

## Memorandum

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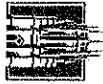
Re: Addition of a Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

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On October 28, 2014, the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed an amendment for the addition of a Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice to MUSG's Executive Council. This amendment requires your signature for approval. Please sign the legislation summary and send it back to me via campus mail and/or e-mail in pdf form.

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

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## Senate

2014 - 2015

### Summary of Legislation

#### Amendment #1

**Authors:**

Senator Murrar, Senator Luvianos, Senator Touhy,  
Senator Bear, Senator DiVittorio, Senator Dobrich  
Senator Elizondo, Senator Schick

**Sponsors:**

President Whelton, Exec. Vice President Pinkney,  
Arab Student Association, Black Student Council,  
Students for Justice in Palestine, NAACP-MU,  
Native American Student Association, Club Global,  
Black Student Council, Muslim Student Association  
African Student Organization, Jewish Student Union  
Youth Empowerment in the Struggle,  
Latin American Student Organization  
Business & Administration  
Student Life

**Senate Committee:**

Business & Administration  
Student Life

**Action of the MUSG Senate:**

Approved by Vote of 29-2-0

**Senate Rationale:**

The MUSG Senate approved this legislation to amend the MUSG Organizational Structure and establish a Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice within MUSG's Executive Council. The coordinator will also chair the Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. This Committee will serve as a liaison between different university departments, councils, staff, and faculty in order to create a central location for diversity of issues and efforts pertaining to Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. This legislation is the result from many weeks of hard work by MUSG members, over a dozen student organizations, and many other students to address students' concerns surrounding Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice on Marquette's Campus.

**Action of MUSG Legislative Vice President Zack Wallace**

Date: 10/28/14

**Action of MUSG President Kyle Whelton**

Date: 10/28/14

**Action of the Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. L. Christopher Miller, Ph.D.**

Date: 11-1-14

Amendment #1:

Addition of a Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

Author(s): Senators Ahmad Murrar, Eliza Luvianos, Michaela Bear, Brian Touhy, Gina DiVittorio, Blake Dobrich, Estefania Elizondo, Thomas Schick

Sponsor(s): President Whelton, Executive Vice President Pinkney, Arab Student Association, Students for Justice in Palestine, Native American Student Association, Latin American Student Organization, NAACP, Black Student Council, Club Global, Youth Empowerment in the Struggle, Commuter Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Jewish Student Union, African Student Organization

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

Whereas: The accreditation report provided to Marquette University by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) states that Marquette met Criterion One with Concerns due to a lack of progress on issues related to diversity and the lack of a university-wide diversity plan;<sup>1</sup> and,

Whereas: It is the responsibility of both the administration and the students of Marquette University to increase diversity on campus and resources for diverse populations; and,

Whereas: In the fall of 2011 President Joey Ciccone created a series of ad hoc Diversity Round Tables; and,

Whereas: In the fall of 2012 President Arica Van Boxtel established the ad hoc Diversity Task Force; and,

Whereas: Ten of our peer Jesuit institutions have a constitutionally codified position and/or committee in charge of coordinating efforts around diversity, inclusion, and social justice;<sup>2</sup> and,

Whereas: The past ad hoc positions and committees of previous presidents have left diversity efforts in MUSG discarded and lost in transition.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mu.edu/accreditation/documents/HLCReportBrief.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See the constitutions of the Student Governments of Seattle University, Gonzaga, the University of San Francisco, Loyola Marymount, Regis University, Loyola Chicago, St. Louis University, Xavier, Canisius University, Holy Cross, and Georgetown.

Therefore: Let Constitution Article IV Section 3 be amended to read:

“There shall be an Executive Council, chaired by the Executive Vice President, and comprised of the Elections Coordinator, Senior Speaker Coordinator, the Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, the Administrative Assistant, and Receptionists (By-Laws, Article II).”  
; and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution Article VI Section 1 Subsection A be amended to read:

“The Executive Vice President shall appoint, in consultation with the President, the Senior Speaker Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, the Elections Coordinator, and the Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. These officials shall take office May 1 and serve for one calendar year.”  
; and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article II Section 3 subsection A be amended to read:

“The following shall be positions within the Executive Council: Administrative Assistant, Elections Coordinator, Senior Speaker Coordinator, and the Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice.”  
; and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article VIII Section 2 be amended to include subsection E and read:

“The Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, who shall:

1. Chair the Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice which shall consist of two Senators (one Academic, one Residential) appointed by the Legislative Vice President, one member of Program Board appointed by the Program Vice President, one representative from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) appointed by the RHA President, and any other representatives from recognized student organizations appointed by the Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. The Committee shall serve as a liaison between different university departments, councils, staff and faculty in order to create a central location for discussion of issues and efforts pertaining to Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice. Both the Coordinator and the Committee shall be counseled by the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.

2. Report to the Executive Board or Senate upon request by the President or Executive Vice President.
3. Be responsible for duties as assigned by the Executive Vice President.
4. Serve as a member of the Executive Council."