

FSILGs
Student – Alumni Summit
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The Task Force's 3 Conclusions

1. The FSILG system contributes importantly to MIT's success and greatly benefits many students at MIT.
2. All the stakeholders—administration, alumni, and students—must learn to work together better.
3. All the stakeholders—administration, alumni, and students—have substantial work to do.

It will take contributions from all stakeholders to get to the next level:

- Students & Student Leadership
- Alumni Volunteers & AILG
- Administration & Alumni Association

“One that produces leaders of tomorrow and members of good character and high morals.”

“A role model of community, accountability, responsibility, and maturity to others.”

- Student Responses to “The Ideal FSILG community is...”

Who is the AILG?

- The Association of Independent Living Groups represents all FSILG entities (alumni corporations and active chapters)
 - History: Re-chartered from AIFC
 - Structure: Board of Directors (6), with Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees
 - Regular Meetings:
 - Plenary breakfasts in September, November, February and April
 - Annual Meeting and elections in June (dinner)
 - Board meetings the 2nd Monday of each month
 - <http://www.mitailg.com/> (or org, or net)

AILG Committees & Activities

- **Economic Development**
 - Develop curriculum and coordinate offering Treasurer 101
 - Manage finances to align with priorities of AILG
 - Work with Recruitment Retention Initiative (formerly Financial Transition Program)
 - Coordinate Independent Residence Development Fund initiatives
- **Accreditation**
 - Coordination and Execution of Accreditation Programs
 - Participate as needed in Intervention Activities
- **Facilities**
 - Develop and Administer House Manager 101
 - Oversee SLI program
- **Ad-hoc**
 - Public Relations e.g. Web page, letters to students & parents
 - Participate in CPW, Family and Parents Weekend Events
 - Alumni Risk Management training

AILG Goals for 2005-06

- Recruit 20% more alumni to support AILG activities and attain full AILG participation.
- Implement Safety, Licensing and Inspection (SLI) program and ensure compliance by all FSILGs by the end of 2005-06 year.
- Enhance undergraduate recruitment and retention with the goal of a 10% increase in pledging and a 20% increase in move-in fraction.
- Accredite at least 5 additional FSILGs and finalize a full-scale accreditation plan to be implemented in 2006-07.

**Meeting these goals requires
Volunteers, Energy, and Ideas!**

AILG Accomplishments to Date

- Economic Stability
 - Chartered FSILG Cooperative as separate entity
 - Initiated IRDF Educational Operating Grants
- Education and Training
 - Treasurer 101 during IAP the past 3 years
 - House Manager 101 during IAP the past 2 years
 - Alumni Risk Management training the past 2 years
- Accreditation
 - Developed criteria, metrics and process in '04
 - Completed initial reviews of two chapters, Spring 05
 - Performed “core” assessment of 3 chapters, Fall 05

AILG Accomplishments to Date

- Safety, Licensing and Inspection (SLI) program
 - Quickly resolved outstanding issues from Summer/Fall 05 Municipal Inspections
 - Supporting successful chapter license renewal
 - Working with students and alums to ensure facility safety throughout the year
- Working with MIT and Alumni Association
 - Installed fiber optic lines to off-campus FSILGs
 - Developed and Posted FSILG Toolkit Website
 - Reviewing MIT held leases for consistency and fairness

FSILG Cooperative, Inc.

www.fsilg.coop

- Cooperative purchasing company for FSILGs founded in 2003
- Created by the AILG Economic Development Committee to reduce the expenses of operating houses
- Saves houses time and money by negotiating lower prices and better service from vendors
- FCI is the business manager for AILG
- FCI is the program manager for SLI and IRDF

Progress

- Owned and governed by FSILGs
- 33 of 36 housed FSILGs are members
- Annual meeting was October 19th
- Revenues for FY2005 were \$1.8 million
- 3rd largest collegiate purchasing cooperative in USA
- Average discount: 6.1%
- There was a rebate this year

Discount Examples

- 5%-15% on food
- 5%-20% on contractors
- 15% off rental cars (& 21-year-olds can rent)
- 30%-50% on furniture
- 40%-60% on office supplies
- \$100s on waste management

Invoice Review

- View full-color PDF scans of all invoices
- Review invoices weekly
- Browse all invoices
- Sort by date or vendor

Document Storage

- Review monthly statements
- Estimates and proposals from contractors
- VFA facility condition report
- IRDF applications
- INSITE floor plans for IRDF grants

Independent Residence Development Fund (IRDF)

web.mit.edu/irdf

- The IRDF was created to specifically promote the interests of MIT's FSILG's.
- Made possible through tax-deductible contributions from alumni/ae.
- There are three kinds of funding assistance:
 - IRDF Construction Loans
 - IRDF Educational Project Grants
 - IRDF Educational Operating Grants

IRDF Construction Loans

- Since 1960 the construction loan program has offered long-term low-interest loans that can be used for building purchases or major capital improvements & renovations.
- Approximately \$11 million in outstanding loans and \$8 million available for new loans.
- Board of Allocation reviews requests and makes recommendations to Treasurer (composed of 3 FSILG Alumni/ae).

IRDF Educational Project Grants

- In 1997 MIT launched the IRDF Educational Projects Grants program to help improve and maintain educational areas without having to take on debt.
- Pure educational projects (such as computer lab construction) are 100% covered.
- Building-wide projects (such as roof replacements) are covered on a percentage basis, dependent on educational area.
- Approximately \$500,000 has been awarded to date.
- Grant Advisory Board reviews requests and makes recommendation to Treasurer (composed of 1 FSILG Alumni/ae, 1 MIT IMC staff, 1 DSL Staff).

IRDF Educational Operating Grants

- In 2004 MIT developed a new grant program to support the operating expenses related to houses' educational activities.
- Approximately \$450,000 was awarded in the first year
- Same Grant Advisory Board as for Project Grants
- MIT funded initial space measurements and space allocation formula is different for FY2005 applications
- Includes \$10,000 for educational equipment/furnishings each year

For All IRDF Programs

- FCI provides application support (EOG app support is paid by MIT, Construction Loans and Project Grants support is paid for by houses per application)
- Both review groups are appointed by President or Chancellor of MIT as vacancies occur
- Groups make recommendations, not awards
- Applications are reviewed in detail by MIT's attorneys
- MIT Treasurer has final authority
- Apply before project begins, the earlier the better

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