

AILG Board meeting – Sept 28, 2006, 6:30pm

Attendance: Steve Baker, Herman Marshall, Jim Bueche, Lisa Tatterson, Susan Woodmansee, David Rogers, Scott Klemm, Steve Summit, Maria Guirguis, Kaya Miller, Shannon Nees, Tom Holtey, Bob Ferrara, Dan Geer, Isaac Tetzloff.

REVIEW ORGANIZATION GOALS

AILG GOALS (STEVE B)

PHC GOALS:

- 1) Reach out to broader/more diverse community (e.g. East Campus)
- 2) Improve

IFC:

- 1) External Relations
- 2) empower younger members (Sophomores)
- 3) Standards board, by-laws revisions
- 4) Shift from governing role to programming focus
- 5) update clearinghouse/web site

LGC: DETERMINE WHAT DOES THE LGC STAND FOR? IMPROVE MEMBERSHIP AND EFFICACY.

FSILG OFFICE GOALS

- 1) Find a replacement for Chris McGill
- 2) Support LGC, PHC and IFC students and efforts
- 3) Develop student leadership by working with individual ILGs
- 4) Respond to urgent issues as they arise, leverage stakeholders to do so

Opportunities to work together and help one another were discussed. The group noted that there is little overlap between our various goals. However, RRI is a joint effort. Students can use the AILG board as a resource in providing feedback about their own alumni corps. Accreditation could be coordinated with standards work by IFC. Asked students and DSL how they saw SLI is perceived by the students; it is being well-received.

Specific discussion on RRI: What are students doing now?

Shannon: BBQ at East Campus for Sorority Recruitment. Noted that there is no set procedure to request RRI funds; a procedure would be useful.

ET is the only ILG that has used RRI; they did a retreat at Endicott House over Labor Day weekend. Discussed recruitment methods, new member program. Fenway House is being encouraged to use this. LGC Materials for orientation made use of RRI funds for publication.

Four of the Five Sororities have used RRI to sponsor retreats.

Isaac: IFC houses are using it for facilitated retreats (working with someone from DSL to develop the programming). Agreed that there is not enough awareness that the funds are available. Greek Letter publication used RRI funds for the first round.

DSL: 17 Retreats have been planned (Exec Board or Entire Chapter). Significant funding has been used for Recruitment Boot Camp, UFI, and publications that for retreats. They want to make sure the funding lasts for a while, and this has resulted in perhaps less publicity about the program than could have been done. New member education roundtable, parent's weekend activities are examples of programming that does not require funding but is useful to RRI. Gathering "Exit Interview" type data on why members choose not to move in, or reasons for de-pledging. Trying to address common issues with publications and programs/meetings.

AILG: Make sure RRI meetings occurred. Looked at the policies that affect RRI, attempted to enact change to improve the climate on campus. Data collection and analysis.

Discussion:

- Meetings: Is the meeting useful? Seemed driven by Alumni and not useful to students (in their opinion). Suggest meeting ad hoc basis rather than regular large ones. Suggestion that the retreat at Endicott House for students and alumni was a better forum for sharing ideas and results than weekly/monthly RRI meetings.
- Funding: Alumni seemed focused on making good and expedient use of the funds, whereas focus of DSL's time is also part of the program and has been used often to help some of the more struggling chapters. Discussed movie that Bruce Twickler is producing for marketing of the FSILGs. Unclear how long the funding will last – need to make sure the plan is commensurate with the sustainability of the funding.

Actions (Herman Marshall to work with David Rogers, pull in the students they need):

Clarify ways of getting the funding

Better publicity of the RRI Program's existence

Measure progress, data collection. What are we doing and how is it working?

Improve visibility of the system (Twickler Film)

Needs some kind of oversight – not sure how often – at least semesterly

Document the methods so they can be re-used. Data and manuals.

Educational Programs

What programs should we be offering? Should we have it every year?

Students often do roundtables for student officers (e.g. new member coordinators, community service/philanthropy, risk management). Difficulty is that the officers in different groups have different roles.

Ideas: An early fall HM workshop for new house managers. Shift focus of T101 from skill training for existing treasurers to financial management training for leaders (regardless of whether they will be treasurer or another position). Invite FCI and alumni to some of these roundtables.

Currently doing HM101, T101, Bob is doing Alumni Affairs 101 (for students), Risk Management (for Alums) Last year a six-session Sloan leadership program was held, about 35 attended. This is being run by Sloan.

Action for students to invite to us to their meetings, and request for students to send representatives to our meetings to help improve our understanding of what one another is doing.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Peter Cooper has suggested some Tuesday and Wednesday following MLK Day, Jan 16-17, for HM101. Bob will check with Peter in mid-Oct if he doesn't hear any news. Steve to talk with Chris about T101.

Dave B had the permissions to post info to the IAP site. If we need an alternative, Kaya can post and see what was done last year.

ACCREDITATION

Handout/suggested schedule from Jim and Herman.

Notes/Discussion:

1. When info is provided, the source of the info should also be provided. Some concern that if the forms are pre-filled then there will be less attention to verifying the info than if the students/alums have to find and report the info themselves.
2. Send forms out as soon as possible so students can prepare early if they desire and know it's coming.
3. Ok to have WILG with local ILGs rather than sororities.

Next step is to recruit the accreditation teams

CONTACT INFO COLLECTION

We want to count all FSILG alumni volunteers for use by VIP committee to determine a baseline (are we improving)? To profile the type of volunteers, number of hours, length of service?

Do you want to be notified of announcements? Put on mailing list? Check box to opt in.

Bob to create a strawman for what info we want to collect before the next plenary

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISCELLANY

Minutes from last meeting (Sept) for approval. Lisa moved, Susan 2nd, approved with correction of 9d (change "tough" to "through"). Approved unanimously.

Need to put August meeting minutes up for review (Herman to follow up with Tom)

Twickler movie “Damrell’s Fire” to be screened at Stata Center November 1, refreshments at 6:30, starts at 7pm, sponsored by MIT Club of Boston, also honoring fire fighters. \$10 MIT Club of Boston members/\$15 non-MIT members. Jim moved that we invite (and provide complimentary tickets) to building inspectors, fire inspectors, MIT AHS/EHS, and city councilors/aldermen/mayor (or a few representatives). Authorize up to \$500. Lisa 2nd. Passed.

Back Bay historical commission to be invited too, also architecture commission (not gratis). Notify Sarah Gallup.

We have a tax number 20-5622897. Tax return is prepared. Herman is a general partner. Dan is the point of contact. We have no profit (member contributions are retained capital). We have no employees. Sales and cost of goods are equal.

Draft bylaws to give to lawyer seem to have reached consensus. Some opposition to a governance committee. Discussion about students being members or invited. Discussion of membership and chairs of committees. Next meeting TBD (pending Chris’ availability). Recruited Bob Asher for a short term assignment on how to present to lawyers.

Motion to adjourn – Lisa and Herman. Approved

Dan Geer appointed as parliamentarian.

If anyone wants to be on the search committee for FSILG position, please holler to David Rogers.