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Phi Beta Epsilon Resolution

December 5, 2016

From: Arjun Mithal, IFC Judicial Committee Chair

To: Luca Cacopardo, Phi Beta Epsilon President

**CC: Brad Badgley, Assistant Dean & Director, FSILGs
Tessa McLain, Assistant Director for Student Conduct
Jacob Stein, IFC Judicial Committee Secretary**

Dear Luca,

This letter is to notify you of the resolution of a report submitted by the MIT Police regarding an incident on October 15, 2016. The incident involved alleged violations to the MIT FSILG Social Event Policy's clause on Event Types as well as the clause on Guest Management.

Thank you for your response to the Request for Information that you sent regarding the incident. In your response, you indicated that Phi Beta Epsilon was holding an unregistered social event the night in question, which resulted in the police interaction. You also noted that PBE's social chair had mistakenly not registered the event with the IFC beforehand. When the police arrived, there was a line of people attempting to gain entry into PBE. The police requested that all guests leave the premises and that the event be closed. All parties complied without further incident.

Due to a serious backlog in cases, the IFC Judicial Committee has temporarily proposed an alternate method of resolution to certain cases than a traditional hearing. This temporary resolution method is not designed to circumvent the IFC Judicial Committee Bylaws, but will supplement the process in order to reach efficient resolutions. According to the IFC Judicial Committee Bylaws (Article IV, Section A), all hearings must be held no later than fifty (50) Institute Days after the incident. For this reason, the IFC Judicial Committee will not be pursuing a judicial hearing but instead resolve the incidents using the expedited process if eligible.

Based upon review of the complaint and your response, your fraternity's case is eligible for this expedited process. The expedited process allows us to resolve your fraternity's case with an administrative resolution in lieu of a full hearing. This letter to file includes a finding and outcome, but is limited in range. No cases that are serious or severe are eligible to be resolved in this manner, and as a result no outcomes are permitted to be severe (i.e. loss of privileges, loss of recognition, suspension, or probation).

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Accordingly, based on the complaint and your response, the IFC Judicial Committee finds Phi Beta Epsilon responsible for violating the MIT FSILG Social Event Policy's clause on Event Types, though not for the clause on Guest Management, on October 15, 2016. The Judicial Committee appreciates your recommendation for the IFC to publish a weekly list of registered events and will look into its feasibility. Meanwhile, we encourage Phi Beta Epsilon to maintain effective communication between President, Social Chair, and Risk Manager to prevent similar incidents in the future. This letter serves as a warning to Phi Beta Epsilon and will remain solely as a letter to file.

If you would not like to use this expedited process, please contact me within three business days to notify us otherwise. If I do not hear from you regarding this letter, it will stand on file.

Respectfully,

Arjun Mithal
Judicial Committee Chair
MIT Interfraternity Council