

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30AM Student Center Mezzanine Lounge**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30am

**7:30 Welcome and Introductions**

Steve Baker introduced himself, initiated round of introductions and introduced the new Dean of Student Life, Chris Colombo.

**7:35 Remarks by Dean Colombo**

Dean Colombo introduced himself and explained he lived on campus at Next House to better understand student life at M.I.T. His experience includes eighteen years at Johns Hopkins and sixteen at Columbia in student life, both with fraternities but no ILGs although Columbia had purchased apartments as equivalent. He is impressed with volunteer participation through AILG, their prior experience as students at MIT and their desire to continue traditions. He is in awe of how students are able to devote time to both academics and extracurricular. The alumni learned living experiences both at MIT and outside which they bring to students. Their participation shows responsibility of supporting self governance in supporting education of students. The accreditation process is amazing – he does not know of any other school doing it. Dean Colombo expressed the commitment of DSL staff in helping achieve goals of board and the door is always open in reaching out to alumni and AILG. Dean Colombo then took questions from the group. One area of interest requiring more support is having alumni help students manage self governance. Another important area is to understand how students interact with MIT and the total experience they have at the institute. This is important to create an environment that creates alumni with closer ties with MIT. Another is the ability to better communicate with the students. FSILGs will continue to be an important part of the Institute in serving students.

**7:50 Review of AILG Goals**

Steve Baker reviewed the AILG goals for the academic year and asked for volunteers to help facilitate them.

Volunteers:

Intervention – Steve Baker, Steve Summit, Jim Janesky  
Educational Programs – Brian Owens ZBT, Raffaella Wakeman  
Alumni Advising – Sara, Alicia, Steve Baker, Bob Ferrara  
Resident Advisor – Sara Pierce, Steve Summit, Herman, Rich Passamato

**8:00 FSILG Office Update – Kaya Miller, Assistant Dean of FSILGs**

Kaya expressed the continued need for FSILG alumni involvement with students to mitigate risks. Kaya explained her new role as devoted full-time to FSILGs.

Kaya introduced new Panhel president Minh-Phuong Huynh-Le AXO, David Farhi LGC, and David Hutchins, ZBT IFC president. Judicial update: one LG was brought to BLB. The LG was sanctioned and is on probation. The attitude of inspectional police is more severe this year and MIT LGs are considered the worst. There is a need for better risk management meeting required standards. David Hutchings

explained the “one and done” policy for violations in ATO. Kaya announced Karen and Donna have accepted invitation from new sorority to be alumnae members.

**8:20 Treasurer’s Report** Jim Bueche distributed a summary financials sheet and presented financials for year - \$46,999.87 budget for the year to date. Receivables outstanding have been reduced by getting members to pay off bills in arrears. Only one house remains that has not paid its assessment. Jim also reminded those who have not formally joined the AILG of the form available for doing so.

**8:25 Community Network Upgrade Project** Bob Ferrara and Scott Klemm for Ash Dyer – the project is proceeding and upgrades have been installed at several houses. Contracts have been sent out for review and signature. The plan is to get all work completed by the end of June 2009. Scott requested houses getting upgrades to keep interior pathways clear for workers. There are four buildings using fire radio and more will proceed. There will be a meeting following the plenary meeting explaining access control options.

**8:30 IAP Course Offerings** Dave Burmaster presented a summary sheet of the courses offered at IAP. There will be six courses this year. Dave encouraged at least one undergraduate and one alumnus from each house per course. One course of interest is the explanation of the new federal form 990 required by undergraduate and alumni groups. Dave will distribute the course offerings via email and encourage registration as soon as possible.

#### **8:35 Committee Reports**

*Accreditation:* Herman Marshall and John Covert, Accreditation Coordinator – presented a handout with the review schedule. Herman explained the process is going well. The process continues to be improved and more definitive criteria have been established for accreditation. John presented the review schedule and noted that groups for review on the next weekend have not submitted the review forms. He encouraged LGs get their forms submitted on time.

*Facilities:* Steve Summit – Planning classes for January. There is an effort under way to clean up Amherst Alley. The committee wants to understand what houses can do to be “green”. They are looking at areas where property management can be offered. Bob Ferrara met with five houses and have hired undergraduate architects who will work with houses, DSL and Department of Facilities to come up with ideas for improvement.

*Insurance:* Jim Bueche – Working on renewal of policies next year on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim is also working on Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance for AILG officers.

#### **8:55 Announcements**

Fran Miles – Parking for plenary – please use West Annex lot.

FCI: Scott Klemm – the FCI is now into its 5<sup>th</sup> year and just had its annual meeting. The annual report is available. About \$2.1MM was spent in purchasing last year and there was a \$30K rebate. The FCI is looking into offering financial services and facilities management to FSILGs. It is also looking into better communication to undergraduates of FCI services and offerings. Going forward it will require better payables from members for better financial operations, especially with respect to FCI’s tax filings.

Tom Holtey – encouraged remaining 10 houses complete their IRDF Operating Grants.

Steve Baker – Dues structure committee – work in process. Steve asked for more volunteers. Stan Wulf volunteered.

Next Plenary Meeting Date: Wednesdays 2/11/2009, 4/15/2009

Board Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month (1/8/2009, 2/5/2009) at 6:30 pm in W59

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 am followed by a “town meeting” to review and discuss the Community Network Access Control system project.