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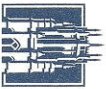
Date: November 3, 2014

Re: Removal of Program Commissions

On November 3, 2014, the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed an amendment for the removal of Program Commissions from the MUSG Program Board. 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.

CC: Kyle Whelton, MUSG President
Ryan Twaddle, MUSG Program Vice President
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Senate

2014 - 2015

Summary of Legislation Amendment #2

Authors:

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Patrick Diamond, Timothy Heffernon

Sponsors:

Senate Committee:

Business & Administration

Action of the MUSG Senate:

Approved by Vote of 27-0-0

Senate Rationale:

The MUSG Senate approved this legislation to amend the MUSG Organizational Structure and remove the Program Commissions from the MUSG Program Board. The MUSG Senate felt this was an appropriate change that will enable MUSG Program Board to increase their efficiency and effectiveness. Through this increase in efficiency, the MUSG Program Board will be able to continue to provide and enhance the availability of high quality programs to the Marquette University Student Body.

Action of MUSG Legislative Vice President Zack Wallace

Date: 11/10/14

Action of MUSG President Kyle Whelton

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

Date: 11-10-14

Amendment #2
Removal of Program Commissions

Authors: Program Vice President Ryan Twaddle, Chrystal Mattappillil, Patrick Dimond, and Timothy Hefferon

Sponsors:

Whereas: The Program Board Structure has remained the same since the MUSG governing documents were established in 1996; and,

Whereas: The Program Board has faced internal struggles over several years including a lack of commitment with the commissioners, a silo effect between the commissions leading to a lack of support for programs, an unequal work load between commissions leading to “burnout” programmers, and a lack of a training timeline; and,

Whereas: MUSG President Kyle Whelton created an ad hoc committee to review the Program Board Structure; and,

Whereas: The Program Board Review Committee contacted twenty-five colleges and universities with similar aspects to Marquette University, receiving responses from ten; and,

Therefore: Let Constitution Article IV, Section 4, read “There shall be a Program Board, chaired by the Program Vice President, comprised of four Program Board Coordinators and Program Board Members (By-Laws, Article III);” and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution Article VI, Section 2, Subsection A, read “... The Program Vice President shall then take office on January 1 and serve until April 30 of the following year;” and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution Article VI, Section 2, Subsection B, read “The Program Vice President shall appoint, in consultation with the President, four Program Board Coordinators. These officials shall take office February 15 and serve until April 30 of the following year;” and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article III, Section 3, read “There shall be four Program Board Coordinators;” and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article III, Section 4, read “There shall be a general Program Board of at-large members;” and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article III, Section 5, read “The Program Board shall be structured as follows:

A. There shall be four Program Board Coordinators responsible for the organization and execution of programs on and off campus. Their duties shall be presented in writing before they are hired.

B. There shall be a general Program Board of at-large members with open applications throughout the academic year;" and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article VII, Section 3, Subsection C, read "Develop job descriptions for all Program Board Coordinators;" and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article VII, Section 3, Subsection D, read "Be present at all meetings of the Senate. In the case of absence, the Program Vice President shall arrange for a Program Board Coordinator to attend;" and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article VII, Section 5, Subsection C, read "Be present at all meetings of the Senate. In the case of absence, the Communications Vice President shall arrange for a member of the Communications Department to attend;" and,

Furthermore: Let Constitution By-Laws Article VIII, Section 3, Subsection A, read "The Program Board Coordinators, who shall:

1. Act as liaisons between the Program Vice President and the general Program Board Members.
2. Be present at meetings of the Senate when the Program Vice President cannot attend.
3. Be responsible for duties as assigned by the Program Vice President;" and,

Furthermore: Remove Constitution By-Laws Article VIII, Section 3, Subsection B; and,

Furthermore: Remove Constitution By-Laws Article VIII, Section 3, Subsection C; and,

Furthermore: Remove Constitution By-Laws Article IX, Section 4, Subsection D; and,

Furthermore: Let Article, Section 3, read "When a Program Board Coordinator does not fulfill the duties outlined by the Program Vice President and Advisor(s) the Program Vice President shall provide them with a document outlining the reasons for their removal; the member shall be automatically removed from the Program Board and the position declared vacant;" and,

Furthermore: The amendment shall go into immediate effect for the selection and hiring of the 2015-16 Program Board.