

# MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

8:00 PM – AMU 163

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Reflection**

A. *PPT Craft*

1. Continue hard work in MUSG, put forth best commitment and push past individual biases to get the job done

4. **Forum for Concerned Students**

A. **Peter Donald**

1. Concern over level of Public Safety on campus; higher rate of incident this year as opposed to last year; less people feel comfortable on campus; 10-12 LIMOs is not enough to service all students; impossible to find well-lit roads
2. Questions: Senator O'Rourke: Would you like to see more pair walking or more LIMOs/squad cars? Students cannot contact DPS faster than any other student. Senator Guc: Pres. Lovell upset and will address the issue.

5. **Presentations**

6. **Officer Reports**

**President**

Kyle Whelton

- Dr. Lovell's Inauguration Week
  - Dunk Tank, Glow Bingo, Inaugural Mass, Inaugural on Friday, Music Festival on Saturday
  - LVP Wallace and Senator Miller beat Dr. Lovell's time for AI's Run
  - Student Organization institute
    - Round tables around sexual assault, bystander intervention, etc.
    - Question: Senator Elizondo: Can anybody attend? Not sure, but believe that it is only open to student organization leaders.
- Retreat
  - Please fill out the Google form, it is a requirement
- Provost search forum, Raynor this Thursday at 5 pm
- Crime around campus
  - UWM experiencing similar problems, Dr. Lovell is addressing the issues
  - Question: Senator O'Rourke: if DPS is deputized, will this fix problem? This is something that would not happen until much later, issue across the entire city with students as targets in particular, students should utilize safety services and walk in pairs, etc. Has public safety considered that slow LIMOs cause more problems? This is a question for Chief

Mascari. Do you speak with Chief Mascari often? President Whelton meets with him as needed.

**Executive Vice President**

Natalie Pinkney

- Next SOF deadline Oct 10, list of approved SOF events will be sent out
- Openings for All University Committees, e.g. Safety Committee.

**Communications Vice President**

Sarah McClanahan

- New PR director and assistant, Julia and Annie.
  - Question: Senator O'Rourke: Live tweets? Yes.
- PR assistant position open, send Cover Letter and Resume
- Elections coming up, booth 10 am – 5 pm in AMU
- Retreat forms must be filled out by Wednesday

**Program Vice President**

Ryan Twaddle

- Programming for September distributed to you, Battle of Sodas 11 am – 2 pm this Thursday
  - Will send out link for volunteering for next Farmers' Market
  - Sign up when link is sent out for Fr. Naus Day of Kindness
  - More information to come regarding how senators will volunteer for events throughout the semester
    - Questions: Senator Manjee: what floor is it on? Will let everybody know but it will be in AMU
- Encourage people to submit applications for Programming board.

**Financial Vice President**

Nick Ciccone

- Feel free to come and visit at any time

**Parliamentarian**

Olivia Slusarek

- 18 senators present, amendment requires 15 votes to pass

**Legislative Vice President**

Zack Wallace

- Thanks to all who participated in AI's Run
- Sent out a link to sign up for volunteers for Inauguration Week, e.g. after mass and welcome banner
- Senate Training next Monday, let LVP Wallace know if you have any suggestions
- Open seats, e.g. communications and business
- Please come if you have any issues you would like to report on campus

**Advisor**

Jennifer Reid

- Farmers' Market, \$5 pies
- Lunch with the President, fill out form to request
- Retreat information will be coming regarding what to pack, leaving campus around 5:30 pm and return around 4:30 next day

7. **Committee Reports**

**Business and Administration**

Thomas Schick

- No Report

**Student Life**

Natasha Hansen

- No Report

**Academics**

PPT Nathan Craft

- No Report

**Student Organizations**

Christian Evans

- No Report

## 8. Outreach, Council, and All-University Committee Reports

### A. Senator Guc

1. Academic Senate
2. Athletic coordinator selected, wants to meet with MUSG
3. Diversity up but enrollment down
4. Provost search
5. Safety on Campus

### B. Senator Stanko

1. Please submit honor code tutorial
2. Policies and procedures

### C. President Whelton

1. Provost hopes to codify religious observances by January
2. Still looking for a space for interfaith prayer

### D. Senator Elizondo

1. Diversity Advisory Committee, climate study and investigation into implementation of Four Pillars

## 9. Approval of Minutes

### A. Approval of Minutes from 9/08/2014

1. Objection: Senator O'Rourke: Naturals vote
  - Voice vote > carries (minutes changed)

## 10. Old Business

### A. Introduction & Presentation:

1. Amendment #1 – Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice
  - Schick moves to consider, Elizondo seconds
  - Questions:
    - Senator O'Rourke: Is this a permanent position or appointed in other student governments? Varies, sometimes a VP position that is often hired while others have diversity senators or cabinet level position (as proposed here)
    - PPT Craft: Why is current organization inadequate? No consistency, student work prior to this was intermittent and not consistent, provides opportunities for retainment. How does this foster inconsistency? This is structural consistency, i.e. a constitutional mandate, there was little involvement in the past on part of students, history of a push for more involvement. Was there an ad hoc committee last year or in years past? Last one was a "round table" on diversity, ad hoc diversity task force but did not get started right away and did not continue on past the administration.
    - Senator Lech: Why do we need a committee that is only interested in diversity, it should be a duty of all senators,

can't organizations just come to MUSG? Senators will be on the committee, need expressed for a committee focused specifically on these issues, no outlet in University that can continue the conversation from one year to another, can work to fulfill promise of diversity when new students come to Marquette, better to be broad in order to not exclude any students. Are not senators elected to represent all students, all students of all race, backgrounds, etc., i.e. makes it seem like senators are not doing their jobs? (PVP Twaddle) MUSG much wider than just senators, e.g. Programming assistance in order to work with other diversity groups. (President Whelton) we need to go out to the students rather than make them come to the Senate, purpose of committee is to bring together all minds which typically do not work together with each other, can bring together disparate efforts across campus and bring voices together.

- Senator Elizondo: What were Higher Learning Commission recommendations for diversity? University has have detailed plan to address lack of diversity on campus, lack in faculty addressed but not for student body, efforts up to this point based on recommendations of the Report, want to bring in efforts from more local organizations for a more long-term effort
- Senator Di-Vittorio: Can committee address issues outside of student organizations? There will be members of committee outside of student organizations, point of committee to address big and small issues
- Senator Baker: What kind of student is sought as coordinator, i.e. outside of MUSG? Cannot be a senator, but 'ideal student' would be somebody dealing with social justice on campus right now, effort to bring in students outside of MUSG. Why no senators? Constitutionally not allowed to serve in this capacity. How can we be sure that there is not constant turn over? Would function similarly to Elections Coordinator, it has all been ad hoc up to this point so it must be codified
- Senator O'Rourke: How will we prevent outreach council from simply becoming a non-diverse body? Diversity goes beyond race, e.g. socio-cultural, committee will specifically reach out to multicultural groups, size of group is not limited so people can always be added. How will distance between committee and MUSG be limited? Senators on committee will report to EVP, committee will have ability to offer legislation to the floor, Dr. Lovell would like to drop in on members of the committee. Will this committee

dissuade students from coming to senate? No, will provide a stepping stone, Tribune present at MUSG which will encourage students to come to have their voices heard.

- Debate

- Senator O'Rourke: (Affirmative) Can improve campus, all concerns addressed
- Senator Schmidt: (Affirmative) Another way for students to address their concerns and feel comfortable on campus
- Senator Guc: (Affirmative) Can appreciate all differences, need to recognize lack of diversity and empower diverse students
- Senator Lech: (Negative) Diversity is important, but people with issues should want to come and speak to their senator, committee will not solve diversity issues
- Senator Baker: (Negative) As Off Campus Senator, has a large constituency of diverse backgrounds, every senator has background and has been elected to address these issues, people should feel more welcome to come and speak to MUSG, creates more of a bureaucracy and road block for students
- Senator Di-Vittorio: (Affirmative) Black student constituent experienced hiring bias, more effort needed on campus
- Senator Elizondo: (Affirmative) diverse students do not feel invited when they are not represented, do not feel that they have a voice in MUSG, there needs to be a plan for a more concrete diversity
- Senator Manjee: (Affirmative) committee will create new pool of people to help and learn from, great outlet for those who do not feel comfortable in MUSG, stepping stone to greater improvement
- Senator O'Rourke: (withdraws previous Affirmative, now speaks in Negative) if one does not feel comfortable with representation, they should not have voted for them or they should run themselves, creating more bodies is counterproductive, one should explore new ways to get involved if they feel uncomfortable, committee will not make anybody feel more at home
- Senator Schick: (Affirmative) happy to hear senators want to reach out to broader constituency, but organization of students across campus can only help tackle big problems facing university.
- Senator Elizondo: (Affirmative) effective leadership is diverse leadership, position will grant more permanence
- Senator Quill: (affirmative) Waiting for students to come to MUSG is lazy

- Roll Call Vote > 13 affirmative, motion fails

**11. New Business**

**12. Announcements**

- A. Senator Baker: Glow Bingo, sponsored by many organizations including Sigma Phi Epsilon, free event, Lovells will be there, please come and look out for social media; Greek Week, please come and support; great pleasure serving with all senators
- B. Senator Krajewski: personal commendation to Senator Lech
- C. Senator Lech: last meeting, thank you all for everything
- D. PVP Twaddle: Upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month, please come to activities
- E. LVP Wallace: Voter Registration coming up throughout next month

**13. Adjournment**

- A. **Senator Manjee moves to adjourn, Senator Baker seconds**
  - 1. **Voice vote > carries**