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Memorandum

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Date: May 3, 2013

Re: Accommodations for Disabled Students

On May 2, 2013, the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed a recommendation to the University for the implementation of accommodations for disabled students.

Attached is a summary and copy of the legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

CC: Samuel Schultz, MUSG President
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Summary of Legislation

Recommendation #3

Authors: Senator Emmaline Jurgena,
Senator Jason Kurtyka,

Sponsors: Senator Estefania Elizondo,
Senator Sabrina Weng

Senate Committee: Student Life

Action of the MUSG Senate: Approved by Vote of 26-0-0

Senate Rationale: At the Spring 2013 Fr. Pilarz S.J. Forum hosted by MUSG, Marina Murphy raised the issue of accommodations for temporarily disabled students. This led the Student Life Standing Committee to request the Associate Director of Student Educational Services Heidi Vering's presence at the April 25, 2013 Senate meeting. After further discussions with Heidi and research into the needs of disabled students at Marquette University, the MUSG Senate fully endorses the recommendations for disabled student accommodations made by the Disability Advisory Committee and asks that these be implemented as soon as possible.

Please see attached.

Action of MUSG Legislative Vice President Kyle Whelton


Date: 5/3/13

Action of MUSG President Samuel Schultz


Date: 5/6/13

Recommendation #3

Accommodations for Disabled Students

Author(s): Senator Jurgena, Senator Kurtyka,

Sponsor(s): Senator Elizondo, Senator Weng

Whereas: It is the role of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) to actively identify and address the needs and concerns of the students; and,

Whereas: Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being is one of five strategic planning themes, as stated in Marquette University's Strategic Planning themes; and,

Whereas: This theme states Marquette's commitment to the pursuit of educational access for all people; and,

Whereas: In the Fall 2012 Semester the Office of Disability Services served 252 students with disabilities¹; and,

Whereas: The number of students that seek out assistance from the Office of Disability Services has steadily increased over the past five years by 135 students¹; and,

Whereas: In the Fall 2013 Semester, Marquette is expected to potentially have 3 incoming hearing impaired students, 2 incoming visually impaired students, and 2 incoming physically impaired students¹.

Whereas: The Disability Advisory Committee has compiled seven recommendations to make the University more accessible to students with disabilities; and,

Therefore: MUSG recommends that the University look into implementing the recommendations outlined by the Disability Advisory Committee to help students with disabilities better navigate campus.²

¹ Statistics provided by Office of Disability Services

² Recommendations provided by the Disability Advisory Committee