AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017 | MIT W59-237 | Meeting called to order at 6:26pm by Steve Baker

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker (TX), Eric Cigan (LCA), Pam Gannon (AP), Alice Leung (ET), Akil Middleton (ZP)
Administration, Staff and Vendors: Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC), Judy Robinson (DSL), Brad Badgley, Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative, Inc.)
Alums: Anthony Adams (SN), John Covert (PKT), Tom Holtey (CP), Kim Hunter, David Lawrence (TEP), Herman Marshall (BTP), Patrick McCabe (TCAA), Taylor Pearl (AEP), Mike Walsh (SN)
Students: Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel), Robert Binkowski (IFC)

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

The FSILG Office will be sending out reminders about Patriot’s Day/Marathon Monday restrictions.
Brad reported on Campus Preview Weekend, which just started: there are 656 events, 1080 prefrosh, 1100 parents, 65% of prefrosh are being hosted in dorms and 35% are being hosted in FSILGs. An FSILG Panel for Parents will held with Brad, Bob Ferrara and Pam Gannon.

Graduate Resident Advisors (GRAs): they are in the process of making offers and anticipate all will be finalized in May.

FSILG Awards: Annual award dinner will be on May 3 at the Samburg Center. Decisions were made based on nominations.

FSILG Recognition Policy (Brad Badgley)

Brad Badgley explained that this policy document has been worked on for a long time. Brad noted that he had received feedback on the draft policy from Board members. The Social Policy Review Committee is collecting final feedback, which he and Judy will integrate into the document, and then it will go to VP Suzy Nelson for final approval. The deadline is June 1 for changes to the Mind & Handbook.

FSILG Social Events Policy (Judy Robinson)

Review/discussion of draft social event type definitions: Judy Robinson explained that the goal is to be clear to students and to make it easy to use to register events. She noted that the dorms are also developing policies. A handout contained a draft version of the Definition of Terms. The Social Policy Review Committee has been meeting weekly to develop the current iteration. Don Camellio is leading the registration process subcommittee, and they are ranking event types as low, medium and high risk, and identifying events that MIT does not need to be notified about. The IFC, Panhel and LGC will be sharing the draft document with their membership.
MIT Panhellenic Association (Panhel): Ayo Fatunde said that they are preparing for the FSILG Awards. The Panhel is working on an inclusion statement. Today, the Panhel held a CPW event on the steps of the Student Center, which was well attended. The Panhel will be holding a panel for parents on Friday; this year, CPW events are being held with all chapters together, rather than individual chapter activities.

MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC): Robert Binkowski said that they are preparing for the FSILG Awards. The IFC is planning a panel for parents on Saturday. Rob noted that they would vote at the next president’s council on whether to review the recognition application by Theta Tau in the fall. This would not be in time for Theta Tau to participate in fall IFC recruitment.

MIT Living Group Council (LGC): Brad Badgley said that the LGC organized a community sushi study break. The LGC chapters are hosting several events for CPW.

Sigma Nu’s Housing Situation

Members of the Sigma Nu Housing Corporation, Anthony Adams and Mike Walsh, told the Board that Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) has indicated to their chapter that there would like to sell their house in the summer of 2018. Sigma Nu has been renting the house from Fiji for many years. They are hoping that they can negotiate with Fiji, but are a young chapter that does not have significant resources. Steve Baker recommended that they send a note to the AILG Board who could connect them with some advice and resources.

FSILG Office Mission Statement (Brad Badgley)

Brad Badgley distributed a revised copy of the mission statement, which is now finalized. He thanked everyone who provided input.

Plenary Meeting Agenda (Steve Baker)

The Board reviewed the draft agenda.

Consent Agenda Items Approval of Minutes (Pam Gannon)

Approval of Minutes (Pam Gannon) - The Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 Board Meeting.
Financial Dashboard (Eric Cigan) – Eric presented the current balance sheet and profit & loss - budget vs. actual.

Committee Reports

Accreditation (Herman Marshall, John Covert) – Herman and John reported that accreditation is going well and they have enough volunteers for this spring. The accreditation teams have been making an extra effort to remind the alums and students at each visit that the accreditation visit is an opportunity for back and forth discussion.

IT Committee (David Lawrence) – David reported that the new web site is operational, but is incomplete in some parts deep in the site. The old site is being archived. Questions about content should be directed to Alice Leung, Bob Ferrara and Pam Gannon; questions about technology should be directed to David and John Covert.
Facilities (Patrick McCabe) – Patrick reported that Tom Stohlman did walk-throughs of the houses. They are trying to have discussions with residents about how to maintain a healthy house. Bob Ferrara said that MIT DSL is looking for three pilot houses for the facilities assessment. They are still working out the funding for the assessment. Scott Klemm noted that the Boston houses are up for relicensing and the FCI is developing a new web site login.

Insurance (Scott Klemm) – Scott noted that all liability and property policies are in place. If houses are interested in considering bedbug insurance, they should contact Scott.

Parent Outreach Committee (Pam Gannon) – Pam reiterated that CPW is a big weekend for visiting parents. The Panhel, IFC and FSILG Office are all holding panel presentations. Pam will be present for all three panels, as well as attending other parent events on campus; Akil will be the alumni representative on the IFC panel.

Community Relations (Bob Ferrara) – Bob said that Kate Trimble, the new director of the MIT Public Service Center attended the last committee meeting. The next meeting is on April 24 at 5:15 in W59. Bob said to save the date: August 30 for the FSILG Open House at Alpha Phi.

Recruitment Study (Akil Middleton) – Akil noted that he and Jack Gordon are continuing to work with the recruitment data.

West Village (Bob Ferrara, Steve Baker) – Bob reported that the steering committee has completed its phase 1 report. VP Suzy Nelson is currently reviewing the report and will share it with the MIT administration. The committee has information sessions planned for the plenary meeting, Panhel delegates meeting, IFC presidents meeting, and a dinner meeting.

Other Business

Proposed FY2018 AILG Budget (Eric Cigan) – Eric presented the AILG proposed fiscal year 2018 budget, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 31, 2017. Notable updates: AILG member dues will remain at $500, Safety, Licensing and Inspection (SLI) program fees will include a mandatory $550 per building fee (previously $500 and not increased since 2005) and an optional $775 fee for participation in the Building Safety Facilitation (BSF) program. One organization, Kappa Sigma, is no longer participating in the program, and DPhiE is considered a housed chapter for next year.

A Motion was made by Eric Cigan, seconded by Akil Middleton, to approve the budget as marked up on the handout. The Motion passed unanimously.

Open Board Seats (Steve Baker) -

• Alice Leung announced that she will run again.
• The Board had discussed whether to recruit another faculty member to replace Dick Larson. The Board concluded that there are few faculty members who attended MIT as undergraduates, it is difficult for faculty members to consistently make meetings, and it would be valuable to have an active Board member; the FSILG community could aim to involve faculty in other ways. Suggestions were made to reach out to underrepresented communities (sororities and ILGs).

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:24pm.
Abbreviations
AILG    Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF    Building Safety Facilitation
CPW    Campus Preview Weekend
DSL    Division of Student Life
FCI    FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs  Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
GRA    Graduate Resident Advisor
IFC    Interfraternity Council
ILGs   Independent Living Groups
IRDF   Independent Residence Development Fund
LGC    Living Group Council
Panhel  Panhellenic Association
SLI    Safety, Licensing and Inspection Program