

Dear FSILG friends and fellow stakeholders,

We would like to update you on the progress of the FSILG facilities assessment initiative. The overall goal is to promote and support implementation of the physical renewal of the Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups (FSILGs) to ensure they remain vital and vibrant resources to MIT students. Currently, MIT's FSILGs provide housing for approximately 1,100 students in 37 houses, along with a graduate resident advisor in each living group, comprising approximately 25% of MIT's undergraduate student housing.

The facilities assessments are a collaboration of the Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG) and the MIT Division of Student Life (DSL), in consultation with the MIT Department of Facilities. Stakeholders include the FSILG House Corporations, FSILG alums, and students. Phase 1, a year-long effort, was just completed for all 34 FSILG houses that are not owned and managed by MIT. The results have given us a deeper understanding of the needs for physical renewal of existing building systems, building envelopes, and life safety systems in the FSILGs.

The FSILG Facilities Renewal Steering Committee has been formed to oversee coordination of next steps. The group is comprised of members of the AILG, DSL, MIT Facilities, and FSILG Cooperative, Inc. (FCI). The AILG Facilities Committee has recommended an initial focus on fire alarms, sprinkler systems, and egress doors and hardware as potential community-wide projects. The Steering Committee is working to get refined cost estimates for these life safety upgrades and is actively exploring opportunities for funding to support community-wide projects.

The AILG Facilities Committee is at the center of the renewal endeavor. The Facilities Committee will oversee the generation and maintenance of the Facility Action Plans. Each FSILG's house corporation board has received a report from the Phase 1 vendor, ARUP. Tom Stohlman, AILG Building Safety Facilitator (BSF), will be assisting each of our member organizations in customizing a Facilities Action Plan based on these reports and the needs and goals of the individual FSILG.

In addition, members of the Steering Committee are developing programs for alums and students in collaboration with the MIT Alumni Association and MIT Resource Development to support organizations that may be considering fundraising efforts in the short-term or long-term. A Fundraising Seminar will take place on Thursday, November 29, at 6:30pm, at the Flowers Dining Room in Maseeh Hall (dinner available at 6:00pm). Please respond [here](#) if you plan to attend.

We hope that the next phase of FSILG facilities renewal will provide an opportunity to upgrade core fire and life safety systems and enhance the physical living environment across all our organizations. We urge the entire community to continue to discuss and recommend stewardship for the next generation of FSILGs.

We plan to provide regular community updates and will post our progress on the AILG web site at <http://ailg.mit.edu/fsilg-facilities-assessment>, which also includes detailed background information. Please feel free to e-mail [fsilg-facilities-renewal@mit.edu](mailto:fsilg-facilities-renewal@mit.edu) with questions or comments.

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