

# MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:00 PM – AMU 227

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Dear MKE

4. Reflection

A. Senator Biagi

B. Pursue a life of common good

5. Forum for Concerned Students

6. Presentations

A. Dr. Daniel Myers, Provost, Marquette University

1. President Whelton: Provost elect is here, and he is currently vice president and vice provost at Notre Dame. We could not be more excited with our new provost. When we interviewed him there was a spark that we all noticed: a passion and intrigue about what Marquette could be. It grew even more when he came here on campus. All of the constituencies aligned with this decision and it's been incredible getting to know him. Dr. Meyers is not just a leader who does great things, he inspires others to greatness. We're excited to welcome him here.
2. Dr. Myers: It's so great to be here tonight, I'm so excited about joining the Marquette family. It's been tremendous to feel the spirit and excitement here at Marquette. I can't wait to work with President Lovell. The students have been great representatives here on campus. I worked in student affairs field so I have a special affinity for the undergraduate experience. This is something I bring forward to all of my experiences. You are very important to me and your experiences here are the reasons we do what we do. If you're not having any fun what's the point? So I look to bring fun to the job. I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know you and this community.

A) Questions:

- a. Senator Schmidt: Are you excited about the new athletic facility here?
  - i. It sounds like a great opportunity that's developed here. Athletics is a big part of our life at Notre Dame, and I think it's an important part of the university experience so it's a good way to develop and reinforce a common community. I'm happy to support it.
- b. Senator Dobrich: Biggest challenge you see facing Marquette?
  - i. Some resource challenges and the issues with the cost of the university experience. Since 2008 it's been a tough time for higher education. Develop

*partnerships that can help the University financially, I'm looking forward to working on that and some fundraising challenges.*

- c. *PPT Manjee: Since you'll be moving to Milwaukee, is there anything you're excited to experience?*
  - i. *Looking forward to the urban vibe, the size, and everything that's going on. It gives us a lot of opportunity for connecting the university with the community of Milwaukee*
- d. *President Whelton: How do you see working with MUSG as part of your time here?*
  - i. *I would love to. I want to hear from the students about what you see is important for developing student life. I want to come back and spend some time with you brainstorming what we should be focusing on and how student life things may interact with the strategic plan. I think students come up with great, creative, innovative ideas for the university so I want to involve you in that process.*

- 3. *Dr. Myers: Thank you for inviting me tonight! My Marquette e-mail goes live tonight so if you have any questions let me know!*

## **7. Officer Reports**

### **President**

Kyle Whelton

*A: Thursday the Bucks will play a practice scrimmage in the Al. Doors 11:30 until 1:45pm. Come see me make a half court short!*

*B: National Marquette Day is Saturday. Fired up Marquette rally at 6pm in the parking lot behind Zilber. Fireworks show at the end, free food, drinks, come and support! Melodies and Naturals will do a Pitch Perfect thing too*

*C: Next week mandatory meeting if you'll be running for Pres., EVP, or Academic Senate. Come talk to us if you're interested, we'd love to tell you about it*

*D: Chair of Board of Trustees will sit down Feb 24<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) in AMU 252 3pm open forum for MUSG members to talk to the board.*

*E: MUSG Awards. Open up nominations to entire organization this year. There will be a link on involvement link for this year. Two new awards this year (Comm. Member of the Year and an Emerging Leader award). Banquet will be April 14<sup>th</sup>*

*F: Semester report highlights each department's achievements – YOU GUYS ROCK! I'm proud of you guys. Please come to me with questions*

### **Executive Vice President**

Natalie Pinkney

*A: Senior Speaker nominee extended to this Friday at 7pm. E-mail all college representatives and got more feedback, so we decided to extend it. Once you nominate someone they get a personalized e-mail from Marco, then he will get the application. If there are more than 10 by next week, they will narrow it down. If there aren't more than 10 the committee won't need to meet. Senators can't be on this committee*

*B: Next Wednesday Feb 25 AMU ballroom D is mandatory meeting for elections.*

*C: Committee for Diversity Inclusion first open form meeting next week in Henke Lounge*

D: Climate Study: been tabling to make sure students do that. 13% students have filled it out, total percent is 15%. Want to double this by Friday!!!!

E: Appointment and reappointment for academic seats starts next week, if you're interested look out for an e-mail

F: Introduce yourself to the new receptionists!

G: Academic Senate had a great presentation today about Universities master plan

**Communications Vice President** Sarah McClanahan

A: Emily new CVP wants to thank you for approving her! We're skypeing to train her in.

Working on Comm department applications.

B: Publicity for programs but also a resource for you guys. If you have legislation that needs graphics or want to put something out for senate just let us know!

**Program Vice President** Ryan Twaddle

A: Thursday 7pm in Weasler Arcade Fire comes to talk about service work in Haiti

B: Friday taste of MU, partnered with cultural groups on campus to get food catered that is authentic to them (8-10 ballrooms)

C: Following Friday is student showcase at Stonecreek coffee

D: Sarah officially hired all four program coordinators for next semester. They will come next week or the week after so you can meet them. They will start training next week and it will be about a three week process

E: Budget proposal will come to budget committee this Sunday

F: Went to safe zone training so Sarah Beatie and I will become facilitators and will safe zone train diversity inclusion committee so they can train MUSG as a whole

**Financial Vice President** Theodore Eberle

A: Period 5 applications closed this Friday (for non club sports)

B: Budget committee met yesterday and we'll meet next Sunday, you'll hear more about it soon

**Parliamentarian** Olivia Slusarek

A: SOF Attributes: 16 votes

B: Resolution 7: 18 votes

C: Academic Budget: 18 votes

**Legislative Vice President** Zack Wallace

A: College of Arts and Sciences open forum with Dean tomorrow at 5pm

B: Office hours – make sure you're attending your office hours especially because we are sending out your hours to student orgs this week

**Advisor** Jennifer Reid

A: Take the climate study!!!!!! It's a little down in numbers, we need it to be at 30% so that it's reliable data.

## 8. Committee Reports

**President Pro Tempore** Aliya Manjee

A: Some senators went to WCLL for first leadership program, it went really well and the students were really receptive of us. We hope to have them come to Marquette soon so you can interact with them.

B: Wednesday is DPS Sip and Stroll (6-8pm)

C: Community engagement won't meet this Thursday but they will resume meetings next Thursday

**Business and Administration** Cameron Vrana

A: Piece of legislation that will come to senate next week that deals with removal process for senators.

B: Still working on Growing Power initiative and Landlord rating system

**Student Life**

Estefania Elizondo

A: Presenting legislation for next week, if you have any questions refer to us

B: Sign up for Sip and Stroll

C: Intense negotiation for UPass survey

**Academics**

Ricky Krajewski

A: Didn't meet this week

B: Academic initiatives – all university committee reelections coming up, strongly encourage you to do that especially academic ones

**Student Organizations**

Amanda Stolz

A: Met with student org advisor and student org deadline is coming up

B: Looking at student org handbook to see if anything needs to be changed

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

- A. President Whelton: Academic senate – freshman deposits are up this year. Finally passed all the changes so it has moved to faculty council.
- B. Senator Bear: Tomorrow 12-1 in Henke Lounge is free lunch and Erwin Keller. Great comedic experience talking about religion and gender identity
- C. Senator Haines: Diversity Committee – Ester is a rockstar! We've been in a planning and introductory phase, but the initiatives are exciting. We tabled for the climate study as well. Open forum Thursday at 7pm, be there.
- D. Senator Stanko: Honor Code Council working on membership for next year which will include at least two representatives from all colleges, faculty, and college administrators. Still need a director. Three sub committees in the council. Working on hearing board, draft to send to school, and time lines, and other things. Any questions, ask!
- E. Senator Murrar: Committee on inequity inclusions met, if you have a friend or haven't taking climate survey come to CEI to take it and get donuts. Wednesday 3-4pm DPS officer in CEI to talk about commissioning.
- F. LVP Wallace: Neighborhood excellence committee met to get trained on how to be a good tenant (lowering security deposit, sign earlier, lower rent, etc.) March 2<sup>nd</sup> land lords will come

**10. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes from 02/09/2014

**11. Old Business**

- A. Approval of SOF Attributes
  - 1. EVP Pinkney: Improvements I want to point out. Italicized attributes have already been approved. We took out Approved University Members attribute but it will still be strongly encouraged.
  - 2. LVP Wallace: Moving forward we are going to have Natalie go through each of these line by line instead of going through them all at once. Then you can answer questions along the way

3. *EVP Pinkney: Complete Application – responsibility of chair to check application to make sure it's complete. Gives SOF committee leeway to quickly and more efficiently judge applications (no questions)*
4. *EVP Pinkney: Next one to vote on tonight is Fully Planned Event. Set date and time with set or pending location. Considered cost, supplies, etc. SOF committee can email that org to ask if they want to partner with late night if the event falls on weekend night slots. Helps with partnership and support. Helps with overall operational logistics that they take all of these things into consideration.*

*A) Questions:*

- a. *Senator Bear: "Best date and time" how do you determine that?*
  - i. *EVP Pinkney: Only time it wouldn't would be if events were during finals week (unless it were a study session or something) or if it's during a University sanctioned event that our students would be more likely to attend. I would say most organizations choose a best date and time. It's just to make them aware of the date and time of the event.*
5. *EVP Pinkney: Next criteria is Outreach and Publicity. More than just resident halls and AMU posters. Maybe tabling in AMU or other strategies for larger events. This will depend on the event itself and can depend on how they need to target students. Helps to get orgs to think about something that they probably haven't thought of before. We just want to be a support system and resource for them. (no questions)*
6. *EVP Pinkney: Org contributing to monetary expenses. All orgs must submit a financial budget. Given what they have contributed outside of SOF. Can't deem groups self-sufficient without orgs personal budgets and knowledge of what they need to use that money on and how their members contribute to that budget. Helps give us a pulse of these organization budgets so what they are contributing makes sense. Resource for orgs so they know we are taking everything into account. Student orgs submit this every semester (no questions)*
7. *EVP Pinkney: Monetary cost per student. Broken down event cost to amount per student participating in the event. Trying to be financially responsible so that we can stick to the budget*

*A) Questions Overall:*

- a. *Senator Haines: With the proposed point system of the last form of this, how is that established with this one?*
  - i. *EVP Pinkney: It's the job of the SOF committee to choose how they want it to be deliberated. They met yesterday and decided the current point system should be changed. The system doesn't have to be voted by senate that's why it's not presented tonight. Hard for SOF committee to come to an agreement about putting weight to the system. We decided to use a Likert scale for each attribute.*

- b. *Senator Bowman: You'll put a weight but we don't know what it is? Why isn't the point system subject to senate approval? Monetary cost per student – can SOF committee revisit this every year? So each new committee can make up their own criteria?*
  - i. *EVP Pinkney: There is no numerical value or weight to these attributes. There will also be questions in the handbook like "does your event have a date and time?" to help guide the criteria, but it won't say anything about the scales we would use. Those guiding questions are still in progress and not something senate has to vote on which is why I didn't present on them. It doesn't state senate will approve the deliberation of the committee, or how they must regulate their committee meetings. Members of SOF committee are trusted by this body to deliberate given the financial policies and the attributes voted on by senate. The way the SOF committee functions is up to the chair, not the senate at large. Yes correct, they can always make up their own*
  - ii. *President Whelton: All have same Likert scale they are subject to (strongly agree to strongly disagree)*
- c. *EVP Pinkney: Last week during debate there was something brought up I want to clarify. If we want to have pet therapy it would fall under event attributes, ask me if you have questions on this.*
- d. *Senator Bowman: So if colleges against cancer wants to have not an event but need something for their org that doesn't pertain to cancer related work (like ALS work) it wouldn't be funded?*
  - i. *President Whelton: Capital good is any physical item whose purpose solely serves organization OR its mission*
  - ii. *EVP Pinkney: Yes it would fall into that.*

*B) Debate:*

- a. *Senator Elizondo: Speaks in affirmative*
- b. *Senator Stolz: Speaks in affirmative*

*C) Voice Vote: passes unanimously*

- B. *Resolution #7 – Reserve Fund Allocation for Center for Community Service and "Sip and Stroll for Safety"*
  - 1. *Senator Luvianos: allocate \$900 to programs. Investment for future events and organization is welcome to use these tools at any time. It's our job to look out for our student organizations so they have the material and equipment needed to go out and make a difference. I approached a DPS chief and he volunteered to help with this event on Wednesday.*

2. *LVP Wallace: On Wednesday night – the purpose for this event is a student led event to engage in our neighborhood and to raise awareness what our surroundings are truly like. Two DPS officers to help with a more personal relationship with them.*

A) Questions:

a. *Senator Stanko: Do you feel the benefit will outweigh the cost?*

i. *Senator Luvianos: Yes definitely.*

B) Debate:

a. *Senator DiVittorio: Speaks in the affirmative*

b. *PPT Manjee: Speaks in the affirmative*

c. *Senator Stanko: Speaks in the affirmative*

C) *Voice Vote: passes (1 vote against – Senator Bowman)*

## 12. **New Business**

A. *Academic Budget Committee Election*

B. *LVP Wallace: if you elect him tonight there will be an SOF committee seat open next week that we will have elections open for.*

C. Questions:

A) *PPT Manjee: On your application you said you sometimes go to class. Do you still work at the brew too?*

a. *Yeah I forgot to mention that one, and I'm in band too*

A) *Senator Stanko: Definition of sometimes?*

a. *Not always*

B) *Senator Elizondo: what do you consider adequate meaning?*

a. *Meaningful benefit out of their experiences at Marquette*

C) Debate:

a. *Senator Kouhel: Speaks in the affirmative*

b. *Senator Touhy: Speaks in the affirmative*

D) *Voice Vote: passes unanimously*

## 13. **Announcements**

A. *President Whelton: SOAR is coming up. Go onto the involvement link or OSD website to nominate student orgs that have been doing a great job.*

B. *Advisor Reid: There is a category for advisor (wink wink)*

C. *EVP Pinkney: Autism speaks – March 28<sup>th</sup> is walk it out for autism speaks. This is something that is close to my heart, if you can donate anything that would be great!*

D. *PPT Manjee: Arts & Sciences forum tomorrow 5-6pm tomorrow top floor Sensenbrenner, free pizza*

E. *Senator Schick: Support Natalie's sorority, and Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm AMU ballrooms colonization ceremony open to everyone on campus.*

F. *EVP Pinkney: Fill out brochure and give it to me and I can collect your donations*

G. *LVP Wallace: welcome back Senator Stanko!*

## 14. **Adjournment**