

# West Campus Village Initiative

## Presentation to the Panhellenic Association Delegates Meeting

✧ Ensuring a Vibrant Community for Future Generations of MIT Students ✧

APRIL 13, 2017

# Today's Purpose

- ▶ Outline Phase I recommendations
- ▶ Share planning effort with key stakeholders
- ▶ Continue to recruit interested FSILGs



# West Campus Village Committees

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- ▶ Steering Committee: Provide direction and oversight

Stephen DeFalco, Chair;

Robert Binkowski, IFC President

Bob Ferrara, DSL

Karen Gleason, Associate Provost

Steve Baker, AILG Chair

Ayomide Fatunde, Panhel President

Pam Gannon, AILG Board

Pravina Samaratunga, LGC Speaker.

Former members: David Dellal, IFC    Sasha Crandall Fleischman, LGC;  
Caitlyn Mason, Panhel

- ▶ Benchmarking Committee: Comparisons of Greek Village and new residential projects at other universities

- ▶ Co-chairs: Courtney Diamond, Panhel    Bob Ferrara, DSL  
Jack Gordon, IFC

- ▶ Student Design Workshops: Develop architectural program

- ▶ Co-chairs: Robert Binkowski, IFC;  
Ayomide Fatunde, Panhel (formerly Caitlyn Mason)



# Example of a residential environment



Artist's rendering of South Forty Residential College at Washington University of St. Louis

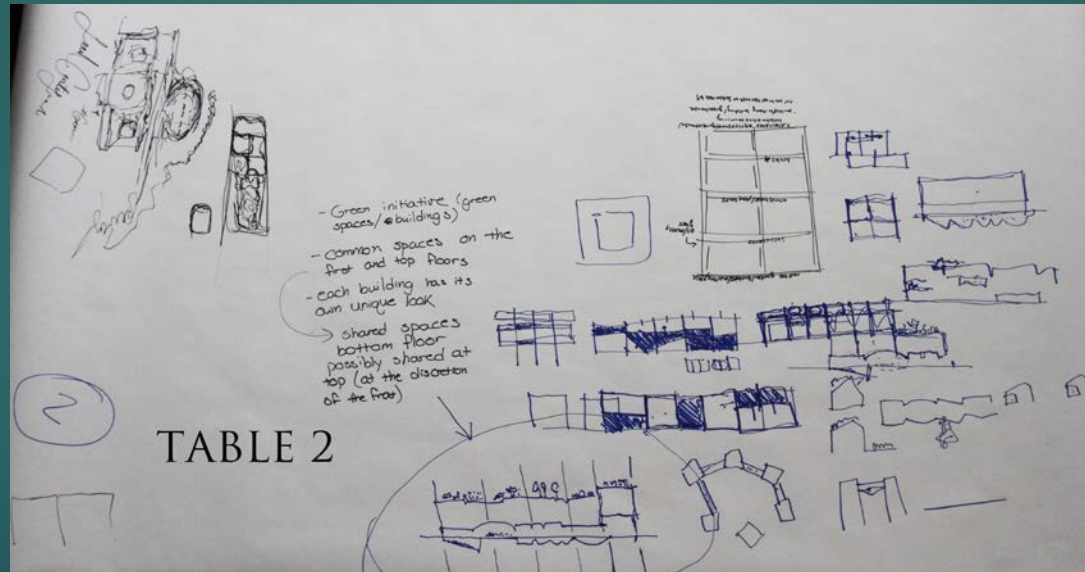
Full Benchmarking Committee Report at [ailg.mit.edu/west-village](http://ailg.mit.edu/west-village)



# Student Design Workshops

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- ▶ Two workshops held – November 2016, January 2017
- ▶ Design elements survey
- ▶ Facilitated by FSILG alumni (MIT-trained architects)





# Phase I Recommendations

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## Overall:

- ▶ MIT should designate an area of the West Campus to construct a purposefully built West Campus Village with space for FSILG housing units.
- ▶ Moving to the West Campus Village will be a voluntary option available to all FSILGs on a space available basis.
- ▶ MIT should designate a space sufficient for 12 chapters. It is expected there will be approximately 6 FSILGs who elect to become early adopters.
- ▶ MIT should target the first units being occupied by the Fall of 2021.



# Phase I Recommendations

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## Architectural Program:

- ▶ The Village should be built as a destination for the MIT community. Study spaces, meeting spaces, dining spaces, retail, and athletic facilities can be made available in an adjacent structure.
- ▶ Each chapter should have a separate entrance and house 35-50 students in 5-6 story structures with living and dining areas on lower floors, roof decks, and an assortment of single, double, and triple bedrooms on the upper floors.
- ▶ Graduate resident advisor (GRA) rooms in each chapter.
- ▶ Where possible, chapters should share infrastructure such as utilities, IT, security, and underground parking for cars and bicycles.
- ▶ In the adjacent structure, there should be living space for faculty mentor.
- ▶ Meeting and storage space should be made available for un-housed groups and for sorority chapter meetings.



# Phase I Recommendations

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## Operations:

- ▶ An emphasis should be placed on “Independent” living where student leaders are provided as much autonomy as possible in governing their own residences and the Village, and in making decisions on chapter services (e.g. maintenance, dining).
- ▶ Governance should mirror today’s model with alumni working with undergraduates to budget, manage, and lead their individual chapters.
- ▶ Financial models should be developed to accommodate
  - ▶ Chapters that own their house
  - ▶ Chapters that rent their house from MIT
  - ▶ Chapters that rent their house from another FSILG



# Share Planning Effort

## **FSILG Community:**

- ▶ April 12 ALG meeting
- ▶ April 13 Panhel Delegates
- ▶ April 20 IFC Presidents
- ▶ April 26 ALG Community Meeting
- ▶ 1:1 sessions with each chapter
- ▶ Possible session prior to May 31 ALG Dinner



# Next Steps (in progress)

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- ▶ Gain approval of this plan from the MIT administration.
- ▶ Embed the findings and recommendations in the West Campus planning activities.
- ▶ Develop a communication and outreach plan for alumni and stakeholders.
- ▶ Discuss with individual FSILGs and seek a commitment from chapters to participate in the first phase of construction.
- ▶ Develop financial models that meet the needs of different organizations.
- ▶ Continue conceptual design exercises and include alumni and students in the design of their individual chapter houses.



# For More Information

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