



## **AILG Board Meeting**

*Thursday, September 6, 2018 | W59 | Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Akil Middleton*

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### **In Attendance**

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Board: Cody Chamberlin (PKS), Pam Gannon (AP) Akil Middleton (ZP), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO)

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

Other Alumni/ae: Tom Stohlman Tom Holtey. Larry Stabile, Patrick McCabe, Herman Marshall

Students: Meredith Loy (Panhel President/PBP), Arjun Mithal (IFC President/TC)

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### **Review of Minutes**

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Minutes of the 6/26/18 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

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### **Treasurer's Update and Financial Report**

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Eric Cigan, Treasurer was not in attendance. Scott Klemm announced that all expected funds are already in the account and the normal expenses have been paid.

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### **Student Council Updates**

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IFC: Arjun Mithal reported that the IFC is in mid-rush, with most events wrapping up tonight. Bid extension begins on 9/7/2018. Numbers have been solid. They held a number of events during orientation for parents and students that went well. There have been a couple of infractions which have been handled through JudComm. Open discussion with presidents planned for next week.

Panhel: Meredith Loy reported that there were 140 bids extended at the conclusion of Panhel rush. They anticipate a high acceptance rate. Panhel had a new judicial system in place which yielded an increase in infractions. There was good feedback from chapter presidents on this. They also used a new survey to gauge the experience of potential new members; results are not yet available.

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### **FSILG Office Update**

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Brad Badgley discussed the plans to send the post-recruitment email on 9-7-18. He also briefly discussed 8/27/2018 gunfire incident on memorial Drive near PBE, particularly regarding how the FSILG Office will respond. The FSILG office will communicate with the students directly involved, the student leaders, GRAS and alums for the affected and nearby houses. Subsequently, they looped in Akil Middleton, IFC Exec, the Panhel, president, and Scott Klemm. Additional outreach was done to the Dean on Call, the Care Team, and the football coach as there are a number of football players who live at DKE, adjacent to the

incident. He wants the group to know that they can call with questions, but when they are in mid-response, do not expect an immediate response. The investigation is ongoing.

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### Summary of the August AILG Board Retreat

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Akil Middleton summarized the retreat. The board 1) Reviewed 2017-18 goals and progress 2) Facilities assessment, 3) Affinity group status, 4) West campus Village status, 5) How the AILG should support sexual assault awareness and training, 6) the size of the AILG community, 7) How the AILG can support and foster connections between alums and students, and 8) Accreditation.

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### Facilities Assessment Update

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Bob Ferrarra: Alumni leaders and MIT administrators involved in the facilities assessment and implementation met with Suzy Nelson today to review progress to date and outline next steps. In short, across the community, there is a lot of deferred maintenance in the millions. Tom Stohlman, AILG Building Safety Facilitator, is working on standardizing the nomenclature across the reports and is preparing a customized facilities action plan for each house. System-wide, there are issues with sprinklers, fire alarms, doors and egress. They discussed increasing the fund-raising support as well. Next steps include forming a phase 2 steering committee composed of AILG and MIT administration members to work with groups on scoping and implementing the recommendations, as well as to help find contractors to make it easier for houses. The Board expressed general support of this concept; the facilities team will return with a more specific charter for this Phase 2 committee for review by the Board.

*Cody moved to endorse the FSILG Phase 2 Steering Team concept; the motion was seconded and passed 4-0.*

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### Accreditation

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Akil Middleton led a discussion on the AILG Accreditation program. It is a vital, program for the community and he commended the Accreditation Committee for their hard work and responsiveness to feedback. He reviewed the discussion at the Board retreat about the purpose of the program; many think the program in its current form has become somewhat unwieldy, and now it is unclear how the facilities assessment information will be incorporated in a meaningful way. At the retreat, the Board proposed to undertake an in-depth review and refinement of the program. This led to consideration of postponing reviews while the program is evaluated.

Herman Marshall, chair of the Accreditation committee, believes that reviewing the program periodically to ensure it is useful and effective is warranted. He reviewed the history of the accreditation process and reminded the group that it took three years and multiple iterations to it to get to the current state. He noted that the Accreditation Committee had discussed what they could do to assist in an assessment of the program, and what, if anything, they would do in the interim if no reviews were being conducted. Brad Badgley mentioned that the FSILG Office is in support of refining the program as students and alums they interact with are unclear about the purpose of the program and the desired outcome, and the accreditation visits can cause stress and anxiety for students. Several alumni who actively participate in the program noted that they have learned many best practices as a result of conversations during accreditation reviews. The overall inclination of the group was to conduct a review and update of the program, with the involvement of all AILG Committees and other stakeholders.

*Pam Gannon made a motion that the AILG Board postpone the Fall 2018 Accreditation reviews, and that the Board shall coordinate with the various AILG committees and collect widespread AILG input in order to update the program for a late Spring 2019 pilot. The motion was seconded and passed, 4-0.*

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### **AILG Committee Discussion**

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Pam Gannon discussed the evolution of the Parent Outreach Committee, and their recommendation that the functions it has been performing should belong to the FSILG office.

*Pam made a motion to dissolve the Parent Outreach Committee. The motion was seconded and passed 4-0. Next, Pam made a motion to rename the Education Committee the Education and Outreach Committee. The motion was seconded and passed 4-0.*

*The slate of AILG Standing Committee Chairs was reviewed and approved 4-0.*

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### **Plenary Agenda Items**

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Plenary Agenda items were reviewed and approved. The next Plenary is Thursday September 13, 2018 at 7:30am in Twenty Chimneys.

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### **Announcements**

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The AILG has become a MIT Alumni Association Affinity Group. Elena Byrne is the AILG's MITAA liaison.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FSILG/AILG Community BBQ at Chi Phi on September 20.

The FCI Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10/17/2018.

Pam Gannon announced that Bob Ferrara is retiring effective 1/23/19 and recognized his outstanding service to the FSILG community. Pam has been asked by DSL to assume part of the work he has been doing as the Director of FSILG Alumni Programs.

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### **Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cecilia Stuopis, AILG Board

### **Abbreviations**

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| AILG | Association of Independent Living Groups |
| BSF  | Building Safety Facilitator              |
| DSL  | Division of Student Life                 |

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| 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                     |

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