



AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2011 | W59 | Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Pam Gannon

In Attendance

Board: Pam Gannon (AP), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO), Eric Cigan (LCA), Alice Leung (ET)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Brad Badgley (FSILG Office)

Other Alumni/ae: Bob Ferrara, Tom Holtey, Patrick McCabe, John Covert, Steve Baker

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the 12/06/18 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Update and Financial Report

Eric Cigan, Treasurer reviewed the financial update and report. A savings account has been opened.

FSILG Office and Student Council Updates

Brad Badgley reported that the FSILG Leadership Retreat is happening this weekend, and that the Panhel and IFC leaders will also be going to the NGLA retreat. The Campus Preview Weekend program for parents is being finalized. Houses have been informed about Superbowl celebration advice. There were 2 water issues at houses this IAP, with one water header failure and one minor pipe burst. Bob Ferrara made a fun quiz activity for the FSILG Leadership Retreat. Brad and Akil met with the MIT Violence Prevention and Response group to plan the upcoming Plenary presentation.

Update on Accreditation Redesign Efforts

Pam Gannon reported that the alum focus groups were held and that meeting notes from the September community brainstorming were being assembled. A survey was sent to the focus group participants and will also go out to the AILG list from Pam or Akil soon.

Facilities Renewal Steering Committee Update

Pam Gannon reported that the committee and DSL is getting good cost estimates for 4 sample houses, focusing on fire alarms, sprinkler systems and door hardware. The committee will look at the results and plans to ask MIT for assistance on carrying out some of the recommended life safety improvements. Pam met with the MIT fundraising group to brief them on the IRDF and FSILG community.

Status on AILG Goals

Pam Gannon reviewed other progress toward AILG goals. A Title IX and VPR collaboration presentation is planned for the February plenary. This will be at W98 on the evening of Wed, February 13. The AILG and FSILG Office are planning the 1st Annual Bob Ferrara Alumni/ae Retreat for FSILG alum leadership. This will likely be on a Saturday morning, May 18 is a possible date. The AILG education budget could be used toward a speaker or activities for this.

February Plenary Planning

There was discussion that Pam, Cecilia, and Alice could reach out to sorority and ILG alums to let them know about the Title IX/VPR focus for the plenary meeting, and to encourage attendance.

Key Committee Updates

Bob reviewed a write-up of a plan for how the Facilities and Accreditation Committees could coordinate. This was documented to address concerns that the redesigned accreditation process and visits should not focus too much on facilities issues or monitoring the facilities renewal plans.

Bob noted that the community relations and outreach efforts, which have organized a neighborhood open house in Back Bay in September, are likely to switch to a late spring event. The outreach effort will focus on a neighborhood where there is some need to increase positive neighborhood presence or awareness. They may also support houses that want to hold their own smaller events, such as neighbor dinners.

Jessie Stickgold-Sarah would like to step down as the IT Committee Chair. We also need a Finance Chair.

News from Nationals

Yale has been in the news lately because students have sued them around the issue of all-male fraternities. A group, Engender, has formed to push for coedity there.

Announcements

A possible speaker for the Annual Meeting was discussed. Cecilia will reach out to invite her.

The Thursday April 11th morning plenary date is bad. We will try to move it to Wednesday morning, April 10th.

The next AILG Board meeting on 3/7 will be at the normal location and time (W59, 6:30pm)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. The AILG Board held a short executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Leung, AILG Board

Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF	Building Safety Facilitator
DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternalities, 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