

Here the minutes of the April 21, 2020 AILG IT meeting. Please send any corrections.

Attending: Pam Gannon, Scott Klemm, Brian Stephens, John Morgante, Kevin Milligan, John Covert, Bob Ferrara, and Bob Xavier.

**Review of 2/6 Minutes.** Several action items noted in 2/6 minutes were completed, and several more were delayed since the COVID-19 response has become the top priority. These ones are still relevant but are delayed:

- **ACTION ITEM:** IS&T/DSL Annual meeting - For now, postponed indefinitely.
- **ACTION ITEM:** IT Committee organization "locker" - Scott will create.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Move from Dropbox to IT Committee Locker - Bob and Scott will collaborate on this and move and move all the material. The meeting minutes will be removed from the web site and put in the locker as part of this move.
- **ACTION ITEM:** - IT dashboard - Scott and Brian will design the appropriate document and procedure for updating.

**Network Management Program:** Scott noted that since no FSILG closet inspections will happen this semester with COVID issues, all spring term inspection fees will be refunded. This proposal was affirmed by unanimous vote. Everybody has signed to the July 2019 NMP program description by paying the annual program fee. Now, there is only one critical issue requiring attention - DKE is offline – and that is being worked on.

Brian noted there is minimal network activity throughout MIT since the campus is so deserted. on campus or off-site FSILGs. and is the highest priority. Scott asked Brian: Do we have the capability to remotely turn off the APs in each building if needed? (YES). Also, there was a brief discussion of whether network activity could be used as a proxy alarm for unanticipated activity in certain buildings (NO). .

Scott noted that the FCI has hired a Director of Facilities (Josh Schuler) and is rolling out the Facilities Management program by May 1. As of 4/21, there are 7 definite FSILG customers and 2 more in the pipeline. He also noted he will need 3+ weeks before he can look at the locker Action Item noted above.

**Domain Grabbing:** This is a new issue that is just coming on the radar. A few FSILGs have been “grabbing” domains like “fraternity.mit.edu”, “party.mit.edu”, etc. Use of these can likely violate IFC rules. There is as yet no formal policy or intervention (yet!) but IS&T and the FSILG Office are now considering how to respond. This could be an area for a new policy and/or approval process. Currently is done routinely via the IS&T service desk. IS&T has the power to override any “mit.edu” domain. Their focus to date has been to protect global names that are appropriate for the whole campus, such as “zoom.mit.edu”.

**UPS installation project.** This is essentially complete. PSK’s and DTD’s UPSs are in the FCI offices pending completion of their construction projects. Scoot noted the only issues to date was with Alpha Phi. Their arc fault breaker needed to be changed to a regular beaker due to lack of clean power to their buildings in Kenmore Square.

**Escalation procedure progress.** The escalation procedure has been blessed by the AILG Board at their last meeting. It is now published on the AILG IT Committee web page. As noted, the primary purpose is to make sure the FSILG are responsive to IS&T maintenance request.

**IS&T/DSL Annual meeting.** This meeting to review “big picture” items and trends has yet occurred in the 5 years it was first proposed as part of the then new DSL Strategic Plan. It is not urgent now, and hopefully can happen in coming months as the current crisis subsides.

**AILG Annual Meeting.** There was, however, a lot of discussion about the AILG Annual Meeting, originally scheduled for May and an AILG plenary format. Pam noted that the Annual Meeting will be not be held as in previous years. The AILG Board is considering a virtual meeting to present reports and accomplish some of the required standard AILG business.

Pam asked about hosting alternatives. Brian outlined some of the arrangements for on President Reif’s town hall meeting, attended by about 7000 people. See <http://web.mit.edu/webcast/townhall/> Slido was used as part of this event, which was organized by MIT’s new VP of Communications Alfred Ironsides. Bob F. recommended that Pam connect with Kyle Filipe of IS&T. Kyle is helping the Discovery Museum with a virtual talk and discussion by former MIT President Susan Hockfield.

Hopefully we will know the plan for the Fall semester by this meeting (but maybe not). Pam noted that MIT folks are examining a variety of scenarios.

**Closet Monitoring:** This item was skipped over because no progress could be made during current COVID-19 times.

**Review of web page.** No issues were noted except that Bob Xavier’s email address will be changed to [bob.xavier@alum.mit.edu](mailto:bob.xavier@alum.mit.edu)

**Roundtable/ A Thank You.** More than \$4.5M has been spent in 5+ years in bringing great connectivity to all MIT FSILGs and integrating them into MIT’s campus plan. There have a few glitches along the way, but overall, the performance has been excellent. Thank you to IS&T!

**Next Meeting.** The final meeting of the term is scheduled for Thursday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing plans and prospects for summer, as well as the fall term. We might also look at incident reporting and resolution and whether outreach/training is required as students return to campus.

Regards, Bob Xavier & Bob Ferrara, Co-chairs, AILG IT Committee