

AILG Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 | Alpha Phi | Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Pam Gannon (AP), Alice Leung (ET), Akil Middleton (ZP)

Administration, Staff and Vendors: Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC), Judy Robinson, Julie Rothhaar-Sanders (DSL), Brad Badgley, Scott Klemm (FSILG Cooperative, Inc.)

Alumni: Tom Holtey (CP), Anya Kattef, (AP), Brian Hunter (PBE), Kim Hunter (AP), Jim Lattimer (SAE), Herman Marshall (BTP), Patrick McCabe (TCAA), Stan Wulf (PDT)

Students: Rob Binkowski (IFC), Sasha Rickard (LGC)

A quorum of the board was not present.

Approval of Minutes (Pam Gannon for Steve Baker)

The minutes were reviewed for the July Board meeting and the AILG Board retreat, and draft minutes will be posted.

Finance Report (Eric Cigan)

No report.

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgely)

Brad reported that preparations for Rush/Recruitment are going well.

Student Council Updates (Ayomide Fatunde, Robert Binkowski, Sasha Rickard)

MIT Living Group Council (LGC): Sasha Rickard reported that LGC has events planned for Rush.

MIT Interfraternity Council (IFC): Rob Binkowski reported that the panels for parent went well. Rush starts Saturday with the Carnival in the Kresge Oval from 12-4.

MIT Panhellenic Association (Panhel): Julie Rothhaar-Sanders reported that Panhel Recruitment starts on Saturday. An event "Demystifying Sororities" will be held on Friday.

Alice Leung inquired about whether grad students moving into ILGs could receive a refund of their housing deposits. Judy Robinson said that she thought that was only for changes in July, but would look into it.

Summary of August AILG Board Retreat (Akil Middleton)

Akil Middleton reported on an open-ended discussion from the AILG Retreat: "What is the AILG?" Responses from AILG Board members and FSILG staff are on a handout. Akil reviewed the progress on 2016-17 AILG Goals. Overall, good progress was made toward all goals (see handout).

Review and Discussion of 2017-18 AILG Goals (Pam Gannon)

Pam Gannon led a discussion of the draft AILG goals from the Board retreat.

Revised goals are:

1. Increase the number of AILG and FSILG volunteers
 - Conduct a recruitment event for younger alumni
 - Develop tools for remote participation by volunteers
 - Conduct a new volunteer orientation session
2. Complete/revisit the Member Support Program
3. Increase community interaction with faculty
 - Conduct a faculty focus group
 - Engage with current and potential Heads of House
 - Engage with new faculty members
4. In partnership with the FSILG Office, produce an annual Community Benefits report.
5. Engage with MITAA to strengthen the AILG's Affinity Group status
 - Complete the MITAA formal affinity group process
 - Get an FSILG/AILG feature in the MITAA website, Alumni Newsletter, Slice of MIT, Parents' Association Newsletter
 - Connect with MIT Communications team to get an FSILG/AILG feature on the MIT home page
6. Complete and adopt the Relationship Agreement

Action Items:

Goal 1: A group of interested individuals will be formed. There will be a role for the Education Committee. Akil will email mitailg for interest in working on volunteer recruitment issues.

Goal 2: Steve Baker will partner with the FSILG Office to re-start this program. This will be done in collaboration with the Accreditation Committee.

Goal 3: The IFC/Panhel/LGC are planning a faculty mixer for the fall. There was general agreement that a printed invitation and personal connection generates the best response. Kim Hunter will review/re-pull the faculty data. This initiative should be overseen initially by the AILG Board.

Goal 4: This effort will be managed by the FSILG Office and Community Relations Committee.

Goal 5: Bob, Akil and Pam will follow up on this effort.

Goal 6: Judy Robinson circulated a sample document from Duke University. Bob Ferrara has an AILG draft from previous years. More work needs to be done to assess the documents and to generate a draft version.

Update on FSILG Facilities Assessment (Bob Ferrara)

Bob updated the group on the progress of the facilities assessment: the three pilot studies are complete and are being evaluated. The next step will be the roll out to the community. The goal is that all chapters participate. Bob and Tom Stohlman have tried to anticipate questions that will arise in an FAQ handout.

Additional questions/points of clarification were asked: How is this different from regular inspections? Can a chapter see a sample report? What will be the follow up from the reports? What is MIT going to do with the data? Bob will clarify this information for the plenary presentation.

Relationship Agreement (Judy Robinson, Brad Badgely)

Judy Robinson explained that the idea is to generate a document that speaks to the partnerships of the AILG, FSILG Office/DSL, and the student councils in the shared governance model. The intent is to solidify the good relationship with MIT. She circulated a sample document from Duke University. Bob Ferrara noted that work had been done on a “rights and responsibilities” document as part of the strategic plan, but the document was not finalized. The group agreed to have this as a goal for the year.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Pat McCabe. Pat noted that the committee is helping houses with inspections and with getting their certificates. They want all houses to have proper documentation.

Parent Outreach – Pam Gannon. Pam said that MIT Parent Orientation took place earlier in the week. The IFC and Panhel held a joint session and separate sessions (with Pam and Akil as alum representatives) and all were well-attended. A new FAQS for Parents handout was developed. Pam thanked the alums who participated in the DSL Welcome Brunch and the FSILG student council leaders who participated in the talks at the event.

Plenary Agenda Items (Akil Middelton)

Akil said that he had received the suggestions for topics for the September plenary.

Announcements

New meeting format – Akil Middleton. Akil said that he plans to implement a meeting format with a 1.5 hour maximum that features one big action/discussion topic per meeting (for both board meetings and plenary).

Ailgboard-plus membership – Akil Middleton. Akil asked interested members to fill out the opt-in form for the ailgboard-plus email list.

Grad student activities fair is September 5. Akil and Pam plan to attend.

Next AILG meetings: September 20 plenary @ 7:30am, October 5 board @ 6:30pm.

FCI annual meeting October 18 at the Alumni Association.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Abbreviations

AILG Association of Independent Living Groups

DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
IFC	Interfraternity Council
ILGs	Independent Living Groups
IRDF	Independent Residence Development Fund
LGC	Living Group Council
MITAA	MIT Alumni Association
Panhel	Panhellenic Association