



MINUTES

AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2018 | Ashdown Hulsizer Room | Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Pam Gannon (AP), Akil Middleton (ZP), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO), Eric Cigan (LCA) (by phone), Alice Leung (ET)

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

Other Alumni/ae: Tom Holtey, Patrick McCabe, John Covert, Steve Baker, Brian Hunter

Students: Arjun Mithal (IFC President/TC)

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the 11/01/18 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Update and Financial Report

Eric Cigan, Treasurer reviewed the financial update and report. Proceeding as expected, working on the 1099 which needs to be issued by the end of January.

FSILG Office and Student Council Updates

Brad Badgley reported that IFC and Panhel officer transitions are in progress. There will be a Leadership Retreat the first weekend in February for new student leaders. There are 13 houses that have not replied to the FSILG Office winter/IAP preparation survey; FSILG Office is following up. There will be a 2nd House Manager training session, next Thursday. DSL recognized Phi Sigma Rho as a provisional group, and has asked them to collaborate with Panhel and not conduct their recruitment until after Panhel formal recruitment in the fall. The DSL External Review meetings are completed; thank you to those who participated.

Arjun reported that Sam Ihns of Zeta Psi is the new President. IFC has had some risk management issues this fall, with 6 houses on social hold. IFC is working with Judy to think of ways that the organization can help member houses improve self regulation. This year, a survey about recruitment went out to all first year students. IFC and Panhel are both looking at the data, with MIT, to consider ways to streamline and improve the recruitment process.

Facilities Renewal Steering Committee Report

Pam Gannon reported that the committee is working to get good cost estimates for 4 sample houses, focusing on fire alarms, sprinkler systems and door hardware. DSL will cover the cost of the estimator, and this person will be hired by MIT.

Discussion that some of the Facilities Assessment reports seemed to use codes that were more stringent than should be applied to some of our member houses (e.g. dormitory codes rather than codes for smaller fraternity buildings). The committee was asked to get the estimator to check that they are costing changes or updates that are required by the most appropriate codes for our buildings, rather than the most conservative/stringent codes.

Brainstorming: Spring retreat for AILG and alum corp volunteers

Pam reported that she and Akil have been working with Brad to begin ideas for an FSILG alum corporation volunteer retreat, like the student leadership retreats that the FSILG Office has run. It would likely be held offsite at a place like Endicott House, probably on a weekend day. Volunteers from all houses would be invited and encouraged to attend, whether new or old volunteers. There could be a speaker about a topic of general interest to FSILG alums, there could be sessions on fundraising, board recruiting, and other issues that alum volunteers need to deal with. Currently aiming for late March. Please send ideas to Pam.

Review of other AILG Goals

Akil Middleton reviewed other progress toward AILG goals. He has scheduled a meeting with the Title IX/VPR people at MIT. The Accreditation committee has designed a survey and plans to send it out in January. They are recruiting participants for focus groups. The Facilities committee has a statement about how they see the connection and working relationship between the Facilities committee and the Accreditation process. During IAP, the AILG Board plans to work on the Core Values Statement and draft something over email; the Alumni Association has one that may serve as inspiration.

Fraternities in the News

There are national level and state level lawsuits against Harvard around their recent rules to bar students from belonging to single gender clubs.

Announcements

We need ideas for a speaker for the Annual Meeting. The date has been set for 5/29/2019. Please share ideas for speakers with Akil and Pam.

The February plenary (Feb 13, evening) is in Flowers Dining Room. We had good attendance at the last meeting in the unusual location (W98); we could consider using W98 for future meetings if people like it.

Bob Ferrara's retirement party will be January 24, 4-6pm in Walker. Former AILG Board members and current AILG community invited.

The next AILG Board meeting on 2/7 will be at the normal location and time (W59, 6:30pm)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Leung, AILG Board

Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF	Building Safety Facilitator
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
SLI	Safety, Licensing, and Inspections