

MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, November 17th, 2014

7:30 PM – AMU 227

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Dear MKE**

4. **Reflection**

A. *Senator Ricky Krajewski*

5. **Presentations**

A. *Mayor Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee*

1. Commends everybody on their dedication at Marquette
 1. Strong tie between Marquette and the city
 2. Blessed with opportunity to get an education at Marquette
2. Local affairs are “gritty”
 1. Great things happening in the city, e.g. Northwestern Mutual building construction, Pabst Brewery
 2. More young people moving in or near downtown recently, national trend, interested in the urban life experience
 3. We are “fighting back”
 1. Rebounding from population loss after loss of manufacturing jobs
 2. More job opportunities in the city for people with an education
 4. Improvements
 1. New street car transportation system
 1. New funding sources for extension of lines, closer to Summerfest
 2. New arena
 1. Funding from Kohl
 2. Need to find new source of funding
 1. “Jock tax”
 5. Public safety
 1. One group of criminals can affect multiple campuses
 6. Questions:
 1. Senator Kouhel: ‘Shot spotter’ effective in shooting recently? Was not located there, where it is used it is one of the most effective tools for police reaction after shots are fired, neighborhoods where there are a lot of shootings often do not call the police.
 2. Senator Guc: New superintendent of MPS? Critical of high rate of replacement of superintendent position in the past, new superintendent is very bright and capable, very

challenging job, need to figure out how to keep people in the city for education

3. Senator Schick: any takeaway from city meeting? Easy to criticize the city, cities have always been the place where people come to live the American Dream, e.g. German, Poles, Irish, Hispanics, African Americans, etc., more personal income leads people to want to live in the suburbs, traditional animosity between the city and the suburbs, want to create new efficient system of mass transit, seeing a 'renaissance of cities,' need to meet all the needs of new people in the city, addressing social challenges in the central city
4. Senator Bear: new goals or ideas for improving literacy rates in MPS: "Milwaukee Succeeds" by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, focus on 3rd grade reading improvement by year 2020, utilization of volunteers for more extensive one-on-one work with students in need, issue during summer break, need to have more resources during the summer
5. President Whelton: increase in crime, particularly auto theft? 90% this year in car thefts on a local level, limited police chases in neighborhoods, criminals more willing to steal cars, treated as a less serious crime for juveniles.
6. PPT Manjee: initiative for an Avenues West grocery store? Occasional discussion, difference of opinion on what sort of store to bring in, growth in neighborhood will eventually cause a store to come in, local opposition from time to time, however demand is still there.
7. Senator Luvianos: LED lights, e.g. in Avenues West? Yes, happens over time, best done during natural rotations, can take advantage of grant programs to do so in a smart manner.
8. Senator Elizondo: How is Milwaukee helping to combat student debt or encourage young professionals? Not unusual to have high paying jobs, more focused on just getting more jobs, have to continue positive momentum.

6. **Forum for Concerned Students**

A. Implementing electric hand dryers in bathrooms

1. Senator Elizondo: there has been discussion, implementation in next few weeks of utilizing hand dryers

7. **Officer Reports**

President

Kyle Whelton

- Women's Leadership Conference in March
 - Form on Involvement Link

- Senator Hatzenbihler: if you would like to be involved, you must schedule a meeting by tomorrow
- Arabic minor requested
- Arts & Sciences curriculum changes coming
- Interdisciplinary committee to be formed
- Religious Observances passed in the Academic Senate
- Interviewing FVP and PVP candidate this week

Executive Vice President

Natalie Pinkney

- Elections committee proposed changes will be coming
- Senior Speaker committee opening
- Discussion of diversity at the Dr. Lovell forum
 - All student representatives need to remember to be nonpartisan
 - Challenge to think about issues of diversity every day, be a man or woman for others

Communications Vice President

Sarah McClanahan

- Sanitized ball pit, stay out of it for 24 hours
- Internal Focus group last week, come to me if you know who would be interested
- Multi Media director is leaving, let me know if anybody interested in replacing her
- Basketball tickets, let me know if you hear an feedback
- Communication Department MUSG video, other committees will be filmed soon as well, come with ideas, can be used as a recruitment tool
- Come in for head shots, office hours posted on the door

Program Vice President

Ryan Twaddle

- Rondell Sheridan, hit capacity with the room
- Hunger Games tickets sold out
- MLK movie in January
- Funny Friday, this Friday, first 50 people get wings
- Finals Week activities
- Igniting Hope next Monday, lighting tree, please come and support them, decorate ornaments in the MUSG office

Financial Vice President

Nick Ciccone

- Great club sports turnout

Parliamentarian

Olivia Slusarek

- No report

Legislative Vice President

Zack Wallace

- We are down a business senator, will be looking for two new senators to appoint, come to me if you know anybody who would be interested
- One meeting left after tonight
- Last meeting will be looking for feedback on the semester, outline of the rest of the year
 - Will be in Sensenbrenner Hall, 'ugly sweater party'
- Next semester, meetings will be moved to 8 pm on Mondays

Advisor

Jennifer Reid

- Impressed with level of engagement on campus

8. Committee Reports

President Pro Tempore

Aliya Manjee

- WCLL initiative, more updates to come
- Please come to me if you have any ideas or goals for next semester

Business and Administration

Courtney Guc

- Growing Power initiative will be moved to next semester to have a better reception

Student Life

Estefania Elizondo

- No meeting this week
- Sexual Assault prevention meeting, close to a list of new changes, e.g. bystander training feedback
 - Work on new info graphics for second semester
- UPass survey will be effective as of tomorrow

Academics

Ricky Krajewski

- No meeting this week
- Finished recommendations for finals week changes
 - Faculty and Staff D2L
 - Feedback on academic forums, please let me know if you have any ideas on advertising

Student Organizations

Amanda Stolz

- Approved 4 new organizations, postponed vote on 2 organizations, preliminary approval to 1 organization
- Will be meeting with 11 potential organizations in the near future

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

- A. Senator Bear: GSRC interested in safe zone training with MUSG
- B. Senator Schmidt: University Academic Senate discussed enrollment update, issues of transfer, new deans in place by July, new director for Haggarty Museum, passed change of attendance policy regarding religious observances, DPS commissioning
 1. Enrollment issues with particular groups, access to this data will be online soon
 2. Revised version of Marquette's guiding values

10. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes from 11/10/2014
 1. Approved

11. **Old Business**

12. **New Business**

- A. *Introduction & Presentation*
 1. Amendments #3 – #11: Changes to SOF Financial Policies
 1. Senator Hatzenbihler moves to consider, Senator Elizondo seconds
 2. Presentation:

1. Can approve all at once or proposals in and other themselves
 2. Spot funding approval changes in Amendment 11, added Clause 4
 3. Additional clause removed
 4. Change regarding contact with the entire committee instead of just EVP
 5. Typo revisions
 6. Contacted student organizations to discuss the changes
 1. E.g. approval from the Naturals, will be meeting with Student for Life, endorsement from Students for Justice in Palestine, Mardi Gras meeting to come, etc.
 7. New SOF application draft demonstration
3. Questions
1. PVP Twaddle: include Late Night? Yes
 2. Senator Vrana: multiple applications? Can enter information for multiple events on an application, break down according to type of event
 3. Senator Schmidt: Order of information of events? Information imputed for each event in order
 4. Senator Krajewski? How will this help the process? More organization, less error for the SOF committee. Amount of money placed on each event will not be part of evaluation? Correct, one type of event will not be favored over another. Attributes for each event? Job of SOF committee to assign proper attributes to types of events. Events of same type compared to each other? No, event judged solely on its own merits.
 5. Senator Elizondo: reaching out to other student organizations for the testing process? Yes. What if the org is applying for more than 3 events? Option on the form for this, maximum of 9 events for an application. Can attributes be put into the application? There is already a lot of information on the application, trying to keep the application as relevant as possible.
 6. Senator Bear: how does this form differ from spot funding? It does not, they are the same. Input for other student orgs about the application? Several organizations, targeting aspects of old application that did not makes sense and caused confusion. Will this cause less confusion? Yes, especially if there is training involved, possibly creating a video to explain the process
 7. Senator O'Rourke: Amendment 9, constraint for appeals process? Practice for the past ten years, language implies that an error was made on the part of the SOF committee

instead of an error from the organization. Amendment 10, how to get back money if funding is denied? Actually reimbursement. Amendment 4, Capital Good definition rational? Close loophole, do not want to be restricted to no be able to help orgs purchase equipment absolutely essentially to their operation.

8. Senator Elizondo: overseeing first period if amendments go into effect? Available for most, e.g. training with the next FVP, anything under the term of the EVP. What happens with extra allocation money? Will roll over to spot funding. Stated procedures includes attributes? Yes
9. Senator Bear: consideration for organizations that are smaller and will not have ability to plan ahead financially? First semester is a transition period, spot funding allows for flexibility, no punishment for not applying as far ahead of time. Deadlines for spot funding? Rolling basis, lasts from beginning to end of semester, SOF committee will meet weekly to discuss ant new requests, no discrete periods or deadlines, spot funding for travel must come a month in advance.
10. Senator Krajewski: can language of rolling basis be added? Yes
11. Senator Vrana: SOF minutes will be public? Will be open to discretion of the administration, would be open to making changes to amendments as such

13. Announcements

- A. President Whelton
 1. Impressed with commitment and engagement in Senate
- B. Senator Elizondo
 1. Grab an IPod and conduct UPass surveys tomorrow
- C. Senator Hatzenbihler
 1. Please come if you have questions about Women's conference planning committee, must fill out the link
 2. Pi Beta Phi philanthropic event this Wednesday
- D. LVP Wallace
 1. Information on IPods to come
 2. Happy Birthday to Senator Murphy
- E. EVP Pinkney
 1. Diversity Coordinator application due December 1st

14. Adjournment

- A. Senator O'Rourke moves to adjourn, Senator Wogernessee seconds
 1. Voice vote > carries