

## AILG Plenary Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, 19 April 2017 | MIT Student Center-20 Chimneys | Meeting called to order at 7:33 am by Akil Middleton

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### In Attendance

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FSILGs attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nu Delta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi/Xi Fellowship, Theta Chi, Theta Tau, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

FSILGs not attending: Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Fenway House, Number Six Club, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Theta Delta Chi, WILG

AILG Board: Akil Middleton (ZP/Chair), Pam Gannon (AP/Vice Chair), Eric Cigan (LCA/Treasurer), Steve Baker (TX/Secretary), Cecilia Stuopis (ACO, Director)

Students: Arjun Mithal (TC/IFC President), Nathan Hernandez (pika/LGC Speaker), Andy Rodriguez (TT)

MIT Administration and Other Guests: Bob Ferrara (TC/DSL), Judy Robinson (DSL), Dennis Collins (DSL), Brad Badgley (FSILG Office), Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Kristen Covino (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI), Oscar Argueta (FCI), Karie Allison (Elevate), Charlie Frick (Heritage Management Group), Austin Ashe (MITAA), Elena Byrne (MITAA)

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### Welcome and Introductions

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Akil Middleton started off a round of introductions.

Scott Klemm reminded all authorized Boston alumni/ae representatives to sign the Boston Lodging License application in FCI's possession before they leave today.

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### Treasurer's Report (Eric Cigan)

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Eric Cigan presented the current balance sheet and income statement (year to date). He reported that income and expenses are generally tracking the budget.

Eric introduced the proposed budget for AY2019, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

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### FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

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Brad Badgley reported on activities of the FSILG Office. He started by congratulating Nathan Hernandez (pika), who was recently elected as LGC Speaker. Brad reported that CPW went well, noting that a parent's information session on FSILGs jointly hosted by the FSILG Office, the three student councils, and the AILG was well attended and went well. There were no major problems during the weekend.

Brad announced that the FSILG Awards Reception will be held on 2 May at 7:00 pm in the Samberg Conference Center; an invitation announcement was sent to mitailg, and he encouraged all alumni to attend.

Brad noted that the FSILG Office is now preparing a meeting for Summer House Managers in order to plan for the summer. He reported that June degree holds are due by 3 May.

Brad reported that all GRAs for AY2019 have been selected, pending background checks. He reminded all organizations to submit invoices for GRA subsidies for the current year if they haven't do so already.

Brad and Austin Ashe (MITAA) reported that the D. Reid Weedon FSILG Alumni Relations award application deadline is tomorrow (20 April). Brad and Austin also reminded all organizations to notify the MITAA if they are planning reunion open houses.

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### **Student Council Reports (Arjun Mithal, Nathan Hernandez)**

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IFC President Arjun Mithal reported on IFC activities. The IFC presented an informational event during CPW; about 200 pre-frosh attended. The IFC is currently working on an I3 video for publication on its website this summer. The IFC is working on the on-demand shuttle service program.

LGC Speaker Nathan Hernandez reported on LGC activities; he noted that he is newly elected and becoming familiar with the LGC constituent groups. The LGC is currently working on an I3 video.

Brad Badgley reported that Panhel's Exec is currently planning its programming for next academic year. Panhel is also working on an I3 video.

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### **West Campus Village (Pam Gannon, Steve Baker)**

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Pam Gannon reported on recent work for the West Campus Village. She noted that the WCV Phase 2 Steering Committee has been heavily engaged with MIT staff and interested organizations to develop design concepts, management models, and financial pro-formas for the village; the goal is ensure that all organizations have adequate information to make a decision whether the village is a good choice for them. Pam noted that after nearly 4 years of study, the project is approaching an inflection point: on behalf of MIT, the Steering Committee is now seeking firm commitments to move into the village.

Steve Baker emphasized that MIT has approached this project with great seriousness and intent; it has demonstrated a real commitment to making the village a reality. But before MIT will assign the land to the village, it needs to know that there is demand for this project. Members of the Steering Committee are willing to meet with individual organizations to discuss what they need to make a decision, and he asked groups to come forward with their questions so that they can be answered.

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### **Facilities Assessment Program (Tom Stohlman)**

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Tom Stohlman reported on the status of the facilities assessment program. Almost all of the facilities assessment visits have been conducted, and about two-thirds of the draft reports have been submitted. Follow-up meetings with each organization to review report drafts are in progress, and the assessment team is now editing the draft reports based on organizations' comments.

Tom presented a one-page raft summary of resources available to assist FSLGs to interpret the assessment reports and address identified deficiencies. The goal is to help each organization to develop a written action plan to respond to areas of concern identified in their facility assessment report. Tom offered to meet with each organization individually to review its report. He noted that MIT Facilities and FCI are developing vendor lists who can perform work, including possibly pooling projects to reduce cost. The MITAA and AILG will be holding a fundraising seminar on 9 May to help prepare organizations to run fundraising campaigns to pay for required improvements.

Tom noted that the AILG accreditation process will include a review of progress on the response and plan as part of its accreditation review process. In response to a question, Tom stated that if an organization ignores a serious safety concern for an extended period of time, it will be escalated over time through the accreditation process and then to the AILG Board.

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### **FSILG Relationship Agreement (Akil Middleton, Judy Robinson)**

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Akil Middleton presented the proposed FSILG Relationship Agreement. He reported that the genesis of the document was the 2012 FSILG Strategic Plan and reviewed the history of its drafting. He also noted that completing this agreement has been an AILG goal since 2015, and there was a concentrated push over the past year to finalize it. He stated that at

DSL's recommendation, the relationship agreement was wrapped in with MIT's recognition policy. The document has been finalized and adopted by the student councils and the AILG board of directors; only AILG plenary approval remains.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the Relationship Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Progress toward 2017-2018 AILG Goals (Akil Middleton)**

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Akil Middleton reviewed progress toward the AILG's goals for the current year:

Completing the Relationship Agreement: Akil noted that completing the relationship agreement (just passed) was one of the goals.

Recruiting New FSILG Alumni: Akil Middleton reported that an informational and social event is planned for 24 April for all FSILG graduating seniors; the purpose is to encourage them to remain connected with their chapters after graduation. He requested all alumni to encourage their seniors to attend.

Community Benefits Report: Pam Gannon reported that a group of stakeholders is working on a report summarizing how the AILG is fulfilling its mission to support MIT and larger community. Pam noted that this report is a prototype for future years; it is hoped that this report will become an annual submission. Brad Badgley reported that DSL has retained a graphic designer to design the report and noted that the goal is to tell the community's story in a favorable light.

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### **Announcements/Other Business**

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Jim Latimer announced that the annual Charles River Cleanup is on 28 April and reported that the Charlesgate Alliance (of which the AILG Community Relations Committee is a member) is inviting all FSILGs to participate. He noted that spots are being reserved for our members and asked all organizations to encourage their students (and alumni) to participate and wear their letters. Kristen Covino noted that this event would also fit in MIT's "Service Together" initiative. Brad Badgley will send out registration forms and information to all FSILGs later today. Pam Gannon urged alumni to also participate with their undergrads. Mike Feinstein encouraged organizations to take photos of their participation.

Scott Klemm reported that the annual AILG House Bill survey will be performed by the FCI this spring, after a two-year hiatus. He noted that a request for data will be issued via email later today and asked all organizations to participate. The goal is to issue results by end of the semester so that data can be used in setting fall term bills. Scott also noted that FCI may ask for prior years' data to reconstruct a report for last year.

Akil Middleton announced that Austin Ashe of MITAA is moving on to other assignments and thanked him for his work on behalf of the FSILG community over the past several years. He welcomed Elena Byrne, who is taking over for Austin as MITAA's liaison to the community.

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee, Coordinator John Covert thanked all spring accreditation visiting committee volunteers and stated that additional volunteers will be needed in fall. Committee Chair Herman Marshall noted that more sorority alumnae are needed to ensure the Panhel groups are appropriately reviewed. He also reported that the Accreditation BDF is being revised for the sororities and ILGs, to make it more relevant to their operational needs.

Scott Klemm reported that a new Boston building inspector has been assigned to conduct annual egress inspections; he encouraged all groups to make sure houses are ready for inspection and clean, in order to appropriately introduce the new inspector to our communities. David Lawrence reported that the new inspector has appeared less flexible in interpreting code requirements than his predecessor.

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### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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Akil Middleton announced the following meeting and events:

The next AILG Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, **2 May at 6:00 pm** in the Samberg Center.

The FSILG Community Awards reception will be on Wednesday, **2 May at 7:00 pm** in the Samberg Center; advance RSVPs to the FSILG Office are requested.

An MITAA/AILG Fundraising Seminar will be on Wednesday, **9 May at 7:00 pm (dinner at 6:30)** in the Flowers Dining Room of Maseeh Hall; advance RSVPs are required.

The AILG Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **30 May at 6:00 pm** in the MIT Museum; MIT Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart will be the keynote speaker.

The annual back-to-school community barbeque will be Thursday, **20 September** at time TBD Chi Phi.

Akil Middleton noted that there are two Board of Directors seats up for election at the annual meeting; Steve Baker will not be running for reelection. Interested parties should contact any board member for more information.

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## Adjournment

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The plenary meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

## Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF	Building Safety Facilitation
CPW	Campus Preview Weekend
DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternalities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
GRA	Graduate Resident Advisor
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 Inspection Program