



AILG Plenary Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | Maseeh Hall, Flowers Dining Room | Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

FSILGs attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Sigma, Nu Delta, Number Six Club, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi/Xi Fellowship, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Tau, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

FSILGs not attending: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Chi, WILG,

AILG Board: Akil Middleton, Pam Gannon, Alice Leung

MIT Administration and Other Guests: Bob Ferrara (TC/DSL), Judy Robinson (DSL); Brad Badgley, Liz Jason, Julie Rothar-Sanders (FSILG Office); Scott Klemm (FCI); Karie Allison, Bill Paris (Elevate); Charlie Frick (Greek Campaigns)

Welcome and Introductions

Akil Middleton started off a round of introductions.

Bob Ferrara noted that there is a poster to be signed in honor of Paul Gray, which will be presented to his family at the memorial service on November 30.

Treasurer's Report (Pam Gannon for Eric Cigan)

Pam Gannon presented the current balance sheet and profit & loss - budget vs. actual (year to date).

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

Officer elections are being held soon for IFC and Panhel. Chapters are also holding elections.

The FSILG Office held an Emerging Leader Retreat this past weekend for freshmen and sophomores. 45 students attended; several young alums were present.

Student Council Reports

None

Facilities Assessment Activity (Bob Ferrara, Akil Middleton, Tom Stohlman)

Bob Ferrara presented an introduction and history of the facilities assessment (slides). The purpose is to provide a high quality report to each chapter that can be used to assess the current condition of buildings and plan for renovations. The last system-wide assessment was done in 1998. The current proposal is that the cost is divided in thirds: with MIT DSL, IRDF and each chapter contributing \$7500. DSL takes the risk for cost overruns. Three

chapters DTD, SK and No. 6, served as pilot programs this summer, and MIT is in the process of determining the final vendor.

Akil introduced the feedback exercise. He directed each table to discuss the assessment issues with guidance questions (handout). Each person then filled out sticky notes with: Pro, Con, Concerns, Desires. These were collated into categories.

Summaries of main ideas in each category:

Pros:

- Good to get information about their building
- Information would be helpful for raising money
- Common baseline for all houses

Cons:

- Utility of the report – would it be useful?
- Cost – expensive, could use money for maintenance
- Fear of Trust – no transparency into vendor selection, how data will be used

Desires:

- Help with fundraising
- Particular items to include in the report
- Coordination of maintenance and support
- Make residents enjoy their house
- Respect groups to plan and budget themselves

Concerns:

- Financial – cost (\$7500); value for money; precedent set by MIT to require large financial outlay and determine value
- Accreditation – how does this fit into the process? If there are facility issues, will the chapter receive accreditation with reservations?
- Differences between different groups – recently renovated chapters, smaller communities, and chapters without a large alumni base
- Privacy concerns (9) – will the information be used against houses?
- Other:
 - Does MIT recognize that managing is part of the learning process?
 - If they are planning to relocate to West Village, why should they do it?
 - What is follow-up process?
 - “Just call it mandatory”

Tom Stohlman presented a draft FSILG Building Assessment Guide (handout) and draft Facilities Assessment Questionnaire (handout). Tom is working on a mock report. Four chapters have indicated they are ready to go. The vendor has been chosen, but cannot be announced yet.

Akil noted that the plan is to take the feedback and address concerns through FAQs and to continue more discussion about more difficult questions. An Information Session will be held on Nov 29 at 6:30pm at Maseeh Hall, Flowers Dining Room.

Patrick McCabe announced when the Facilities Committee is meeting on Nov. 29 in the FCI Office at 8am.

Pam Gannon updated the plenary on the work for the West Campus Village (slides). The Steering Committee completed its Phase 1 report, which was reviewed by the MIT senior administration and the work will now proceed to Phase 2. The new overall structure is: West Campus Village Steering Committee (Suzy Nelson and Tony Sharon): Taskforce Leaders (Stephen DeFalco, Peter Cummings) supervising three Working Groups: Community Building (Pam Gannon, Bob Ferrara); Village Concept (Steve Baker, Jon Alvarez); Business Model (Stephen DeFalco, Patrick Rowe). The goal is to have specific recommendations in March 2018. Eight chapters have indicated interest in working on Phase 2. A community meeting will be held on Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm at Maseeh Hall, Flowers Dining Room.

Announcements/Other Business

Parent Outreach Committee – Pam Gannon, Chair

Pam thanked chapters that held events during MIT Family Weekend. She noted that parents enjoy these events a lot.

MIT Alumni Association Affinity Group – Akil Middleton

Akil noted that the AILG is continuing efforts toward becoming and MITAA Affinity Group.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- FSILG Facilities Assessment Info Session: Nov. 29, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Flowers Dining Room, Maseeh Hall
- AILG Board Meeting & Holiday Party: Dec. 7, 2017 at 6:00pm at Ashdown House (NW35)
- Next AILG Plenary: Feb 1, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Flowers Dining Room, Maseeh Hall
- AILG Annual Meeting will be held on either May 30 or May 31, 2018 at the MIT Museum.

Adjournment

The plenary meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

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
MITAA	MIT Alumni Association
Panhel	Panhellenic Association
SLI	Safety, Licensing and Inspection Program