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Friday, 4 August 2017 | Provincetown MA | Meeting called to order at 11:25 am by Akil Middleton

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### In Attendance

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Board: Steve Baker (TX), Eric Cigan (LCA), Pam Gannon (AP), Alice Leung (ET), Akil Middleton (ZP) (telephonically), Cecilia Stuopis (ACO)

Administration and Staff: Judy McGuire Robinson (DSL); Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC); Brad Badgley, Liz Jason, and Julie Rothhaar-Sanders (FSILG Office)

Other Alumni/ae: Steve Stuntz

Students: None

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### Review of AILG Mission and Purpose (Akil Middleton)

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The group reviewed the key attributes and purpose of the AILG, including how others think of the organization and its effectiveness in accomplishing its mission.

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### Progress toward 2016-2017 Goals (Akil Middleton)

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Attendees reviewed the AILG's goals for 2016-17, what was accomplished by the organization in achieving them, and which goals are appropriate to carry forward to next year.

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The group recessed for lunch at 12:45 pm and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

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### FSILG Relationship Agreement (Bob Ferrara)

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Bob Ferrara led a discussion of the draft FSILG Relationship Agreement and recommended its adoption by the AILG. Several minor changes in language were agreed. Discussed whether the Plenary should vote on the document; it was agreed by consensus that the Plenary should be asked to ratify the document in an up-or-down vote (no amendment permitted), after approval by the AILG Board. The FSILG Office requested the opportunity to review the language in greater detail prior to consideration by the Board and Plenary.

**Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table consideration of the Relationship Agreement until the 30 August board meeting, to provide the FSILG Office time to review the language.**

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### FSILG Facilities Assessment (Bob Ferrara)

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Bob Ferrara led a discussion of the planned FSILG Facilities Assessment project. Discussed whether participation in the program should be optional or mandatory; it was agreed that participation should be mandatory, with a compliance alternative process for those organizations that can demonstrate they have completed a substantially similar evaluation on their own. Also discussed how this program should interface with the Accreditation Program. It was agreed that Bob Ferrara will update the community on the current status.

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### West Campus Village Update (Pam Gannon, Steve Baker, Bob Ferrara)

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Pam Gannon, Steve Baker, and Bob Ferrara briefed the attendees on recent progress on the West Campus Village project. It was noted that the issue of property ownership for the older fraternities is a significant issue to be resolved.

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### **Faculty Interaction (Akil Middleton)**

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The parties discussed how to foster greater interaction with the faculty. It was noted that we need an updated list of affiliated faculty. Discussed whether the AILG should engage a faculty advisor. It was suggested that we ask a group of faculty to participate in a focus group as a way of learning more about what the faculty's concerns are and who may be interested in engaging with the community. Also discussed reaching out to Head of Houses and whether to create a new committee charged with advancing this issue. No definitive actions agreed.

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### **Public and Community Relations (Akil Middleton)**

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The parties discussed what opportunities exist for improving the community's public and community relations programs. Cecilia Stuopis proposed that the AILG produce an annual Community Benefits report, summarizing the positive actions and achievements of the community over the prior year. It was agreed that gathering and collating this information should be owned by the FSILG Office (not a volunteer activity). It was agreed that producing an annual report should be an AILG goal. It was also noted that we should be promoting evidence of our community's diversity and support for non-traditional students.

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### **Increasing the AILG Volunteer Pool (Akil Middleton)**

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The parties discussed ways to increase the number of AILG volunteers. It was noted that this needs to start by encouraging more alumni to engage with their own chapter; some will also volunteer for the AILG. Discussed holding a mixer for young alumni, or perhaps a service event.

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### **AILG Goals for 2017-18 (Akil Middleton)**

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Akil Middleton led a discussion of AILG goals for the current year. It was agreed that there be fewer goals, with more specificity and a metric for accomplishment of each. The following list of goals were agreed:

- 1. Increase the number of AILG and FSILG volunteers**
  - Conduct a recruitment event for younger alumni
  - Develop tools for remote participation by volunteers
- 2. Conduct a new volunteer orientation session**
- 3. Complete /revisit the Member Support Program**
- 4. Increase community interaction with faculty**
  - Conduct a faculty focus group
  - Engage with current and potential Heads of House
- 5. In partnership with the FSILG Office, produce an annual Community Benefits report.**
- 6. Engage with MITAA to strengthen the AILG's Affinity Group status.**
  - At least once this year, get an AILG feature on the MITAA website Home Page
- 7. Get the Relationship Agreement adopted**

It was recommended that at the 8/30 meeting, the Board set intermediate milestones and time frames for accomplishing these goals.

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### **MIT Updates (Brad Badgley, Judy Robinson, Bob Ferrara)**

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Brad Badgley provided an update on FSILG Office activities and its progress toward its goals.

Judy summarized progress to date on the Social Events Policy and reported on recent restructuring within DSL's Residential Educational division.

Bob Ferrara reported on a plan to visit Cornell University to review aspects of their Greek system.

Judy reported on changes to the Safe Ride system: in consultation with the students, a plan is being developed to pilot an on-demand shuttle system.

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### **Announcements**

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There were no announcements.

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### **Adjournment**

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Following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Baker, Secretary

### Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BDF	Basic Data Form
DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternalities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
IFC	Interfraternity Council
ILGs	Independent Living Groups
IRDF	Independent Residence Development Fund
LGC	Living Group Council
Panhel	Panhellenic Association