



## AILG Board Meeting

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Thursday, 2 November 2017 | MIT Room W59-200 | Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Akil Middleton

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### In Attendance

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

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

Other Alumni/ae: Jessie Stickgold-Sarah, Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey, Mark Thompson, Patrick McCabe, David Lawrence

Students: Robert Binkowski (IFC President), Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel President)

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### Review of Minutes (Steve Baker)

Minutes of the 4 August 2017 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the 30 August 2017 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the 20 September 2017 AILG Plenary meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the 5 October 2017 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

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### Treasurer's Update (Akil Middleton on behalf of Eric Cigan)

Akil reported on the AILG's current financial position. Income and expenses are tracking expectations. The AILG has begun using Cambridge Trust's online bill pay feature to expedite payments to vendors. The AILG annual report has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and the draft 2016 tax return is in preparation and will be ready for review by the Board next week.

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### FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

Brad reported that the planned emerging leaders retreat on 4 November has about 50 attendees registered. He is seeking one younger alumnus/a from Panhel and one from the ILG community to help facilitate the retreat.

The FSILG Office is working with DTD to prepare for the chapter's pending Boston Licensing Board (BLB) hearing regarding a recent party citation. The citation was relatively minor.

The FSILG Office is working with the student councils to set up a relationship-building meeting with the Boston Police Department.

Brad reported that Halloween weekend went fairly smooth. One chapter had some concerns with party management two weeks in a row (including Halloween) that the FSILG Office is working with them to address.

Brad reported on his recent work with the multi-cultural Greek group.

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### Student Council Updates (Ayomide Fatunde and Robert Binkowski)

Ayo reported that Panhel officer elections will be held on 11/15.

Robert reported on recent IFC activities, noting that Theta Tau's accession vote was a success, and Theta Tau is now a member of the IFC. Robert reported that the IFC Sustainability Committee has been very active, working with various stakeholders to reduce the waste stream. Officer elections will be held soon.

Brad reported that the FSILG Office is enhancing its support of the LGC and its individual member organizations, and the LGC is working to reach alignment on its goals.

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#### **Facilities Assessment Update (Bob Ferrara and Tom Stohlman)**

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Bob reported on the planned Facilities Assessment program. Bob noted that the MIT General Counsel's office had slightly delayed the project while reviewing the draft contract; the contract is expected to be finalized soon. The plan is still to get the program going in the fall, but it will likely extend well into the spring. Bob also noted that at least one vendor has agreed to produce cost estimates as part of its scope of service.

Tom Stohlman reviewed a written assessment guide prepared by the Facilities Committee that will be provided to each organization to help prepare them for the assessment process. A community-wide meeting has been scheduled for 29 November to introduce the winning vendor and provide more information.

The parties discussed whether and how to encourage or require all member organizations to participate. It was noted that some organizations may not find as much value in this assessment as others. It was agreed that improved communication would help achieve buy-in among the membership; the 29 November meeting will help this process.

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#### **West Campus Village Update (Pam Gannon and Steve Baker)**

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Pam reported that the Phase 2 planning effort is now underway. There are 3 working groups being directed by a Steering Committee: Community Building, Village Concepts, and Business Model. Each group is co-chaired by an AILG volunteer and an MIT staff person. 8 organizations have expressed interest and are being consulted. An informational meeting is planned for 4 December in the evening. Regular email communications are planned.

Steve reported that a site has been tentatively established for review: the Vassar Street site just west of Simmons Hall. He also reported that in its recent meeting, the DSL Visiting Committee endorsed the WCV and recommended that MIT pursue it.

The parties discussed how to engage with the students and ensure their voices are heard as this process moves forward.

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#### **Progress toward 2017-2018 AILG Goals (Akil Middleton)**

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Akil Middleton led a discussion of progress toward AILG goals for the current year. He reported that there has been progress working with MITAA staff on completing the MITAA Affinity Group agreement. He and Brad Badgley reported on progress merging the draft FSILG relationship agreement into the approved FSILG Recognition Policy.

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#### **Committee Updates**

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The Community Relations Committee reported that next year's welcome BBQ will be at Chi Phi on 9/20/18.

The Accreditation Committee reported on its recent activities and planned adjustments to the program, including customizing the BDF to be more relevant to Panhel chapters.

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#### **Other Business**

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Bob reported on ideas to commemorate Paul Gray. MIT's Gail Gallagher suggested joining the Chorallaries at the memorial service for a song in his honor, but this didn't strike a chord. It was suggested instead that the AILG prepare a condolence card at the November Plenary meeting for members of the community to sign; the card will be presented to the Gray family.

Steve Baker spoke about the need for greater openness and transparency in the AILG's operations and asked that the community take up this issue in coming months.

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## Announcements

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The next AILG Plenary meeting will be **Wednesday, 8 November** in the Flowers dining room at Maseeh Hall, with dinner starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

The next AILG Board meeting will be **Thursday, 7 December** at 6:00 pm in Ashdown House, followed by the annual AILG Holiday Party at 7:00 pm in the Thirsty Ear Pub.

The AILG Annual Meeting will be held on either 30 or 31 May 2018 in the MIT Museum, depending on its availability. Ideas for a keynote speaker were discussed.

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## Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Baker, Secretary

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## Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BDF	Basic Data Form
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
Panhel	Panhellenic Association