



Thursday, 5 October 2017 | MIT Room W59-200 | Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

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

Administration and Staff: Judy McGuire Robinson (DSL), Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC), Brad Badgley (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI)

Other Alumni/ae: Jessie Stickgold-Sarah, Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey, John Covert, Patrick McCabe, Stan Wulf

Students: Sasha Rickard, LGC Speaker; Robert Binkowski, IFC President.

A quorum of the board was not present, and it was therefore noted that no official business may be transacted.

Review of Minutes (Steve Baker)

Review of recent meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting when a quorum is present.

Treasurer's Update (Eric Cigan)

Eric reported on the AILG's current financial position. Income is being received in a timely manner, and bills are being paid; Eric reported no concerns at this time.

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

Brad reported that the FSILG Office is hosting an emerging leaders retreat on 4 November. The focus will be on freshmen and sophomores; each chapter is encouraged to send 2 new members. The goal of this event is to create a pipeline of new student leaders. Activities will include navigating conflict and goal setting. It was suggested that a general introduction to the AILG be included in the programming. Brad is seeking young alumni to participate as mentors.

Brad reported that the FSILG Office will be sending out hazing acknowledgement forms next week.

Brad summarized preparations for PDT's pending Boston Licensing Board (BLB) hearing regarding a rush week incident. Stan thanked the FSILG Office for its support in the process.

DTD has been summoned by BLB for a recent party incident. FSILG Office is seeking to delay BLB's hearing to allow more time to prepare.

It was noted that both recent incidents started due to crowding on the sidewalk in front of the house; students needed to be reminded not to allow people to gather outside. Brad stated that the FSILG Office is constantly seeking to educate students on this issue.

Brad reported that the FSILG Office is also working to develop goals for both this academic year and next, and invited input from the AILG and student councils on possible goals.

Student Council Updates (Robert Binkowski and Sasha Rickard)

Robert reported on current IFC activities, noting that Theta Tau's accession vote and a change in constitution to prohibit freshmen from serving on IFC Exec. Robert reported that 49.6 percent of freshmen males joined an IFC chapter.

Sasha reported that LGC recruitment went well.

Facilities Assessment Update (Bob Ferrara and Tom Stohlman)

Bob reported on recent activities on the planned Facilities Assessment program. Bob noted that the expectation is that all organizations will participate in the program; there is no provision for an opt-out.

Tom Stohlman noted that the Facilities Committee had provided an extensive amount of input on the program. He presented a written summary of the program and encouraged attendees to provide further suggestions to improve the process.

Bob reported that member organizations may take up to 3 years to pay, although DSL hopes that most will pay immediately. The cost per organization is about one-third of the anticipated cost; the IRDF and DSL are paying the other two-thirds.

Tom noted that the resulting data will be entered into the Department of Facilities' internal database so that progress toward completion can be tracked. Bob will consolidate all of the written information and post it to the ALLG website for member organizations to review.

It was noted that once the reports are complete, member organizations will need help to interpreting the findings of the assessments.

Citywide NPHC Groups (Brad Badgley)

Brad reported that a number of MIT students are involved in citywide (multi-campus) NPHC chapters; many are traditionally African-American organizations that have been on campus for decades, but they have not been formally recognized. Brad noted these organizations are not interested in housing but are seeking support and recognition from the FSILG Office. Brad is currently working with some of the students to create a constitution for a new NPHC governing council.

There was discussion about how the ALLG might engage with and support these NPHC groups

Progress toward 2017-2018 ALLG Goals (Akil Middleton)

Akil Middleton led a discussion of progress toward ALLG goals for the current year. Some progress was reported in 4 of the 6 high-level goals.

Planning for November Plenary Meeting (Akil Middleton)

Akil noted that with the evening meeting, a different format could be employed and asked for ideas. Bob suggested a table exercise to allow break-out groups to discuss a specific issue. Topics discussed included the Facilities Assessment program, the ALLG's goals, the FSILG relationship agreement, and design for the West Campus Village.

It was agreed to follow up this issue next month to decide what to do.

Committee Updates

Written committee updates were presented.

The AILG Community Service Committee requested a larger budget next year to help pay for the annual welcome barbeque.

Other Business

Commemorating Paul Gray: Tom Holtey suggested that the AILG present a written statement for inclusion in the Institute's commemorative book. Akil will follow up with Gail Gallagher.

Announcements

FCI's annual meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 18 October in the W98 welcome center.

The next AILG board meeting will be Thursday, 2 November at 6:30 pm.

MIT will be doing another Giving Day challenge on behalf of the IRDF; a major donor has been identified to lead the challenge.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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