FSILG Village Facility Design
Task Force

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Goals

• Review facility options for proposed FSILG village incorporation into West Campus Development
• Meet diverse needs of FSILG groups
• Create a strong environment for the growth of FSILG community and a central point for FSILGs within the west campus of MIT
• Better integrate FSILGs into MIT student life
Proposed Village Layout

- Semi-detached vertical structures with central quadrangle (green space)

- Separate entrances to individual living groups but with provisions for shared common space and resources (Basement, ground levels)

- Mix of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups
Size

• Anticipate 5 to 6 story townhouses to accommodate house needs
• Target occupancy between 40 to 50
• Meet all specifications to allow freshmen to live in the village
• Provide some flexibility for each groups’ needs
  – Ensure lockable access points across floors to maintain high occupancy rates (card swipes)
Floor Plans

• Living space on upper floors, expectation that all beds will be filled
• Design for 10 - 13 beds per floor
• Allow some individual design modifications by FSILG groups with room layout, examples:
  – Able to turn two singles into a two room double
  – Able to turn two room triple into a two room double or quad (based on housing needs)
• Small hallway common room on each floor
Residential Floor Bathrooms

• Large shared bathroom on each floor
  – Two to Three shower units per floor
  – Two toilets and either a third toilet or a separate urinal per floor
  – Double vanity central sink
Utilities

• Install shared systems as much as possible
  – Maintenance by Co-Op or MIT

• Keep individual meters for houses
  – Electricity, etc.

• Stress function and ease of maintenance given current generation needs and skills
Faculty House Master and RA

• Build larger space within the village to accommodate a Faculty House Master for the FSILG Village as a whole

• GRA accommodations within each individual house
Dining

• Shared central large kitchen or commercial catering prep space
  – MIT food catering services or Shared FSILG catering staff
• Each FSILG with its own dining space
  – House meals important part of FSILG experience for most
• Each FSILG to have an individual kitchen (like a single family home or as recently renovated in New House for affinity groups) that allows individual or small group meal prep, breakfast, etc.
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Laundry and Elevators

• Large laundromat style facility in underground shared common space

• Shared Elevators across adjacent houses
Roof Decks

• Each house with own roof deck
• Permitted on campus
• Most dormitories have them with resident access
• Will provide beautiful views of Boston skyline
• Install with adequate safeguards
  – Install large railings at least 3 to 4 feet back from wall at edge of roof
  – Keycard access only from stairwell of each house
  – Shut down roof decks at midnight (RA if needed)
    • Self-imposed ban to minimize liability risks
Shared Social/Meeting Space

- Larger shared social space to host joint functions, parties and large meetings
  - Can also be open to MIT community for large events as needed
Study Space

• Include multiple study/conference rooms equipped with AV needs and white board
• West campus lacking large study space outside of student center
• Have multiple within the shared underground common space and smaller ones within the residential floors