

MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, January 26th, 2014

7:30 PM – AMU 227

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Dear MKE**

A. *“Lo with the Fro”*

4. **Reflection**

A. *Senator Elizondo*

B. *Poem about the success of our generation*

5. **Forum for Concerned Students**

A. *Jake: speak on behalf of dance team on campus. Wanted to say thank you for approving the money and funds for our team. We won't be using the New York money, decided to compete more in the Midwest. Better use of the money you gave us. Wanted to give you an update on the team. Performed at the talent show and won crowd favorite and first place. Want to perform at Ohio, Minnesota, and Iowa. Any financial help is awesome, it's hard to do it all through fundraising. Thank you, again!*

6. **Presentations**

A. *Ms. Kathy Lang, Chief Information Officer, Marquette University*

B. *Student internet pipe was doubled in size. We have two internet one connections, a faculty staff pipe, and a student pipe. Student pipe is four times the size of faculty staff pipe. Also created a new wireless ID, called MU Student. If you log in and sign up you only have to enter your credentials once. Instructions on web for connecting with that. MU Wireless is now primarily for guests.*

C. *Microsoft Office 365 is now available for free for all students, can download on up to five computers and five mobile devices. We want to get the word out for that*

D. *Spam Quarantine is a new service we hired to get rid of more spam, and you will get an e-mail about once a week showing you all of the mail that went into your spam account so you can make sure important e-mails don't end up in spam. Hopefully this will block more spam. We're still monitoring it so we can change it if it isn't working correctly.*

1. *Questions:*

A. *Senator Schmidt: Is there a way we can view the spam folder?*

1. *Yeah you can click the link any time to see it.*

E. *Also wanted to ask you about communication. In IT we can communicate with news briefs and the alerts account, but we only use that for sending out messages for outages. We try to keep that account only for outages so people can know when they'll be affected and can plan around it. We also use Twitter @marquetteits. Is there another way you feel we could communicate to get information out Let me know if you have any ideas.*

B. *Senator Bowman: News briefs have been reformatted, and I think they are less readable now. I'm less inclined to read them.*

2. *That all comes through the office of marketing and communication. I can pass that on to them.*

C. *CVP McLanahan: We put out a weekly e-list to so you can send things to me and I can publish them with our information as well.*

3. *The more times we can get the word out the better.*

D: *Senator Elizondo: Alerts, too like DPS*

4. *Usually when we go to the trib we are responding to an article or advertising*

E. *President Whelton: Put something on CheckMarq about Microsoft, or on D2L as well*

5. *Yeah, we could do that*

F. *Senator Bowman: It seems like the outage e-mails come frequently, why?*

6. *Depends. Either planned or unplanned, and planned we have to have. Most are related to security updates we have to apply. Sometimes unplanned ones are failure in hardware, flukes in the system, etc. We usually work with vendors because we run their systems, so when they go out they must be fixed. This fall we had a lot of power outages too which effected something in our department. We have a policy for outages that we let people know; we try to get them out Wednesday for the weekend outages so they have a few days to plan for it. D2L we try to do only once a year, which is hard because a lot of the companies are changing to continuous updates which are smaller but more frequent. That outage, too, is also the end of graduation*

G. *Senator Elizondo: Do you handle the DPS alerts?*

7. *WE do not, they send them out and work with OMC.*

H. *Senator Bowman: Software to bridge D2L and CheckMarq together for grade book?*

8. *There were conversations about that, but the issues aren't related to technology. It's a matter of getting faculty to do it, and there's a cost for the integration.*

I. *President Whelton: Main reason was that the link was buggy and loaded a lot of grades incorrectly, is that not true?*

9. *No, it's the work that needs to be done since everyone grades differently. Not a technology issue.*

J. *Senator Elizondo: Do you measure how many faculty use grade book?*

10. *No, we don't track that. They do provide training on how to use it, but people are set on what they've always done.*

K. *LVP Wallace: Any updates on the app?*

11. *Public safety, CheckMarq app are the two I'm aware of. If people create apps they probably don't go through IT. The reason they don't go through us is that I don't have a staff to maintain apps like that. We don't do any application development here at Marquette, we just buy from vendors and utilize their apps.*

12. Advisor Reid: It's an app that student affairs partnered with OMC, it's only available on iPhone and we'll retire it since we don't have resources to maintain it.

7. Officer Reports

President

Kyle Whelton

A: CVP search. Applications were available January 12, they close on the 30th at 7pm, same day the committee will meet to go over logistics. Over the weekend we will review applications and finalize 2-3 for interviews, which will happen the beginning of next week. End of next week we'll make our selection, and two senates from now will present our decision. Tell people to apply we'd love to see their applications.

B: Mission Week: all of the slots have been filled for helping hands, which is awesome. Want to find more opportunities for people to volunteer. Raffle, every 3 people you bring from an organization you get an entry into the raffle.

C: Dialogue dinner will occur on Thursday. Go online to sign up. Free dinner and then discussion, giving you the chance to explore interpersonal developments with key leaders in the community.

D: Thanks to those who came to provost public session. Shout out to Senator Schmidt! Info about it is available online. Forums online to fill out about each of the candidates. It's important that we hear what you guys think about these potential leaders. Hope to know by the end of February.

Executive Vice President

Natalie Pinkney

A: I've been busy the last two weeks, but now I'll be back in office working on SOF things, we will meet next week to look at applications. Will make typed version of attributes that I will bring to senate next week, sorry they aren't ready for today. All SOF members have worked on these.

B: Great conversation with Ester, she put up an application for committee with mission and vision. Already been meeting with AdHoc coalition. If you see her, talk with her. She's passionate about a lot of topics that would stir things up at a Jesuit school.

Communications Vice President

Sarah McClanahan

A: Echo what Kyle said about CVP stuff. More people that apply, better candidate we will get

B: If you know someone that can work as a designer let me know, one of ours quite

C: Fill out office hour preferences, we want to get your pictures and post them so that people know you will be in the office.

Program Vice President

Ryan Twaddle

A: Saturday – open Annex night.

B: Sunday - \$4 tickets to go see Selma, you'll be back by 4pm

C: Begun training Sarah so she will be prepared to take over. Dan has resigned, we won't be hiring another program board assistant. Dan will still be on SOF committee.

D: Any friends interested in being Program Coordinator, application is available and open until Friday. Anyone is welcome to apply.

E: I'm working with my advisor to see if we can sell tickets for our events out of the MUSG office to give our office more publicity.

Financial Vice President

Nick Ciccone

A: Period 4 for non-club sports ended last Friday, feel good about the applications, will be meeting soon to discuss

B: Been training Ted for the last few weeks

Parliamentarian

Olivia Slusarek

A: No Report

Legislative Vice President

Zack Wallace

A: Publicly shame people who haven't filled out Google form (Senator Guc, Schmidt, Dearden, McNerny, Haines, Krajewski) fill this out by tonight

B: Welcome some new senators to the room, Senator Walker, Vinton, and Fuchs, Brown)

C: Continue to reach out to organizations and include office hours in there so you guys will have visitors.

D: I've only had one person e-mail me about the two senate spots on diversity inclusion committee, so e-mail me if you're interested and say why. Want to get those appointed ASAP

E: Still have Arts & Sciences to elect new member (tomorrow 8pm, Cudahy 143). 11 students interested. Also, Carpenter and Schroeder elections this weekend.

F: We have our introduction presentation, we will stick with that format this semester to open conversations up to senate and students for legislation to be voted on the following week.

Advisor

Jennifer Reid

A: UPass survey is open for five more days. Please get out there and get people to take it. Take it yourselves as well

B: Reiterate the importance of office hours. I went to the dean of students about a concern they had, were referred to me, and I think it's important to better communicate your office hours. Do you know what they're for? What do you think?

Senator Kouhel: To be available for students and constituents if they have questions.

Senator Elizondo: Meet with faculty and work on initiatives

PPT Manjee: Work on surveys

I envies them like faculty office hours. It's your dedicated time in office to work on MUSG stuff. I'm not scolding anyone, I just want to be sure you know what you should be doing.

C: Initiative to meet with student orgs about SOF, the students that came in were part of a student org and like the outreach, but think there are student orgs that will be unresponsive to that because they may not have had a good relationship with MUSG in the past. Urged us to push through that to keep reaching out to them.

D: Bias incident reporting form: came out of diversity task force, recommendation we passed as a senate and it is now put into place. Although it lives on student affairs website, it's actually out of the provost office. The form itself is managed through same software that houses all of our conduct data. You don't have to put down your name, but if you don't put one in it's hard to follow up on the incident. More information you give on an incident, the easier it will be to follow up on the incident. Can upload photos or supporting documentation as well. I'm told that the conversations keep your identity anonymous if you want it to be. In any situation under this, if you attach names as witnesses you have more detail moving forward. Questions?

Senator Elizondo: Some of the research of bias incidents are micro aggressions, is there any language for this? Who can we contact in Provost office.

Advisor Reid: There is not on the website. Micro aggressions have been discussed, it got stalled in losing staff in intercultural engagement. I don't know what the energy is behind it now. Maybe diversity committee could take that up. Dr. William Walbird

Senator Bear: Everyone I worked with in this process was very helpful and supportive. I suggest telling everyone to fill it out, it makes things so much better to have the University know what's going on.

Advisor Reid: We haven't had a lot of reports. Either they don't know it's there, or don't feel comfortable doing it.

8. Committee Reports

President Pro Tempore

Aliya Manjee

A: Community Engagement Committee had our first meeting last week. Safety walks (Sip and Stroll for Safety Feb 18th at 6-8pm). Hot chocolate, break up into groups, go on safety walks around campus with guidance of DPS officers. Want at least 30 people to participate in this. More information this week

B: Neighborhood clean up day this semester on a bigger level with more people. Thinking March 21 or 28, yet to be confirmed, but working with center for community service. Also had a meeting with United Way, want to collaborate with them more to have a speaker come to a meeting, and they will help us with outreach and with our neighborhood clean-up

C: MUSG partnership with WCLL schools. Want to get a date where we could go over to WCLL to get training. Once I get more dates I'll let you know. Let us know if you have questions or come to our meeting Thursdays at 8pm!

Business and Administration

Courtney Guc

A: I'm gone February 9th

B: Growing Power will take orders next Monday. Can pick up orders in the office. Want at least 18 people to use the program this first round. Purchase online at the reception desk using only credit card and debit. Come to MUSG office to register via receptionists.

Student Life

Estefania Elizondo

A: Safety walks Feb 18th, bring a friend. Everyone try to bring just one friend

B: Survey going on for five more days. Try to do 20 responses each in the next five days. Send constituents the link, too. Make sure you press finish button to submit the responses

C: Safe Zone training, and possible amendment for female representation in movies. Let me know if you have questions

Academics

Ricky Krajewski

A: Next Tuesday Feb 3 is arts and sciences student council forum for one of their meetings. If you have any concerns, go to that meeting (Cudahy 143)

B: After Wednesday I will reach out to academic senators

Student Organizations

Amanda Stolz

A: No Report (Zack stole it)

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

A. Senator Bear: Gender and Sexuality resource center is planning forums for end of February. Mix of students, grad students, faculty, administrators. When I have it solidified I will let you all know

B. President Whelton: This weekend the Marquette University Alumni Association met, what is Marquette doing for community outreach – saw research they have been doing and how it is affecting Dr. Lovell's initiatives. Strategic plan for the board. Diversity inclusion – getting diverse alumni more involved. How are we helping Marquette to innovate. Networking session with students was awesome.

C. Senator Schick: Academic Technology recapped discussion, and Sept 25, 2015 is Marquette's 1st annual technology day! Mostly targeted at faculty, but will have events for students as well. Off Campus Caucus met and discussed different ways to market the group itself. Updates from office of public affairs and public safety. Met and had lunch

with Father McDonald, a consultant hired by Society of Jesus to evaluate collegiate academic institutions. Great conversation, great pizza, great times.

- D. *Senator Schmidt: University of Academic Senate convened. Provost commentary, deadline extended through Wednesday. All four candidates are still on the table. Over 120 pages on commentary for each individual candidate, look forward to reading these. Many open seats for faculty positions, if you know of any that would do great encourage them to self nominate and get involved. Transfer numbers 208 applications sent in, 62 placed deposits. 18,000 applications for the fall, 57 have placed a deposit. Pushed forward acceptance letters a bit this year. Graduate applications down 11%, still up in the air since graduate schools are still accepting applications. CAPI is no longer a thing. At graduate level, approved to terminate masters of art, dispute resolution, etc. Will be able to complete degrees if already in it. It was losing us money each year. 5 year goal is to double research and funding for entire graduate and undergraduate population. Going with innovation fund, want to double all RND in next five years. Any ideas for research, great time to be here. Moving to look into open access journals for publishing faculty articles, giving students more access to them as well as public at large.*
- E. *PVP Twaddle: Innovation fund, talked about it last time. Pre-proposals due Feb 6, you have to submit this, but this is not the judgment stage. You also have to propose a final proposal. Make sure people do pre-proposal and final proposal (pre is just for feedback). Fund had grown, if you have questions ask me.*

10. Approval of Minutes

- A. *Approval of Minutes from 1/12/2014*

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- A. *Introduction and Presentation*
1. *Updating Finals Week Policies*
 2. *Senator Krajewski: Pretty self-explanatory what we're trying to do. Want to give students the option to change finals so they only have to take two in one day, not three minimum. We don't know how this will work logistically, we want to pass it first to show how dedicated we are to it. We would work out logistics when we start working with faculty once it is passed.*
 3. *Senator Thiry: As it stands, there are 80 students that had 4 finals in one day, 1600 with 3 finals in one day. We want to change it so that we can help more students.*
 4. *Senator Schmidt: Professors can be very accommodating. The goal of this is to emphasize and give some kind of backing for students to use to speak with professors about changing schedules.*
 5. *Senator Krajewski: Yea, because not all professors are as lenient*
 6. **QUESTIONS:**
 - A. *Senator Vrana: Do you know a timeline for when this would be taken up by University?*
 - 1) *Senator Krajewski: We want to push it through and show interest. She proposed other mechanisms to eliminate conflicts if we can figure out where overlap occurs*

2) *President Whelton: Has to go through academic senate. Worthwhile to go through, but will change timeline of finals, which can be an issue. Will go later into the night.*

B. *Senator Schmidt: If they can fix the majority, can they still pass it so the student is still able to change it?*

3) *The way the registrar works is less than 1% conflicts with current policy. Want it to be set upfront, don't want to be flooding the dean's office to move around schedule*

C. *Senator Schick: Any rule for when you have to inform professors by?*

4) *Senator Krajewski: I didn't see anything, but I didn't look closely either so I can look that up and let you know.*

5) *Senator Schmidt: under the current policy there isn't a timeline. They just have to contact college office to reschedule an exam.*

6) *Senator Schick: I think it might help to add a deadline.*

13. Announcements

A. *President Whelton: Starting on Tuesday next week, it's important that everyone fills out the climate study census. Tell your friends! It's very important, please, please, please. University will send link out in a news brief, we can't directly email people.*

14. Adjournment