Unofficial AILG Board Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2019 | W59 | Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Because we did not meet the attendance quorum of Board members, this was not an official AILG Board Meeting.

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP), Eric Cigan (LCA), Tyler Kemp-Benedict (pika)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Brad Badgley (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI)

Other Alumni/ae: Larry Stabile, Tom Stohlman, John Covert, Pat McCabe, Bob Ferrara

Treasurer’s Update and Financial Report

Eric Cigan (Treasurer) reviewed the current balance sheet and the income/expenses to date. Everything’s on track for the year. Our CPA completed preparing our tax returns. Eric will review them and file by the November 15th deadline.

FSILG Office and Student Council Updates

Brad Badgley reported that it has been very busy in the FSILG office. No major issues from Halloween, just some minor follow up. There have been increasing neighbor issues in Back Bay, so the office has been working on community relations in Back Bay. May need to work with AILG CommRel committee. Election season underway in our student orgs and IFC. The office will be sending out winter IAP email, also email about registration holds. There have been discussions about GRA subsidies, will have an update for the plenary meeting. FSILG Emerging Leader training retreat coming up. Recently, a campus climate survey was released. The Chancellor is meeting with Panhel, IFC, etc. There was a large campus forum yesterday where data was presented.

AILG Goals discussion

Akil Middleton led a discussion of the AILG goals for the year.

Outreach to students

- What are resources we could tap? Could host sessions, for juniors and seniors.
- Topics we could talk to students about:
  - How do houses operate, how about facilities programs
  - How the entire system works?
- Concerns:
o Scott noted that communicating expectations back to chapters isn’t being done. Example is the IAP training that we no longer do.
o Brad mentioned that the houses who don’t show up at plenary and board are the ones that struggle the most. Indicative of lack of alum involvement.
o The Bob Ferrara Retreat last year brought in some new alums
o Should we be reaching out to alums of chapters with low alum involvement?

CARMA program

- May put on backburner.

Understand today’s students

- Major changes & concerns:
  o Shifting from expecting students to do fixes to alums are landlords
  o Students may have a lack of info on how to budget, surprised at monthly expenses, lots create new checking accounts. Tend to use spreadsheets, institutional memory can be a problems.
  o Brad noted that the FSILG Office runs a house manager’s training 2x/year. 1 hour now, expand to 2 hours. There is house manager and finance training, next one in December
  o Scott pointed out that the trick is to get frats involved, so we need to get IFC onboard.

House management

- Last two items from the list – we should work on in a meeting at FSILG

Other Items

- Discussed timing of Ferrara retreat
- Facilities renewal, can discuss survey
  o Discussed timing of survey
- Involvement in student led efforts – Epstein, Koch brothers,
- Discussed SigEp leaving NIC
- Phi Sigma Rho status
- Accreditation / peer visitation program
  o Akil explained that Eric will co-chair the committee with Herman Marshall. John Covert encouraged us to have Roy Russell on the committee – Akil and Eric strongly agreed that Roy should have a major role.

Plenary Agenda Items

Discussed Plenary agenda – campus climate survey announcement, IRDF update, etc.

Announcements

Scott reported that all spring CIs have been received
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 19:36

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Leung, AILG Secretary

Abbreviations
AILG   Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF    Building Safety Facilitator
CPW    Campus Preview Weekend
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