

MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, February 2nd, 2014

7:30 PM – AMU 163

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Reflection

- A. *Senator Bowman – Openness so people can voice concerns and have them heard. Taste the cheese.*

4. Forum for Concerned Students

5. Presentations

- A. *Dr. William Welburn, Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion*

1. *Thank you for having me. We've talked before about the climate study so I'm not going to go over all of it. You have senators here involved as well who can give you perspective on it. Tomorrow morning we launch the climate survey (6am), which is the central piece of the study itself. Want to reinforce the importance of the study, specifically the survey, for the Marquette University. Especially for the life of students present at Marquette. First time we've done a campus wide climate survey inviting everyone to complete it. Survey portion will stay open until February 20th. Survey is meant to get your experiences and your observations about Marquette as a University. Not specifically a diversity survey. Our attempt to understand who we are as a community. It would be wonderful to have 100% participation, want to encourage everyone to do it. Could take 20 minutes or longer depending on how much you have to say (probably 40 minutes tops). Want a clear sense for you to benefit from this. MUSG should be especially interested to see what they can do with this data to address the student body.*

***Go.mu.edu/climate** for the survey. I'll look forward to talking to you again when we get results!*

- B. *Farah Coltrain & Brianna Blackshire, Kappa Delta Representatives*

1. *Leadership development consultants. Living on campus until the end of the semester to establish the new chapter here at Marquette. Thank you for being so welcoming. Looking for movers and shakers on campus to develop the traditions on this campus. Be engaged in the process of establishing a legacy at Marquette. We have referral forms up on our website Marquette.kappadelta.org so fill those out and we will get in contact with those referrals. Girl Scouts are our national philanthropy. Sunday we are celebrating our establishment of our chapter. Bid day celebration Sunday 7pm in the ballrooms.*

- C. *Zach Pasker, Delta Tau Delta Representative*

1. *Leadership consultant, director of growth. Want to talk to you about our process. Be here for a month in the AMU every day tabling to meet with guys to become potential founding fathers. Committed to academic, service, and leadership, looking for guys that will help to strengthen the greek and Marquette community. Our entire process is referral based since we aren't from around here. We have 14*

guys that are founders of the fraternity and we want that to grow here at your campus. If you know of outstanding men on campus please refer them to us. 9-5 by the Brew we will be set up, and some of our founders are in this room so you can also mention other guys to them that we should talk to. Thank you for being welcoming, and we look forward to working with you.

A) EVP Pinkney: when is recruitment?

a. Monday-Friday 9-5 for the next four weeks, just meeting sessions no actual recruitment period.

6. **Officer Reports**

President

Kyle Whelton

A: Provost search has been a wonderful time for the community. Meeting with Pres. Lovell tomorrow to give him our reflections and our feedback, he makes the final decision. Clear front runner emerged from the process, and a lot of insight came from the public sessions so thank you for putting those in. It was helpful to read all of the feedback we received.

B: CVP search going on, applications close on Friday. Will have nominee for approval on Monday

C: Elections are in two months, so if you are thinking about running please come talk to us about it. I want you to be informed as possible if it is something you're interested in.

D: Fill out the climate study

E: Helping Hands – event with mission week. Packaged almost 26,000 in about 2 hours. 21 orgs with representatives there. A lot of enthusiastic people there!

F: \$1,000 winner cycling club!

G: Black History Month started yesterday. Think about individuals in our community. 1970 MUSG elected the first ever African American to EVP position. 2008 Dr. Miller became first ever Vice President at University level to be African American. Natalie is first ever African American woman elected to EVP position.

Executive Vice President

Natalie Pinkney

A: Happy Black History month

B: Happy to present SOF Attributes, SOF committee will get to you next week about things over \$5,000

Communications Vice President

Sarah McClanahan

A: CVP nominations next week. I want to make sure you understand what I do, if you are new and don't know feel free to stop by and ask.

B: Ask Kyle if you have questions about when new VP's take office. I'm here until the 30th

C: Senior speaker nominations are open, form is up on our website. If you are a senior and want to be on the committee, those are open as well

Program Vice President

Ryan Twaddle

A: Feb 12th bounce Milwaukee, indoor rec center 8-10pm, wristbands in CLSI

B: Second semester speaker series kicks off Feb 19th 7pm in Weasler

C: Pan African Heritage month – our contribution is a taste of MU, reached out to cultural groups on campus so we can learn about what they do, what their culture is about and eat some good food. Feb 20th, 8-10 in AMU Ballrooms

Financial Vice President

Nick Ciccone

A: Finance office is going through our audit process, almost done with that

Parliamentarian

Olivia Slusarek

A: Old Business – majority of present (14)

B: New Business – majority of seated (16)

Legislative Vice President

Zack Wallace

A: Highlight new senators here, welcome!

B: I've only received a few emails about diversity inclusion committee, taking them until Friday with why you want to be in the committee and how you could contribute

C: EVP Pinkney: Open forum, weekly meetings, committee within MUSG to help with activating things that might happen (legislation, recommendations, etc.) Working with RHA Rep, Program Board member, and other committee members. We want 1 academic and 1 residential to serve on this committee

D: President Whelton: Deliver report every senate, do extra outreach on campus about efforts of committee, etc.

Advisor

Jennifer Reid

A: Groundhog saw his shadow

7. **Committee Reports**

President Pro Tempore

Aliya Manjee

A: Community Engagement meeting on Thursday. Sip and stroll for safety Feb 18 6-8pm in the Weasler. Bring your friends, come, bring nonsenate friends. Splitting up the blocks that go past campus with maps and DPS guides.

B: Neighborhood clean-up March 28 at 10am. United way will help us recruit more people from the community to get them more involved. Want to have a much larger group. Lunch after as well.

C: Big Brother Big Sister, Feb 13th (Next Friday). Want two more senators to come with me to the school to facilitate leadership development. Meeting with people from CLSI this week to get some activities we could do. If you are interested in coming with to the school, e-mail me! It's from 2-3:30, group is pretty small (8-10). Limit to 5-6 of us.

D: Advisor Reid: Make sure you connect with Kelly Myers

Business and Administration

Courtney Guc

A: Growing Power advertisements, please tell all of your friends to buy them online in our office! Reminder to pick them up 12-5pm Friday in MUSG office, otherwise donation will go to campus kitchen

B: B & A has a new member, Senator Vinton, welcome her

Student Life

Estefania Elizondo

A: UPass survey, 272 people have taken it so we surpassed our goal, yay!

B: Ash Wed Feb 18 in Weasler auditorium (Sip and Stroll for Safety)

Academics

Ricky Krajewski

A: Talked about what roles MUSG will take for advising

Student Organizations

Amanda Stolz

A: No report

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

A. *Senator Murrar: President Lovell task force on equity inclusion. Representative will come Feb 14 from 3-4pm to talk about deputization of DPS*

B. *PVP Twaddle: Innovation council fund request pre-proposals are due on Friday, Feb 6*

C. *EVP Pinkney: UBUS is looking for two representatives, if you're interested e-mail me. They meet Wednesdays 1-2:30 next meeting is March 4, and then two in April*

- D. *Senator Bear: Feb 17th 12-1pm in Henke Lounge if you want a free lunch. Community Lunch with Erwin Keller, talking about religion and gender identity*
- E. *Senator Dobrich: Sexual Violence and Prevention.... Met today. Still looking for programs on campus, if any of your committees or groups are doing those let me know. Also, they were wondering if we would like to cosponsor any programs.*
- F. *Senator Guc: Neighborhood Excellence Committee, want more ways for Avenues West to connect with landlords and students. Flexible for meeting with us, if you're interested contact me or LVP Wallace*
- G. *Senator Bowman: Want to reiterate what was said about the Climate Survey. I'm going to ask all of you every day until you do it. It's very important that you and everyone you know take it.*
- H. *LVP Wallace: Neighborhood Excellence.... Looking for more students to get involved so please let us know if you're interested.*

9. **Approval of Minutes**

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

10. **Old Business**

- A. *Voting*
 - 1. *Updating Finals Week Policies*
 - 2. *Senator Krajewski: Pretty much the same as last week, we're just recommending to University not writing it out verbatim. Leaving it vague on purpose so we don't impose on University's right to set academic policies. Leave it up to the University to decide if they want to set a timeline.*
 - 3. *Senator Schmidt: I'm excited for how it turned out.*
 - A) *Questions:*
 - a. *None*
 - B) *Debate:*
 - a. *Senator Schmidt: Speaks in affirmative*
 - b. *Senator Touhy: Speaks in affirmative*
 - c. *Senator Murrar: Speaks in affirmative*
 - C) *Voice Vote: Passes unanimously*
 - D) *President Whelton: To clarify – this doesn't guarantee that this will change. We still have to meet with the higher-ups.*

11. **New Business**

- A. *Approval of SOF Attributes*
 - 1. *EVP Pinkney: Voting on criteria for which SOF will deliberate applications. There are three types of criteria SOF will use. Non-club sports events (off campus and on campus), non-club sports items and non-event related expenses, club sports.*
 - 2. *SOF Committee makes attributes, and then you vote on them. Some things are and some are not in the governing body.*
 - 3. *Four attributes that they are judged on (essentially pre-requisites). If organization doesn't meet these attributes within 48 hours of the requested information, SOF committee can't accept their applications. Attending SOF training won't be required for this last SOF period, but in the future it will be a requirement*

4. *6 attributes that organizations will be weighted on (with points) if the first four attributes are passed/met for application.*
5. *SOF committee has week to, on their own, come up with scoring. They will submit it to me (the chair) and in our meeting we will go over what everyone said. This will help to cut down our meeting time so we can spend more time talking about applications we may not agree on.*
6. *Committee expects at least 50% of points obtained (about 18 points), scores don't always mean funding is automatically awarded or denied – there may be financial constraints of committee, or all applications might be good*

A) Questions:

- a. *Senator Jaroor: What does SOF mean?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: Student Organization Funding. Use 30% of student activity fee and provide funding for student organizations. This is giving us a more objective way of talking about things, since it has been subjective in the past*
 - b. *PPT Manjee: Attribute 3 – does that mean if events rejected late night they wouldn't get funding at all?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: I would ask if they are interested in partnering with late night, if yes they drop out of SOF funding, if no then they stay in for SOF funding. We have to consider the attendance of their program if it is Late Night, but we would never say it will or will not be successful because of this.*
 - ii. *President Whelton: This will help increase overall pool for SOF since there are less restrictions in Late Night so it opens up money for SOF*
 - c. *Senator Schmidt: In training they will see this criteria, are they going to be able to see the scores they received on applications?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: Yes. If you are approved I probably won't tell them unless they're curious. If they are denied we will explain it to them to show what they can approve on.*
7. *Non-club items and non-event expenses have three required attributes. There are also four attributes they are deliberated on (only one different from those discussed previously).*
 8. *Club Sports: four required attributes and then 6 attributes they are deliberated on (most of these overlap, only a couple new additions)*

B) Questions:

- a. *Senator Miller: Is this financing for the upcoming semester?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: Yes*
- b. *Senator Guc: For confirmed participation, is club responsible for verifying they can participate in the event?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: It should be included in their application because we can't just assume what they*

are qualified for. They should link to the website that shows that they qualify by paying as well.

- c. *Senator Schick: Club Sports – the benefit and value to the community, how can you seek to differentiate between different sports for their value to the university? Is competition a deciding factor then?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: This past funding period there was one requesting funding for some competitions, and one was just a fun thing. We gave funding to those that would help with recruiting and that would benefit the community not just benefiting the team itself. In this case it was a deciding factor, but if they whole application were based on non-competitive activities then we would look at it differently. It is case by case, but majority of time they are of benefit to University.*
- d. *Senator Schick: Will you have a copy of organizations purpose and mission? I thought every org had a mission statement*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: No, the purpose and mission mean do the items they request match the organizations purpose. Do they need these items to be fully functioning. They can provide the mission statement, but it might not be necessary because if it serves the purpose without addressing the mission exactly that's still okay.*
 - ii. *President Whelton: Justify reason we should buy capital goods. Rationale for a capital good has to be explained for how it serves the mission of the organization. If it isn't clear to committee, they will receive a low weighted score. But they do have the opportunity to appeal it. Mission may not be as ineffable or intangible as it is in a larger setting.*
- e. *Senator Schick: There have been discussions with student organizations about new policies, have you discussed criteria and weights with orgs?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: No, but that would confuse them because this has to be approved by senate first. I based this off of what SOF committees in the past have deliberated on and what current SOF committee looks for. Biggest thing student orgs are frustrated about is that they don't know what we talk about, so this will help with that. 90% of the time they already outline these things, this just puts structure to what is already present in SOF. I don't*

want to confuse them, so no, I haven't emailed it to them yet.

- ii. *President Whelton: There's also give and take in what orgs want us to consider and what we do consider. These are things we've been talking about for a while. The keys behind putting it out in this way is to get committee members to think more actively about applications prior to going into meetings, also we need to be transparent with these organizations.*
- f. *Senator Schick: When we get the breakdown of SOF, will senate see the scores of each allocation? Why vote tonight? When is training?*
 - i. *EVP Pinkney: Yeah we could do that, there will be minutes from the meeting as well. I would probably only provide the scores that senate needs to approve.*
 - ii. *President Whelton: They were supposed to be approved yesterday, but we couldn't get the committee together before last senate.*
 - iii. *EVP Pinkney: Training is last Saturday of Feb or beginning Saturday of March*
- g. *Senator Bear: For the club sports attribute 6, what's the plausibility of club sports actually using Marquette vendors? What was the rationale in having it be bonus points? Will orgs see the points they received?*
 - i. *President Whelton: It's not just Marquette, it's third party vendors we have approval for doing purchase orders with. We can add vendors, too, if there are common vendors clubs use.*
 - ii. *EVP Pinkney: Yeah we can add vendors that they use to approved vendors list. Then we don't have to use reimbursement system, we just pay for it up front. We wanted to make it bonus points because you either use a vendor or you don't, and we didn't want to make using a vendor a requirement so we made it an incentive instead. Yes, they will see the points so that they can improve and understand how to develop for the next SOF period.*
 - iii. *Advisor Reid: Scott has a list of vendors he works with regularly which facilitates the process for the club. Then they don't have to wait for different things to get approved (like logos).*
- h. *Senator McInerney: So for the bonus points, would they beat someone out if they got bonus points over another org that didn't use a vendor?*

- i. EVP Pinkney: SOF should only be looking at one organization at a time. They shouldn't be comparing them. That's why it specifies that just because you get a high score, it doesn't mean you're guaranteed to get funding. No beating another organization.
- ii. President Whelton: A lot of this is a psychological tool, and we want them to use an approved vendor and they will want to have more points so this will help to encourage that incentive.
- i. Senator Miller: Is there a specific amount of items or things needed to get the bonus points? Say track needs batons, and no specific vendor sells batons, can we get a company approved?
 - i. EVP Pinkney: Just one. In the approved handbook there is a list of vendors (need to be on Marquette Wireless). There's a reference for adding vendors there as well.
 - ii. President Whelton: Contact Jenny at finance office and they can set up that approval situation for you.
- j. Senator Bowman: Why are we presenting and voting on these at the same time?
 - i. EVP Pinkney: They are supposed to be approved by February 1st and we couldn't meet before last meeting.
- k. Senator Bowman: move to postpone vote until next meeting. I think these are important things to talk about and have conversations about. There are many senators in this room with no experience with SOF and I think they should have a good understanding about what they are voting about. I think we have a comprehensive conversation about this before we approve these.
 - i. President Whelton: SOF passed it and E-Board has seen it as well

C) Debate (on postponing vote):

- a. PPT Manjee: Speaks in affirmative
- b. Senator Krajewski: Speaks in affirmative
- c. Senator Fuchs: Speaks in affirmative

D) Voice Vote: Passes unanimously

12. Announcements

- A. President Whelton: mu.edu/missionweek sign up for free meal! This is our 15th year celebrating with Mission Week. Thanks for excellent question, convo, and debate tonight. This has been a huge process, so to be involved in this is important and I strongly encourage you to ask us if you have any questions.
- B. PPT Manjee: College of Arts and Sciences and MUSG are hosting a forum tomorrow night at 8pm to talk about our goals for the college before we have a forum with Dean Holtz. 8pm Cudahy 143

- C. *Senator Guc: Please buy Growing Power baskets!*
- D. *Advisor Reid: I want to acknowledge that I pronounced Aliya's name wrong, and I wanted to apologize*
- E. *President Whelton: Nominate your peers for division of student affairs awards for outstanding leaders.*
- F. *Senator Murrar: UPass survey and results – a lot of commuters wanted to use UPass in summer, and needed to see demand for it. 267-272 said it should be usable in the summer. Would they be willing to pay an extra \$20? 236 said they would. Mostly commuters that took the survey. 246 want routes to grocery stores.*

13. Adjournment