



AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017 | MIT W59-237 | Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Steve Baker

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker, Akil Middleton, Pam Gannon, Alice Leung

Administration, Staff and Vendors: Suzy Nelson, Peter Cummings, Bob Ferrara (DSL), Brad Badgley, Liz Jason, Kayla LeMay (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative, Inc.), Danielle Reddy, Kim Hunter (MITAA)

Alums: John Covert, Bob Ferrara, Tom Holtey, Kim Hunter, Patrick McCabe, Tom Stohlman, Stan Wulf

Students: Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel), Robert Binkowski (IFC), Kyle Archer

Approval of Minutes (Pam Gannon)

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2017 Board Meeting as amended and the February 8, 2017 Plenary meeting.

Facilities Assessment (Suzy Nelson)

MIT Vice President for Student Life Suzy Nelson presented the idea of undertaking a comprehensive facilities assessment of all FSILGs funded through MIT. Suzy noted that she had presided over a similar review at Cornell. The information would be useful to both students and alums by helping to guide short-term and long-term renovations. The information would be accessible to the non-expert, and would include assessment of the building envelope, plumbing, electrical, roof, windows, safety and fire.

Steve Baker and Scott Klemm noted that studies had been done in the past and they were not entirely pleased with the results.

Suggestions from alums:

- Desire a high quality report – readable and usable
- Prefer to have one company to do all the assessments
- Would like value-added cost estimates
- Need someone with the knowledge of historical buildings
- Want to involve alums and undergrads in process
- Use specialists to look at particular systems
- Recommend that Tom Stohlman be the alumni liaison

The committee discussed goals for the assessment:

- Accessible
- Integrated with leadership
- Tom Stohlman as facilitator

Peter Cummings said that he would start to work with MIT facilities. He would interface with Tom to identify vendors and develop a project team.

Next steps will be to develop a system and process, and identify funding.

A **Motion** was made by Alice Leung, seconded by Akil Middleton: That the AILG endorses the principle of the facilities assessment and the formation of a working group. The Motion passed unanimously.

Student Council Updates (Ayomide Fatunde, Robert Binkowski, Pravina Samaratunga)

MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC): IFC President Robert Binkowski said that the IFC is updating their web site to include service and philanthropy. Last year, the IFC raised >\$6500 for Relay for life and logged 2000 community service hours. He noted that Sean Parks would be the new representative to the Community Relations Committee.

MIT Panhellenic Association (Panhel): Panhel President Ayo Fatunde said that they had 50 applications for PRC positions. Panhel leaders attended the Northeastern Leadership Conference, along with IFC leaders and Brad. PiPhi held a philanthropy event and the Panhel new executive board held a mixer. They are planning for fall recruitment.

MIT Living Group Council (LGC): Brad Badgley, on behalf of LGC Speaker Pravina Samaratunga, said that representative from all five ILGs attended the FSILG Leadership Retreat. They put together an LGC study break and are looking at shared programmatic needs.

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

FSILG Leadership Retreat: was a successful effort with good attendance (see below).

Northeast Greek Leadership Conference: 11 students + Brad attended: 6 IFC, 5 Panhel. MIT had good visibility at the conference.

Graduate Resident Advisors (GRAs): they are in the process of hiring GRAs. The goal is to have them all hired by the end of the month. Houses need to send their preferences by 4/3/17. Brad noted that they had lots of good candidates.

Other updates:

- The FSILG Office is hiring two new grad assistants.
- The FSILG Award ceremony is on May 3, 2017.
- The FSILG Office is developing a mission statement.

West Campus Village Update (Bob Ferrara)

Bob Ferrara said that the West Campus Village Steering Committee was writing its final report. Bob noted that the MIT News Office would be writing an article about the effort and Bob thanked Ayo for volunteering to contact The Tech.

FSILG Leadership Retreat (Brad Badgley, Akil Middleton, Pam Gannon)

Brad Badgley gave an overview of the format of the retreat and the positive feedback received from a student survey. All Panhel and LGC organizations were represented and almost all IFC organizations were represented. He said that the emphasis was on the shared governance system.

Pam Gannon and Akil Middleton attended on behalf of the AILG with Bob Ferrara. Scott Klemm attended for FCI. Pam and Akil distributed copies of the slides they had presented at the retreat. They provided a document summarizing the comments from the students that provided feedback to the AILG. The comments/suggestions fell into three areas: communication, young alum involvement and alumni relations.

Committee Reports

Reid Weedon Grant Committee (Bob Ferrara) – This committee needs an AILG representative. The names of some young alums were put forward and Bob will follow up with them.

Accreditation (John Covert) – The accreditation teams have been making an extra effort to provide a good introduction at each visit. They have offered to meet with alums and undergrads before the visit, but have not been taken up on that offer. Akil Middleton will talk to Herman Marshall, Chair, about obtaining information for the recruitment study. John noted that there was some interest by the sororities in re-designing parts of the bdf. There was a brief discussion about whether it would be useful to have an undergrad as a member of a visiting committee.

Web Site Migration Team (Pam Gannon, Bob Ferrara, Alice Leung) – The transition is going well and the group is predicting that the new site will go live after March 15. They are trying to incorporate photos.

Insurance (Stan Wulf, Scott Klemm) – Stan noted that insurance had all been billed out and the process was working well.

Facilities (Patrick McCabe) – Patrick reported they are getting ready to do inspections. They would like to provide some concrete solutions to issues, for example, recommending a cleaning company. Tom Stohlman said that they were thinking of running a survey about services to determine what would be useful.

Finance (Scott Klemm) – Scott said that committee chairs should submit budgets for next year.

Other Business

Possibility of making the AILG an affinity group of the MIT Alumni Association:

- Danielle Reddy of the MIT Alumni Association said that the AILG would qualify as an official affinity group. Other affinity groups include AMITA, BAMIT, LAMIT, BGLATA, MIT Crew Alumni Association. The relationship would provide the AILG with additional support from the MITAA, including lists, nametags, access to encompass, and overall better access to alumni data and a more consistent relationship. Steve noted that Bob is currently the point person to interface with the Alumni Association. Steve asked whether there would be a designated staff person to support the FSILGs, and Danielle said that she is currently filling that role. The next steps will be to put together a proposal for approval at the June meeting of the Alumni Association.
- A **Motion** was made by Akil Middleton, seconded by Pam Gannon: To proceed with a request to become an affinity group of the MIT Alumni Association. The Motion passed unanimously.

Open Board seats:

- Alice Leung announced that she will run again.
- Dick Larson is looking the list of affiliated faculty members to see if there are good candidates.

Possibility of Rebranding the Community (away from FSILGs):

- Steve Baker noted that the idea had been raised at the Board retreat about changing the name of the FSILGs to Residential Living Communities. After some discussion, there was agreement that the name FSILGs was more inclusive and had general acceptance and understanding in the student and alumni communities. Brad Badgley suggested that we need to tell our story better.

Announcements

Bob Ferrara reminded the Board that the AILG will be partnering with the MIT Annual Fund for Pi Challenge Day to raise funds for the IRDF. The current IRDF challenge, funded by board members and friends, is at \$4000. An announcement will be sent to the 30,000 FSILG alumni.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
AMITA	Association of MIT Alumnae
BAMIT	Black Alumni/ae at MIT
BGLATA	Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumni/Alumnae of MIT
DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternalities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
GRA	Graduate Resident Advisor
IFC	Interfraternity Council
ILGs	Independent Living Groups
IRDF	Independent Residence Development Fund
LAMIT	Latino/a Alumni/ae at MIT
LGC	Living Group Council
MITAA	MIT Alumni Association
Panhel	Panhellenic Association
PRC	Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor