

MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, November 10th, 2014

7:30 PM – AMU 163

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Dear MKE**

4. **Reflection**

A. *Senator Thomas Schick*

5. **Forum for Concerned Students**

6. **Officer Reports**

President

Kyle Whelton

- Thanks to all for coming to Bystander Intervention Training and SOF event afterwards
- RHA update: all involved in accident doing well
- Tomorrow, meeting with Provost Calahan and then meeting with Dr. Lovell
- Dr. Lovell Forum, opportunity to ask questions, next Monday at 6 pm in AMU
- FVP and PVP apps closed, 6 and 3 applicants respectively
 - Recommendations will come to Senate by December 1

Executive Vice President

Natalie Pinkney

- SOF club sport deadline this Friday
- Diversity coordinator app open until November 21
- Senior Speaker Committee app will be on Involvement Link

Communications Vice President

Sarah McClanahan

- Come to me if anybody interested in multimedia position
- Please come in for head shots

Program Vice President

Ryan Twaddle

- Questions
 - Senator O'Rourke: Why isn't MUSG continuing as a sponsor for Farmers Market? There is not a partnership with them, struggle to find students to run them, looks bad with the organization cannot follow through

Financial Vice President

Nick Ciccone

- Club sports deadline coming up

Parliamentarian

Olivia Slusarek

- No report

Legislative Vice President

Zack Wallace

- Thanks for coming to training
 - More training opportunities to come
- Lean Six Sigma discussion today

Advisor

Jennifer Reid

- 2014 Graduating Senior and New Freshmen Survey

- Local student government conference this Saturday, Wisconsin Lutheran College, anybody interested? Let me know ASAP

7. **Committee Reports**

President Pro Tempore

Aliya Manjee

- Student government program with Avenues West
 - Wisconsin Conservatory of Life-Long Learning (WCLL)
 - Big Brother Big Sister leadership and student government program
 - Involvement in neighborhood cleanup

Business and Administration

Courtney Guc

- Growing Power meeting with Landlords this Wednesday
- Contractors for a website for landlord grading system

Student Life

Estefania Elizondo

- Ideas
 - LIMO application, e.g. tracking LIMOs on campus, wait time, etc.
 - Student Life committee will be working on all university committees, e.g. prevention and education campaigns, sexual assault prevention infographic
 - UPass almost ready, questions in a survey will be sent out soon

Academics

Ricky Krajewski

- Legislation regarding D2L and academic policies, will have more after meeting tomorrow

Student Organizations

Amanda Stolz

- Approval of 10-20 new student orgs

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

A. Senator Wogernessee

1. Meeting with business clubs and school, negative reaction to MUSG, working to reach out to them
 1. Questions:
 1. Senator O'Rourke: why did they not like MUSG? They do not need funding from MUSG, feels MUSG cannot help them
 2. EVP Pinkey: how can we help their student experience? Floor was open to that but no concerns brought up
 3. Senator Kouhel: do other colleges have similar complaints? Generally no, (Twaddle) e.g. a lot of work through the A&S Council, (Barelli) no functioning council for Health Sciences, (Elizondo) independence of organizations from MUSG, (Krajewski) starting student forums to address issues
 4. Senator O'Rourke: subcontracting MUSG communication to other organizations? No time to do that, OSD offers services as well

B. Senator Schick

1. Off Campus Caucus
 1. Rebranding 35th Street Corridor
 2. Growing Power
 3. Pita Bros by the end of the semester
 4. Public Safety Vacant house watch
 5. Working with landlords to push back signing times
- C. Senator O'Rourke
 1. Hall Council Meeting
 1. Sodexo looking for new composting partners, should have results by next semester
- D. President Whelton
 1. Subcommittee of Neighborhood Excellence group
 1. Good Neighbor Seal, student frustration over lease signing times, hoping to have the timeline pushed back to January instead
- E. Senator Elizondo
 1. Marquette Living (housing guide)
 1. FB page, please take a look at it
- F. Senator O'Rourke
 1. Safety Committee
 1. Commissioning of DPS
 2. Marquette Parents FB page, please come to me if you have any questions

9. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes from 10/27/2014
 1. Voice vote > carries

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- A. Presentation: *Lean Six Sigma Representatives – SOF External Review Process*
 1. Senator Elizondo moves to consider, Senator Schmidt seconds
 2. Presentation
 1. DMAIC phase
 1. Looking to move into improvements in next few weeks, control next semester
 2. Explanation of process as it stands currently (including suppliers, inputs, process, outputs, and customers)
 3. Goals of Project
 1. Eliminate overruns, quality submissions, objective criteria for SOF allocation, reimbursement process overhaul, formal feedback from student orgs
 4. Will not consider budget amount of SOF and changes to what can and cannot be funded
 5. Recommended changes
 1. Training of student organizations as a requirement in order to qualify for requesting SOF funds

1. Prevent applications that do not have enough information, do not meet requirements, etc.
2. Funding periods
 1. Change from 5 periods to a two-period system with 'spot funding,' funding flexibility mid semester
3. Evaluation of SOF applications
 1. Currently no objective criteria
 2. Creation of criteria for creation of a 'score' for an event, e.g. expected attendance, cost, etc.
4. Instead of reimbursement, use approved lenders to allow MUSG to pay up front
 1. Closing 30 day reimbursement loophole, prevent committee going over their allocation amount
5. Appeals process
 1. Closing loopholes and having the Senate have 'final say' on applications over \$2500
6. Feedback system
 1. No avenue for feedback on allocation process currently
6. Bylaw changes (President Whelton and EVP Pinkney)
 1. Definitions (e.g. Conference, Personal Good, Capital Good, Operating Expense, Travel, etc.)
 2. Codifying free events for all students
 3. Recognized student organizations
 4. 'Recurring event'
 5. MUSG advisors do not have to be present during SOF meetings for spot funding meetings
 6. Legislative Clerk shall serve as secretary of SOF committee meetings
 7. Student organization funding training
 8. MUSG funding only to recognized student organizations, no personal goods or recurring expenses, no conference travelling
 9. Equal to \$2500
 1. Greater than \$7500 requires 5 votes rather than 4
 10. Purchase orders ahead of time rather than reimbursements
 11. 2 funding periods
 12. Spot Funding
 1. Student Orgs must have their own insurance while travelling to non-academic events
 2. Greater than \$2500 must be sent to Senate for approval
 3. Leftovers in SOF fund will be put in spot funding fund
 1. Leftovers will go over to next semester as well

13. Criteria for evaluation of requests
 14. Appeals process change
 15. MUSG will set aside minimum amount for club sports for each semester
 16. Updating duties
 1. EVP must provide training to SOF members
 2. LC must take notes at SOF meeting
 7. Final points
 1. Not meant to be a perfect system
- B. *Open Discussion: Student Organization Funding Reforms*
1. Senator Elizondo moves to consider, Senator O'Rourke seconds
 2. Questions
 1. Senator O'Rourke: why can amount not be increased? This is the way it is currently. Might be a good power to give to senate? Not against striking, appeal process can still go back to the budget committee
 2. Senator Schmidt: do objective criteria for allocation help avoid increase issues? Absolutely, too much subjectivity, minutes can then be presented to Senate, transparency from allocation process
 1. Senator Elizondo: evaluation process covers this? Only a few listed, different attributes according to the event in question
 2. PVP Twaddle: reservation regarding certain criterion, e.g. past success of the event. Certain factors will be ranked lower in importance
 3. Senator O'Rourke: too much assumption of risk with payment up front? E.g. speakers and event-related services paid after the event, student organization would be held liability rather than MUSG. Application for spot funding can happen any time of year? Yes. What is incentive for doing so during two periods? Limited funds, incentivize planning but not punish for unexpected events, incentive for events that are planning every year. Mandate communication between advisor and committee for spot funding meetings? This is reasonable. SOF minutes are public? Open at the moment, but decision as such can be made in the future. Committee not being able to evaluate new information? Yes, attempt to prevent a double standard. Why is conference travel not fundable? It was not but 'conference' as a term was not clearly defined.
 4. Senator Kouhel: what budget is submitted for a period? Entire budget, more context for allocation requests, budget shows how funding would be spent but are not requests themselves. Are orgs committed enough to plan ahead? Most successful events are those that have been planned ahead of time
 1. Senator O'Rourke: sometimes fluctuating schedules of speakers prevents planning ahead. Spot funding, also Late

- Night funding, most likely some funding available through the spot funding
2. Senator Kouhel: Timeline? February training, April period for Fall semester, September training, October (November for club sports) period for next Spring. Can more spot funding be added? Yes. Against having a six month ahead of time requirement for events
 5. PRD Markun: individual evaluation of recurring events? Yes, events will be evaluated independently. First come-First serve basis? Yes, as it is currently. Will we still have percent reduction? Yes if it is needed, minimum of \$5000.
 6. PPT Manjee: definitions are great, is training required if orgs have no leadership change? Yes, people can always learn something new, also opportunity to gather feedback. Does every org have a budget/will there be training for this? Will be covered at training, OSD might offer assistance as well
 1. Senator O'Rourke: MUSG will require a more thorough budget from orgs? Yes
 7. PPT Manjee (continued): guidelines for allocation? Will be explained to orgs
 8. Senator Wogernesse: how are club sports affected? More funding ability through spot funding, also more help through approved vendors list.
 9. Senator Vrana: who has to attend meetings for club sports? Just presidents/exec board. Why not? Could be something to consider, some club sports do not have salaried coaches who do not need to have training on running of the organization. When is the budget submitted/one application for the entire semester? (Senator Miller) e.g. budget varies, uniform expenses, a lot of things in flux, but solidified events still submitted, i.e. one application is sent in for the semester. Spot fund and percent reduction issue? Will have to see, could create a bigger spot fund budget.
 1. Senators Krajewski and O'Rourke: percent reduction is a guess? Some data-based related to reimbursements, more control through vendor payments
 2. Senator Vrana: how does spot funding get awarded? Rolling basis, (FVP Ciccone) experimental basis, trial run to see how the first semester goes, success with spot funding at other organizations (e.g. Boston College), more historical data allows for better allocation in the future
 10. Senator Elizondo: recommendation for first spot funding? Anticipate that not many will be planning up front, therefore a large amount will likely come from spot funding in the beginning. Spot funding to contribute to an event approved before? Should not be, language should be changed as such.

1. Senator O'Rourke: similar principle for club sports? So long as there is a different event
11. Senator Elizondo (continued): looking at history of organization for determining allocations? To a certain extent but probably not, different year with different circumstances. How does application look so far? Trying to make it not too long or complicated, specification of type of event on the app.
12. Senator Vrana: when are applications for Spring semester due? October
13. Senator O'Rourke: when will this be voted on? December 1. When will these be incorporated if adopted? Some incorporated in next fiscal year, others in immediate effect (e.g. reimbursement and appeals)

12. Announcements

- A. Senator Vrana: Turkey Bowl yesterday, Abbotsford won
- B. Senator Elizondo: Internship Week through the Communication college, working with resume review, recruiters, come to me if you are interested
- C. President Whelton: Sigma Phi Epsilon Gyros fundraiser this Saturday at 11 pm

13. Adjournment

- A. Senator Wogernese moves, Senator O'Rourke seconds
 1. Voice vote > carries