At the VP for Student Life Luncheon, IFC President Dave Dellal, Panhel President Caitlyn Mason and the LGC Speaker Pravina Samaratunga spoke about the values and benefits of FSILGs. Alumni volunteers mingled with parents to answer questions about MIT and the FSILG community.

Akil Middleton noted that he provided an overview of the FSILG community at Graduate Student Orientation and he will be publishing a note in the grad school newsletter.

**Recruitment Committee** (Akil Middleton) – The committee has lots of data and is trying to increase the ease of data analysis. The goal is to reach some conclusions and recommendations.

**Strategic Planning** (Steve Baker) – Steve Baker noted an increased focus on the Strategic Plan Theme #1: We will enhance the FSILG member experience.

**West Village Steering Committee** (Steve Baker, Pam Gannon) – The committee has renamed the project to be more inclusive and to reflect the campus location. The group has had productive meetings with Vice President Suzy Nelson and the committee added Karen Gleason '82, Professor and Associate Provost and a member of the West Campus Planning Committee. The committee started working on faculty outreach. The tasks of the Benchmarking and Sustainability Working Groups are in progress.

**Finance** (Bob Ferrara), **Insurance** (Stan Wulf), **IRDF** (Tom Holtey) – No reports

---

### Theta Tau Update (Brad Badgley)

---

Brad Badgley summarized the history of the organization's affiliation with Theta Tau and current progress. The organization has been provisionally recognized through a memorandum of understanding with the MIT DSL. Upperclassmen are permitted to live in the house and a GRA has been hired. Brad Badgley is monitoring the chapter closely. Steve Baker noted that Theta Tau will go through an immediate accreditation process with members of the AILG Board included on the assessment team.

---

### Other Business

---

Plenary Meeting Agenda Preparation (Steve Baker) - The group reviewed the draft agenda. Vice President Suzy Nelson will be attending the beginning of the meeting.

FSILG Recognition Policy (Brad Badgley) – the policy has been reviewed by all three student councils and is awaiting approval by Suzy Nelson.

The next Board Meeting will be on October 6.

---

### Adjournment

---

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.