



AILG Plenary Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023 | in-person and zoom | Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO), Herman L. Marshall (BTP), Alex Pina (DTD), Beverly Borden (WILG), ML Peters (KAT)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI), Jessica Morris (FSILG Office), Anthony Dominguez (FSILG Office), Judy Robinson (Sr. Assoc. Dean, DSL)

FSILGs attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Beta Phi, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Tau, Theta Xi, WILG, Zeta Psi

FSILGs not attending: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi Epsilon, Fenway House, Nu Delta, Delta Psi/Number Six, Phi Kappa Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Zeta Beta Tau

Treasurer's report

Bev was not attending but reports are on the web. If on the PVP team, you can ask for reimbursement. Bev is preparing the 2023-24 AILG annual budget for presentation at the June 22 Annual meeting.

The GRA Program

Liz Jason was the keynote speaker, providing a summary and update of the GRA program. Liz handed out the current GRA job description, which will be available on-line and is the same as that of the dorm GRAs. She started the presentation with a short history of the GRA program, which began after the death of Scott Krueger in 1997. The RA Review Task Force (2012-13) recommended many attributes of the subsequently implemented GRA program. Cohorts of GRAs are formed for improved communication and consistency across the system. GRAs are provided funding to run monthly activities and participate in living group meals. There is a mechanism for covering time away. GRAs are not living group members, not house managers, and shouldn't be party guests at their houses. Liz also described some of the expectations for alumni interaction with GRAs, such as inviting GRAs to attend house corporation meetings and being involved in GRA selection. Some selection is on-going; the FSILG office gets a few indications of interest from potential GRAs daily. The FSILG can help attract GRAs with incentives. During the summer, there are four GRAs for area coverage who help the dean-on-call system.

FSILG Office / DSL, and Council updates

Liz reported that CPW worked out very well. Next up is planning for fall recruitment. The campus student center will be unavailable until October or later.. Student group rooms had to be emptied. The IFC vote on LCA's petition to come back to campus failed, even though the request was supported by the FSILG office.

Leela Fredlund (Panhel pres.) reported for Panhel activities during CPW, which she felt went well. The first two STAR program events were held.

Anthony reported on the IFC, who is planning to emphasize community. One activity is to revamp social host training. There are now drink spiking posters up in every living group and there will be internal risk managers in each house. Monitors and guest lists are being established more strenuously. Alcohol transports have dropped as a result.

Jessica talked about LGC and the multi-cultural Greek council (MCGC). The LGC will be led more by FSILG staff (i.e., Jessica). The MCGC will have a retreat; one issue is having transitions as many students are graduating. The (unhoused) MCGC spans the Boston area and has more political and social justice activities.

Status of the Facilities Renewal program

Pam Gannon provided a short summary of the program. The plan is to get past egress improvement phase to begin upgrades of fire alarm systems and sprinkler systems. The FCI bills for the 25% of the upgrade costs, while the rest is covered by the IRDF. Almost all work in a pilot program for phase I is complete. Pam reported on lessons learned, which include early planning and communicating regularly. Also, the program will be simplified and more hands-on management is needed. FCI will now handle project management, partly because they are already familiar with our houses. The next phase is to start work on egress improvement for 10 volunteer living groups.

Other Business

Amy Davis provided an update about the Weedon Alumni Relations Award. It is for student activity for events outside the normal annual engagement with alumni. Last year, there was no award. Submissions for the current academic year's activities will be due in November.

Visits are being planned for the Peer Visit program. Roy Russel renewed the call for alumni to sign up to visit living groups.

Bob Ferrara reminded folks that the Nominating Committee is working to fill nominations for the AILG board and ombuds persons.

Announcements

The Annual Meeting will be on June 22, 2023.

This is the time during which lodging licenses are to be renewed in Boston.

There were 212 donors totaling over \$64K to the IRDF during the 24-hr challenge.

Adjournment – 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Herman L. Marshall, 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
IS&T	Information Systems & Technology
LGC	Living Group Council
MITAA	MIT Alumni Association
NIC	North American Interfraternity Conference
NPC	National Panhellenic Conference
Panhel	Panhellenic Association
RFM	Release Figure Methodology (algorithm for optimizing Panhel recruitment)
SLI	Safety, Licensing, and Inspections
VPF	Vice President for Finance
VPR	Vice President Recruitment