

# MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

7:30 PM – AMU 227

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Dear MKE**
4. **Reflection**
  - A. *President Pro Tempore Manjee*
5. **Forum for Concerned Students**
  - A. Jewish Student Union
    1. Diversity Coordinator Bill support
    2. Smallest minority group on campus, getting voice heard
    3. *Cura Personalis* for every student, representation of minority groups on campus
  - B. Muslim Student Association
    1. Jesuit educational experience of finding God in all things
      1. In other cultural and ethnic groups
  - C. Black Student Council
    1. Diversity Coordinator Bill support
    2. Marquette has not addressed important issues like police brutality
    3. Students from unrepresented groups do not feel a part of the community
  - D. Further support from Diversity Coordinator
    1. People come and appreciate that which the city and university offers
      1. Fighting against the view of the 'Marquette Bubble,' exploring diversity in the city
    2. Non-white student at a White campus
      1. MUSG is part of the problem, ignoring the needs of diverse students
      2. Institutional problem
      3. Students need to speak up and speak out
      4. Climate studies have been ineffective
      5. Student government should listen up and do something to address this problem of diversity
    3. Not looking to start a fight; MUSG has the ability to effect real change
      1. Ignoring words of concerned students reifies the problem
      2. Diverse students do not want a bad relationship with student government
    4. 'Non-minority' who sympathizes with experiences of diverse people
      1. Pride for diverse communities
  - E. Club Global and MU Commuter Student Association
    1. Student representatives do not have experiences that other students have

1. International students feel like they are being excluded
2. Create inclusion at Marquette
- F. Bahayian Student Association
  1. Diversity Coordinator Bill support
  2. Marquette is a place to grow as an individual, diversity club can be a model for how a diversity committee can work
  3. Cannot reach out to MUSG effectively
- G. Arab Student Association
  1. True lack of diversity on campus
  2. Acting on the university's mission of increasing diversity, perfect position to enhance this mission
  3. Student coordinator acting as a bridge between students and the administration
- H. NAACP
  1. Permanent position will allow for change on campus
  2. Discrimination is real and on campus
- I. Students for Justice in Palestine
  1. Stand in support for passage of bill
- J. Mashuda Peer Diversity representative
  1. Win-Win situation
- K. Community Inclusive Floor
  1. Many members do not feel welcome on campus, Marquette is NOT home
  2. Multiple students have transferred after feeling excluded on campus
  3. All senators should realize that they represent their constituents
- L. Empowerment
  1. Marquette is a *masculist* space
  2. Feminist linked to other detrimental societal issues
- M. Native American Student Association
  1. Opportunity for progress
- N. Questions
  1. Senator O'Rourke: Why were people not here for the first vote? People did not know the vote was happening, did not think the bill would NOT be passed, student government does not reach out to the students, coordinator position would help spread information on campus.
  2. PVP Twaddle: looking to have dialogue to facilitate how programming can be more diverse, email can be found on the website

## 2. Presentations

- A. *Dr. William Welburn – Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion*
  1. Important to see collaboration between MUSG and administration
    1. Not since late 60s has a student movement for more diversity been seen at Marquette
  2. Diversity plan

1. Being intentional about thinking about diversity and thinking about campus at large
2. More concrete language on mission of the university
  1. Diversity is part of excellence
  2. Faith informed by including multiple groups
  3. Service dedicated to struggle for a more just society
3. People who come to campus should be able to achieve their goals, obstacles should be removed
4. Need for a diverse scholarship and a classroom that supports diversity
5. Engagement with one another and the community, e.g. Milwaukee pertaining to issues of race and inequality
6. A 'living, breathing document' for diversity
3. Climate study
  1. Has never happened in the history of the university
  2. Want greater response rates from students and staff
    1. More results, better analysis
  3. Will begin in February
    1. Would like to present a draft to MUSG for feedback
    2. Student forum to discuss as well
4. Questions and concerns
  1. Lack of reaching out to student organizations: Will work on in the future
  2. Senator Touhy: What is a climate study? An effort to understand how people work and live in a community along dimensions of diversity as well as how individuals interact (e.g. amongst students, employees, etc.), are individuals able to achieve their goals and if not what are the obstacles, pin-point the reason why people come to the university and why they stay, improve lives holistically
  3. Goals of the diversity plan? Working on it currently, have some tentative goals but want to bring to students for feedback
  4. Mechanism for informing goals? Come to forum, inform me of your ideas and I will come to you

B. *Dr. Susannah Bartlow – Director, Gender and Sexuality Resources Center*

1. Resources at the Center
  1. Conversation tonight is exactly what the center wants to facilitate
  2. 'Get better at diversity'
2. Awareness and information on various topics pertaining to sexuality
3. Community lunches
4. Safe Zone program

### 3. Officer Reports

**President**

Kyle Whelton

- Next Sunday, mandatory Bystander Intervention training

- PVP search under way, will be presented December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Opportunities profile, please go out and let people know to apply for the position
  - Timeline available
  - If there are any questions, please reach out to me
- Changes to structure of the Programming Board
- University has given the green light to start testing the Blue Light security app, hoping to have a stable app available by January

**Executive Vice President**

Natalie Pinkney

**Communications Vice President**

Sarah McClanahan

- Brand Affirmation study
  - Focus group, will be contact 100 students
  - Internal focus group, contacting 4 individuals
    - Please come to me if you have any ideas or opinions
  - Work must be as mission-focused as possible

**Program Vice President**

Ryan Twaddle

- Tweet for Election Campaign, #muvotes
- Student Performer Resource guide for future programming

**Financial Vice President**

Nick Ciccone

- FVP apps due November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Budget Committee reviewed appeals

**Parliamentarian**

Olivia Slusarek

- 31 seated, 29 present

**Legislative Vice President**

Zack Wallace

- Other responsibilities as senators, e.g. programs and hall councils
- Avenue West Associate
  - Neighborhood cleanup effort this Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Working with students and community organizations

**Advisor**

Jennifer Reid

4. **Committee Reports**

**President Pro Tempore**

Aliya Manjee

- Here as a resource to senators, e.g. trouble writing legislation or a random question/idea

**Business and Administration**

Courtney Guc

- Approved Diversity and Programming amendments
- Growing Power

**Student Life**

Estefania Elizondo

- No Report

**Academics**

Ricky Krajewski

- Potential legislation as well as student representation on committees

**Student Organizations**

Amanda Stolz

- Approving 20 new student organizations

5. **Outreach, Council, and All-University Committee Reports**

A. Senator Dobrich

1. Attended Landlord Tenant Council
  1. Landlords, DPS, Police, DA Office, etc.
  2. Parent notifications in leases
  3. DPS concerned over block parties
  4. Discussion of cleanup day
  5. Pita Brothers
  6. Ardmore Salon renovation
2. EVP Pinkney
  1. Dining Advisory Board
    1. Weekly reports for Ozzi
      1. Over 10,000 processed
      2. Sodexo going to a sustainability conference
3. Senator Schick
  1. Technology issues
    1. Computer replacement program
  2. Planning for a 'Tech Day'
4. PVP Twaddle
  1. Lunch with President Lovell
    1. Various topics, e.g. Humphrey, Jesuit Residence green space, etc.
    2. November 15<sup>th</sup> is next lunch, please sign up

## 6. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes from 10/20/2014
  1. Minutes approved

## 7. Old Business

- A. Amendment #1 – Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice
  - a. **Senator Bowman moves to consider, PPT Manjee seconds**
    - i. **Voice vote > carries**
  - b. Presentation
    - i. Marquette University lacks a long term diversity and social justice plan, must present a plan to the Higher Learning Committee (HLC)
    - ii. EVP and President will reach out to student body for candidates, interviews, BA committee interview
    - iii. Committee will be comprised of 4 main seats
      1. Student leaders who can provide insight on diversity issues
    - iv. Goals: consolidates all diversity and social justice activities across campus into one body
    - v. Amendment is purposefully vague so as to allow interpretation in the future
    - vi. Guidelines for future coordinator: consolidate into one position
    - vii. Bring ideas together and create a forum, bring to MUSG and make actionable
    - viii. Counseled by an advisor or designee, input from the school organization

- ix. There will be no cost for the committee apart from time
- x. Diversity is important to the Catholic tradition, we have so much to learn from one another
- xi. Sixteen student organizations came out to co-sponsor the bill
  - 1. Formal way to address diversity issues with the student government
- xii. Committee serves as a liaison for the students
- c. Questions
  - i. Senator Bowman: reason for use of differing language at the end of the amendment? Attempt to be more encompassing
    - 1. Senator Bowman moves to change final clause of amendment
      - a. Voice vote > carries
- d. Debate
  - i. Senator Haines (affirmative): there is a problem of diversity supported by fact, disparity between ethnic makeup of country and makeup of student body, must take steps to better university
  - ii. Senator Kouhel (negative): disrespect of concerned students
  - iii. Senator Luvianos (affirmative): we are here to serve as the voice of diverse students
  - iv. PPT Manjee (affirmative): underrepresentation is a problem on campus, different experiences will be brought together by a coordinator position
  - v. Senator Schmidt (affirmative): huge turnout for the position
  - vi. Senator Touhy (affirmative): MU must address concerns on campus according to mission of the university
  - vii. Senator Krajewski (affirmative): issue with students wanting to transfer out of Marquette, Marquette bubble
  - viii. Senator Guc (affirmative): emotional appeals, efficiency of how the coordinator position would work, amendment better with changes
  - ix. Senator Elizondo (affirmative): appreciate turn out, essential long term step to addressing diversity
- e. **Voting**
  - i. **Roll call vote > Carries (Appendix 1)**

## 8. New Business

- A. *Introduction & Presentation*: Amendment #2 – Removal of Program Commissions
  - 1. Senator Guc moves to consider, Senator DiVittorio seconds
  - 2. Presentation:
    - 1. No change since 1996, many issues since
      - 1. Lack of commitment for commissioners
      - 2. 'Silo' effect
      - 3. Unequal workload
      - 4. Programmer 'burnout'
    - 2. Contacted 25 other universities for solutions

1. Smaller organizations that function as a team rather than as individuals, removal of commissions and addition of four coordinators
2. Contract will be set by the PVP, duties split among coordinators
3. Programming schedule set before the summer begins, gives time to publicity department to ensure higher quality programming
4. Coordinators will be spearheading events and also serving as secondary coordinators for events as well
5. General program board is flexible and open, positions are frequently opened
6. Coordinators will have a \$1000 stipend

3. Questions

1. Senator O'Rourke: paid position? All executive board members are paid a stipend, accountability in that stipends are not given if contract is not completed, similar to structure in the communications department. Does this come out of budget? Yes, under salaries.
2. Senator Quill: what is a pit stop? E.g. ball pit
3. Senator Elizondo: SOF? Tentative idea. Attending all meetings? One coordinator attends all meetings

B. Resolution #5-Reserve Fund Allocation for the "Neighborhood Clean-up Day"

1. Senator O'Rourke moves to consider, Senator Vrana seconds
2. Presentation:
  1. Warm beverages before the event, refreshments, lunch after the event (\$520)
  2. Good opportunity to get people together to discuss before and afterwards, build personal relationships
  3. Set up with Events Management
3. Questions:
  1. Senator Quill: Only for MUSG? No, for everybody, please invite friends, other members of faculty might join
  2. Senator Elizondo: organizations attending? Have not reached out to anybody specifically, in general students and staff, police department, local vendors, tenants and landlords, etc.
  3. Senator Biagi: how many budgeted to feed? No concrete number
4. Debate:
  1. None
5. **Voting**
  1. **Voice vote > carries**

9. **Announcements**

A. President Whelton

1. Thanks to everybody who participated in conversation tonight

- 2. Opportunity with Epic
- B. EVP Pinkney
  - 1. Looking for nominations for Diversity Coordinator
- C. Senator Elizondo
  - 1. Thanks for everybody for help with diversity amendment
- D. Advisor Reid
  - 1. Increased safety patrols this Halloween weekend
  - 2. Voting next week
  - 3. Voting in the AMU and Public Library as well as other locations
- E. MUSGer of the week is Senator Murrar

**10. Adjournment**

- A. **Senator Quill moves to adjourn, Senator Haines seconds**
  - 1. **Voice vote > carries**



## Appendix 1

<u>Senator</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<b>Barelli</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Bear</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Biagi</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Bowman</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Dearden</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>DiVittorio</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Dobrich</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Elizondo</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Guc</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Haines</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Hatzenbihler</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Kouhel</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Krajewski</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Luvianos</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Madeen</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Maglio</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Manjee</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>McInerney</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Miller</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Murphy</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Murrar</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>O'Rourke</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Quill</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Schick</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Schmidt</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Smilanich</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Stolz</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Thiry</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Touhy</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Vrana</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>Wogernese</b>	<b>Yay</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Yay</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Nay</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>