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Hello MIT FSILG Stakeholders,

We would like to update you on the progress of the West Campus Village initiative. Our goal is to create a lively new center of campus life on the West Campus, providing housing for fraternities, sororities and independent living groups who wish to relocate to campus, student-related retail and activity spaces, and additional options for grad, undergrad, and faculty housing – all integrated into MIT's comprehensive West Campus Planning effort.

Led by MIT Alum Stephen DeFalco '83, SM '88, the effort began in 2015 with the aim to engage all MIT constituencies and stakeholders. The West Campus Village Steering Committee and working groups completed Phase 1 in May 2017. Key accomplishments were:

- Recruited students, alums, and MIT staff members to participate in three working groups.
- Compiled a [Benchmarking Report](#) after interviewing 22 colleges and universities that recently constructed housing for fraternities, sororities or independent living groups.
- Organized two interactive Student Design workshops to develop broad features of an architectural program. More than 100 students commented on the proposals.
- Held seven community meetings with various constituencies (IFC, Panhel, alumni groups) to develop a series of recommendations for consideration by the MIT administration.

Based on the solid reception of the Committee's Phase 1 West Campus Village Report by MIT's senior administration, a Phase 2 effort has been launched. A Steering Committee with three taskforces will engage in the next level of planning under the overall leadership of Suzy Nelson, Vice President and Dean for Student Life, and Tony Sharon of the Executive Vice President's Office. Eight FSILGs requested to participate in this next level of the planning process.

Three committees, each co-led by an alum and an MIT staff member, are being organized:

- Community Building Taskforce – headed by Pam Gannon '84 and Bob Ferrara '67 of DSL. Their charge is to keep all stakeholders informed and involved and to reach out to others with possible interest in revitalizing the West Campus.
- Village Concept Taskforce – headed by Steve Baker '84 MArch '88, and Jon Alvarez, Director of Campus Planning. They will explore design typologies and concepts and develop an architectural program.
- Business Model Taskforce – headed by Stephen DeFalco '83, SM '88 and Patrick Rowe, Director of Real Estate at MITIMCo. The goal is to develop preferred ownership/lease models and capital cost and revenue forecasts.

We plan to provide regular community updates and will post our progress on the AILG web site, ailg.mit.edu/west-village, which also includes detailed background information. Please

feel free to e-mail west-village-feedback@mit.edu with questions or comments.

Thanks,

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