



## AILG Plenary Meeting Minutes

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*Wednesday, February 7, 2018 | Maseeh Hall, Flowers Dining Room | Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Akil Middleton*

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### In Attendance

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FSILGs attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi/No. 6, Delta Tau Delta, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi/Xi Fellowship, Theta Chi, Theta Tau, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

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

AILG Board: Akil Middleton, Pam Gannon, Eric Cigan, Cecilia Stuopis

Student Councils: Arjun Mithal (IFC), Meredith Loy (Panhel)

MIT Administration and Other Guests: Bob Ferrara (TC/DSL), Brad Badgley, Liz Jason (FSILG Office); Scott Klemm (FCI); Cody Chamberlin (PKS/MIT Annual Fund)

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### Welcome and Introductions

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Akil Middleton started off a round of introductions.

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### Treasurer's Report (Eric Cigan)

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Eric Cigan presented the balance sheet and profit & loss - budget vs. actual (year to date). He noted that overall the finances are as expected.

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### FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

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The FSILG Student Transitional Leadership Retreat was held last weekend. Participants were Student Council members and chapter presidents. AILG Board members and the FCI also attended.

Graduate Resident Advisors (GRAs) – GRA hiring is in progress.

Campus Preview Weekend (CPW) is in April, the same weekend as Patriot's Day, April 12-15.

Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NEGLA) annual conference will be attended by Panhel and IFC executive members and FSILG Office staff.

Chapter rosters (OMM forms) - all but one chapter has filled these out.

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## Student Council Reports

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IFC (Arjun Mithal) – The FSILG Leadership retreat was successful and attended by all IFC exec members. The IFC is developing community goals, which include community outreach, student outreach and parent outreach. They met with Chancellor Cindy Barnhart and will be meeting with VP of Division of Student Life Suzy Nelson.

Panhel (Meredith Loy) – Panhel is setting community goals also. In addition to outreach, they are looking inward to assess the overall Panhel experience and improve recruitment. Two chapters will be starting informal recruitment.

LGC (Brad Badgeley for Sasha Rickard) – The new LGC advisor Kristin Covino is connecting with Sasha Rickard, LGC Speaker.

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## Facilities Assessment Update (Tom Stohlman, Bob Ferrara)

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Tom Stohlman said that assessments were going well. 12 out of 34 are complete and chapters will be receiving draft reports soon. Bob Ferrara noted that he had attended his chapter's assessment visit and suggested that if houses have specific concerns, they should address them proactively with the assessment team.

It was noted that many houses had issues during the record-breaking cold snap over the holiday break. Patrick McCabe (Facilities Committee Chair) noted that it is important to have a plan for the cold weather. The FCI has asked for specific freeze plans from chapters. The FSILG Office, FCI, Facilities Committee and chapter house corporations collaborated to help the community work through the issues. There was a brief discussion about how the community could collaborate more formally, particularly in establishing contact information and when a chapter does not have local alums available for walk-throughs.

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## West Campus Village Update (Pam Gannon)

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Pam Gannon updated the plenary on the Phase 2 work for the West Campus Village. She reported that an update had recently been sent out on the mitailg list. Three working groups are led by an MIT administrator and AILG member: Design Concept (Steve Baker, Jon Alvarez); Business Model (Stephen DeFalco, Patrick Rowe); Community Building (Pam Gannon, Bob Ferrara). Eight chapters have indicated interest and other chapters have sent representatives to planning meetings, more are welcome. The Design Concept group is working with a potential site to the west of Simmons Hall on Vassar Street and is planning another student survey. Pam noted that Phase 2 is a continuation of preliminary work and MIT will want to conduct their own feasibility study and financial modeling. A question was asked about timing, which is estimated to be 5-10 years. The next community meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:30pm (dinner) 7:00pm (meeting start) at Maseeh Hall, Flowers Dining Room.

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## Status on Key AILG Goals (Pam Gannon and Akil Middleton)

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Faculty Outreach – Pam Gannon noted that she had circulated a list of current MIT faculty and staff. She asked members to note if they had personal connections. She said that a suggestion from the AILG Board meeting was to form a Faculty Advisory Committee.

New Graduate Info Session – Akil Middleton said that the plan is to have a seminar/gathering for seniors and young alums. The Alumni Association is helping with contact information.

Community Benefits Report – Pam Gannon said that the Community Relations Committee and the FSILG Office were given the responsibility of developing the report. The timeline is the academic year, with a final copy to be available at the AILG annual meeting. The data will be gathered from the FSILG Office and the student councils. A draft list of topics was distributed. Additional suggestions were: to include alumni involvement and to have profiles of students and alums.

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## Brainstorming Session: Outreach/PR Initiative

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Akil Middleton introduced the context: bad headlines and negative national press about Greek organizations. He asked groups to brainstorm about how to differentiate our community. Each small group was asked to come up with specifics related to the topics:

- Outreach to the MIT community
- Outreach to the local municipalities
- Connecting with neighbors
- Reaching out to parents
- Reaching out to incoming students
- Unique elements of our community
- Accomplishments of our community

After group discussion, there was a short debrief with the entire plenary.

Mike Feinstein gave a somber warning to the community. He was involved with Beta Theta Pi National working with the Penn State chapter in the aftermath of the tragedy of a student death. He said that the chapter was an exemplary chapter prior to the event, so we should not think that type of incident couldn't happen here. He said that one of the main causes was a lack of bystander intervention. Brad Badgley noted that the IFC is doing bystander training and MIT has a Good Samaritan policy that allows students to report to campus police anonymously.

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## Committee and FCI Updates

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Accreditation – The committee distributed a list of the accreditation status of member organizations. Volunteers were requested for spring accreditations.

FCI - Scott Klemm said that the FCI is holding targeted focus groups to “reimagine the FCI.”

Parent Outreach - Pam Gannon said that the committee will be meeting to plan for CPW. Anyone interested in parent outreach is welcome.

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## Announcements/Other Business

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Plenary times for Academic Year 2018-19: the plenary decided to continue with two evening and two morning meetings for next year.

Bob Ferrara announced that on Sept 29, 2018, will be the Paul Gray Walk for Alzheimer's, starting at MIT. Patrick Walsh of Campus Activity Complex is one of the key organizers. As most know, Paul Gray '54 died this past year. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and MIT's 14<sup>th</sup> very beloved President.

Bob Ferrara announced that for the Pi Day fundraising challenge this year, the 484 Foundation of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will donate \$50,000 for a matching gift. The goal is to increase the number of donors.

### Meetings

- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 1
- Next Plenary: Thursday, April 19 (20 Chimneys, 7AM)
- West Campus Village community meeting: Monday, March 5 (W1, 6:30PM)
- AILG Annual Meeting & Dinner: Wednesday, May 30

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## Adjournment

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The plenary meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

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### 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	Fraternalities, 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