

AILG Board meeting

May 16, 2005

1) Opening

Attendance: Dave Burmaster, Tom Holtey, Herman Marshall, Susan Woodmansee, Bill Denhard, Dan Geer, Jim Bueche, Chris Rezek, Steve Baker, Bob Ferrara, Steve Immerman

Minutes: There were no minutes from the previous meeting to review. These will be provided by the time of the next meeting.

2) Action Items

Treasurer report (Bill Denhard): There is \$4375.12 in the treasury. Anticipated expenses before the end of the year include about \$2500 for the Annual Meeting dinner. Steve Immerman pointed out that there is now an endowment of about \$50K to provide about \$2500 per year for FSILG alumni activities.

The draft of the letter to Steve Immerman on FTP funding and related topics is still in progress (Dan Geer).

3) Accreditation

Susan Woodmansee summarized the report on the Student House accreditation review. Several issues were raised and discussed: the reviews take a lot of time, many review subjects are long term, the process appears difficult to scale up to the entire FSILG system, there was a concern that remote reviewers were too difficult to support. Several meetings were held just to set up the review of TDC and there wasn't a student on the review team. Most discussion focussed on the difficulty of expanding the process so that all ILGs can be reviewed within a two year period. Suggestions included using FTP and SLI information to support the data collection and reviewing some areas less often (such as governance). Susan will prepare a report providing a description of the activity along with an analysis of problems and prospects. Details of a "beta test" will be worked out in July.

4) Building Safety, Licensing, and Inspection

Tom Holtey described the status of the SLI proposal. The reports will be considered confidential. If a house doesn't respond to the actions proposed by

the Building Safety Facilitator (BSF), then the AILG would be notified. A motion was proposed and was unanimously passed: the AILG will form a Facilities Committee to handle issues of AILG facilities and to provide oversight of the BSF. Committee members will be assigned after the Annual Meeting. A second proposal was unanimously passed: a proposal should be submitted to the IRDF to support the SLI activities of the BSF.

5) IRDF Educational Grants

Seven grants are done, seven ILGs haven't even started the process and the rest are in various stages in the application process.

6) Right-of-Return

David Burmaster led a discussion of the policy affecting students' rights to return to campus housing upon deciding to move out of an ILG or to stay on campus even after pledging or initiation. There have been reports that some students have found it difficult to obtain campus housing and some note that difficulties such as these may dissuade students from entering the FSILG system. The campus policy appears clear and generally fair, so more information is needed from students about their reasons not to move into ILGs.

7) Annual Meeting

There was a suggestion that a proposal be prepared and considered at the Annual meeting to expand the board by three members (from six), continuing the 3 year election cycle. The reasons behind the suggestion relate to the magnitude of the AILG Board's effort and a desire to provide more opportunities for sorority alumni to get involved in the AILG business. The suggestion was tabled to see how many more alumni might be interested in joining the Board.

Susan Woodmansee described the overall schedule for the dinner meeting, including time for an introduction of the speaker, MIT President Susan Hockfield. After dinner, there would be a brief annual report, to be presented by Dan Geer, nominations for the Board, elections, and then the keynote address. The terms of Susan and Bill are expiring, so two new Board members may be elected for a term of 3 years each. Herman Marshall will prepare and distribute ballots that ensure that each ILG in the FSILG system be allowed one vote for two candidates.

8) FSILGSys

Josh Grochow described the goals and progress toward a system to be used for storing student and ILG information such as offices and financial records. The system will be “owned” by a governing board consisting of representatives of the AILG, LGS, Panhel, FCI and MIT administration. A representative from the AILG would be appointed at a later date. Josh is also working on a freshman survey.

9) Coordination of Initiatives

Steve Immerman suggested holding a retreat in June to provide sufficient working time to develop plans for next year in a cooperative way. All AILG Board members are invited. There should be a discussion about how to allocate the FTP funding, how to improve recruitment, and how to expand risk management. A motion that the AILG accept Steve’s invitation to a half-day retreat passed unanimously.

The next regular dinner meeting is scheduled for June 20. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Marshall