

# AILG Accreditation Status

15 April 2008

The 2007-2008 Accreditation process began on 15 January with a kickoff email from Herman Marshall. We invited fifteen Fraternities and Independent Living Groups to participate in reviews to be held on the first Saturdays of February, March, and April. All fifteen reviews have been completed.

Eighteen AILG volunteers:

Steve Baker, Dave Berger, Dave Burmaster, Helen Chuah, Bob Ferrara, Heidi Fox, Tom Hoover, Ladd Horvath, Alicia Hunt, Jim Janosky, Ara Knaian, Alice Leung, Herman Marshall, Ernie Sabine, Bob Steininger, Steve Summit, Aaron Wippold, and Stan Wulf

were recruited to be members of Visiting Committees and gave significant amounts of time, mostly on Saturday mornings, but also at other times, visiting the organizations and writing reports. We thank them for their work so far and for their continuing work in progress. We also thank the FSILG members who took the time to prepare the requested data and to meet with our committees.

In each case, the Visiting Committees are asked to return one of the following three findings as part of their report:

Recommend Accreditation

Recommend Accreditation with Reservations (revisit next semester)

Accreditation not recommended (outside help recommended, revisit next semester or sooner)

Each group is given five business days to add comments to their report, after which it is sent onwards. Reports with a finding of "Recommend Accreditation" are sent directly to MIT and the findings are posted on the accreditation web page. Reports with a finding of "Recommend Accreditation with Reservations" or "Accreditation not recommended" are reviewed by the AILG Board before the results are posted or the reports are sent to MIT.

The volunteers have submitted reports for the following organizations, and in the case of findings less than "Recommend Accreditation," have also had the finding approved by the AILG Board.

Alpha Epsilon Pi	Recommend Accreditation with Reservations
Delta Kappa Epsilon	Recommend Accreditation
Phi Kappa Sigma	Recommend Accreditation
Pi Lambda Phi	Recommend Accreditation
Student House	Recommend Accreditation
Tau Epsilon Pi	Recommend Accreditation with Reservations*
Theta Chi	Recommend Accreditation**

\* Board has approved finding, but Visiting Committee has been asked to do further work on the report.

\*\* Comment period is still open; report not yet sent to MIT.

The reports for the following organizations are still being worked on by the Visiting Committees and/or by the AILG Board:

Alpha Tau Omega	Phi Delta Theta
Beta Theta Pi	Sigma Chi
Delta Upsilon	Theta Delta Chi
Fenway House	Zeta Psi

We are now beginning to plan the 2008-2009 review cycle. This cycle will include both a Fall and a Spring round of visits. We will need more volunteers to be on visiting committees. We especially would like to recruit volunteers from sororities and ILGs, to help us share information about both the similarities and differences between these organizations and the fraternities.

Significant work is also being done to document and formalize our policies and procedures including those for operations (how we go about scheduling reviews and processing data) and privacy (whom we allow to see data collected and generated and how long we retain it). In addition, we are developing a library of “excellent” reports and a style guide to assist the visiting committees in preparing their reports and to try to create consistency in the results obtained. The evaluation process, since it deals with the whole range of life in a widely diverse group of organizations, is by its nature very subjective, but we are nonetheless working to define and then apply concrete metrics in those areas where this can be done. The process will never be entirely based on easily quantifiable values, because we have organizations that differ widely.

Please visit the Accreditation Coordinator’s web sit at <http://web.mit.edu/covert/ailgreviews/> to read updated information about the program, and also feel free to call the Accreditation Coordinator at any reasonable hour.

And please volunteer to be a member of a visiting committee next Fall.

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