

MUSG Senate 2014-15

Marquette University Student Government

Monday, March 16th, 2015

8:00 PM – AMU 227

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Reflection**
 - A. *Senator Kouhel*
 - B. *Reflect on roots, where you come from, and your values*
4. **Dear MKE**
5. **Forum for Concerned Students**
6. **Presentations**
 - A. *Kevin Hardman, Executive Director, Bublr Bike Milwaukee*
 1. *Bike sharing will make a big difference in Milwaukee. 800 cities around the world use bike sharing, and people in this city love bikes and Milwaukee, and it is a place that needs more choices for transportation.*
 2. *9 stations on the ground right now (really small network). We want to have 100 stations in the next 3-4 years, which is do-able. Each station creates a new choice for destinations and locations to begin a trip. Your campus is lucky because the networks of stations will touch here. Launch a station next week on Brady Street. Working very close with city of Milwaukee, want 15-25 new stations this year. We know when we get Bublr Bikes on campus, they will be used because your campus wants to get out and get around downtown. Met with a lot of folks on campus, still a long way to go.*
 - A) *Questions:*
 - a. *Senator Kouhel: I follow you on twitter and I loved seeing the following of the launch today. Just wanted to comment on that*
 - i. *Bike share is public transportation and moving people around and we want it to be fun and uniquely Milwaukee. Thank you*
 - b. *Senator Bowman: cost of establishing a station?*
 - i. *On one hand it's bloody cheap, when you look at large networks. \$40-50,000 to put a station on the ground. Lots of public and private support to fund this. Each station makes entire network more valuable*
 - c. *Senator Brown: pricing for riding?*
 - i. *We spend a ton of time thinking about pricing, and we got feedback that it was confusing. Any one of you can go to a station today and a trip is \$3. And then \$3 every half hour. If you're a regular user you can go to our website and sign up for an account and*

we will send you a BublR pass for \$15 a month, unlimited 60 minute trips. You can return the bike to any station, and your trip ends once you return it to a station

- d. PVP Twaddle: app telling where stations are in the city?
 - i. There sure is. You can see the number of bikes in each station and how many docks are there**
- e. Senator Stanko: can you use the bike and dock it without having to buy another trip?
 - i. When you unlock and lock a bike back into a dock it counts as one trip. There are cable locks on the bike that you can use, you would still be on the clock but you wouldn't have to dock the bike and pay for a new trip if you knew you could make it in time for one trip**
- f. Senator DiVittorio: who pays for initial installation of station on campus?
 - i. You'll hear public partnership a lot. It's a great town for that because we have many organizations involved in making this happen.**
- g. Advisor Reid: how often are the bikes available? Seasonal timeline?
 - i. Minneapolis and Madison run their systems for nine months out of the year. We want this to be an option for people, and it's meant for short trips. It's very contextual so we're trying to figure it out**

7. Officer Reports

President

Kyle Whelton

A: Formalization of a partnership we've been working on for quite some time. Process of putting the designation all together right now. Opportunity for students to get information about living as a tenant for the first time off campus. A lot of it is stuff you wouldn't usually think of but is important to know how to do as a tenant. It will be a longer training but many locations are providing incentives for the training.

B: Good neighbor designation I worked with and the incentive is to create a resource for students to have an opportunity to see property owners and managers in the area that have met our standards for quality housing. Not the first of its kind. Criteria that property owners must have, and then what we expect you to have to be a good neighbor. Must have it in place or a legally binding agreement to put it in place. We want to hold property managers accountable and to do it as a community. 1 student, a property owner manager, and a rep from avenues west association will do the judging of the properties. This is just a directive from the office. One of the first concrete partnerships we have with avenues west

Senator Kouhel: landlord timeline related to this? Landlord rating site been in conversation? % of landlords involved in the conversations?

Yes, good neighbor designation is a sneaky way to push this timeline back. We sent this out to people sitting on our group and they weren't sure about signing on to it. Many proponents of

moving timeline back to help students, but first we need enough property owners to sign on to this to give it enough weight and then we can build a timeline into the criteria used. Can't put a legal restriction on when to offer leases. Haven't talked about landlord rating yet, but it's on future discussions. We'll present this on the 24th to larger group of landlords, so far there are quite a few.

C: good luck on elections! We need volunteers to work the election booths so let your friends know about this opportunity

D: Send in award nominations

E: End of year banquet is March 31st you must RSVP

F: No Resolution 10 for tonight

Executive Vice President

Natalie Pinkney

A: Senior speaker committee will select top ten finalists this week, they will have a short blurb / video on our website so seniors can vote

B: Good luck on elections, encourage constituents to vote, voter turn-out is super important

C: Please keep the office clean!

D: SOF outreach – each senator in SOF have been given eligible organizations to reach out to in order to answer any questions. Direct constituents to website with presentations we gave. I'll let student orgs know who their liaisons are. If they missed training we can't do anything unless they can prove that they never received the e-mail. I haven't gotten that many e-mails, just let them know they won't be eligible for fall funding if they missed training. This is to help us and them be responsible for funding periods

Communications Vice President

Sarah McClanahan

A: EVP presidential debate is on Sunday 5pm 1st floor of the AMU

B: Banquet invite will come tomorrow

Program Vice President

Ryan Twaddle

A: Sarah and I discussed it and she now holds voting power. I will join her until April 30th but she will begin attending meetings now that spring break has passed! Working on getting first semester programs set and going to NECA

B: Thursday is the premier of Insurgent, tickets are \$5 in Brooks Lounge for Thursday!

Financial Vice President

Theodore Eberle

A: Sorry he couldn't make it, e-mail or stop in with any questions

Parliamentarian

Olivia Slusarek

A: Resolution #8 2/3, 18 votes

B: 2/3 seated, 21 votes

C: Simple majority 14

Legislative Vice President

Zack Wallace

A: Neighborhood cleanup is March 28th, 10am-1pm

B: Go to office hours, packed schedule the next few weeks

Advisor

Jennifer Reid

A: Senior survey will be launching April 13-26th, those of you who are seniors please take the survey and encourage your friends to do so!

B: Meeting with college labs rep, launching a new feature for involvement link. Putting a folder feature so you can have folders of documents

C: Renewal year for our contract with involvement link, I don't know how is involved in those conversations but if you have feedback send it to OSD so that they can convey those thoughts

D: Your running in elections shouldn't negate the duties you're currently in, please try to keep those things separate. Try your best to keep them separate.

LVP WHELTON: if you ever have concerns about blurred lines, please come to us and ask, our doors are always open.

8. Committee Reports

President Pro Tempore

Aliya Manjee

A: Thursday – neighborhood clean-up meeting

B: Rep from United Way – help us reach out to businesses for neighborhood cleanup. There is also a book drive in Milwaukee, there is a box inside the office that you can put book donations into.

Box will be there until Tuesday March 24th at 4pm, then we will walk the books over to the Milwaukee Public Library, ceremony celebrating all the donations

Business and Administration

Cameron Vrana

A: Approved new SAF, and comm amendment

B: Closer and closer to landlord rating system website

Student Life

Estefania Elizondo

A: Continue to work with “The Mask You Live In” documentary

B: Working toward sexual assault awareness video

C: Looking toward Hunger Clean-Up partnership

Academics

Ricky Krajewski

A: E-mail to Gary Meyer to talk to committee about extending course evaluations so more students can give their input

B: Alex Riley – short term initiatives to incentivize students to fill out course evaluations

Student Organizations

Amanda Stolz

A: 9 potentially new orgs this Thursday to decide if we want to acknowledge them or not

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

A. Senator Touhy: McCabe won't be a residence hall after this year. Final Mug Monday on April 13th

B. Senator Schmidt: University academic senate met today. Current situation with Dr. McAdams was discussed, procedure which is started is working. Didn't take a stance on issue but discussed how tenure process works. Dean and Dr. McAdams have 120 days to come to a resolution, if they do not do it by then the issue will be pushed into faculty council where they will have 90 days to come up with a resolution. Final decision happens by the president. Undergrad deposits are up this year, transfer students have increased as well. Introduced new live video chat with different high schools, hope to do more of this in the future. Graduate school increases as well. Maybe a new biophysics major. New specializations in dental school and college of nursing. Joint department with Milwaukee medical school

C. Senator Schick: met with Marquette alumnus about landlord rating website

10. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from 02/23/2015

11. Old Business

A. Resolution #8 – Reserve Fund Allocation for NJSLC

- 1. Senator Bowman: Pass around estimate of cost so you can look at the break down. This is an annual student leadership conference with 28 Jesuit universities.*

2. *EVP Pinkney: It was a fantastic experience last year. I never realized how big student government and leadership from other universities was. A lot of the things that happened this year with SOF, programing, diversity, etc. came from this conference. Great to learn lots of different stuff while we were there. It's a great opportunity and we want to bid for it so we can possibly host in the future!*
3. *Senator Elizondo: it was an amazing experience to be able to network with so many student leaders. We had so many similar projects going at the same time and realized we could have helped each other had we known we had such similar interests. I recommend you apply for it, and bid to have it at Marquette it's essential for leadership and ideas*
4. *CVP McClanahan: this legislation allows us to send more people from Marquette. This is important to open it up to more than just MUSG so we can network between leadership across the university*

A) Questions:

a. *Senator Vrana: how did we fund it last year?*

- i. *President Whelton: We had unanticipated SAF revenue, and we used that to fund it. We didn't have that much revenue this year. It's important that we fund and allow more people to go to the conference, but we just can't afford that right now so it is limited to MUSG members because of the lack of funding. And we are required to send an advisor with. If we have more funding in the future we will expand delegates outside of MUSG*

B) *Debate: None*

C) *Voice Vote: Passes unanimously*

B. *Resolution #9 – Student Activity Fee Referendum*

1. *Senator Vrana: We've brought to you the question we will be putting on the ballot. *reads question**
2. *Senator Schick: This was recommended by professionals for the question, and we talked about different ways to word this question. We wanted to provide background about where the student activity fee goes to. We hope that by showing this is part of the SOF process it will help them to answer the question in a way that will give us beneficial feedback. Just an idea of where the students stand on this is great.*
3. *LVP Wallace: the typo was fixed on the front but not the back, if you want to make a motion to amend that we can do that (amendment to change "five" to "twelve" passes)*

A) *Questions: None*

B) *Debate: None*

C) *Voice Vote: passes unanimously*

C. *Recommendation #5 – Recognizing Marquette as a Fair Trade University*

1. *PPT Manjee: passing this though a governing body is required to get recognized as a fair trade university. There are other requirements such as fair trade fairs, conferences, etc. to get the awareness spread on campus. After this they would submit our legislation to be up for approval, doesn't guarantee approval. If we are*

approved as a fair trade university we would be held to those standards when looking at vendors that we have on campus.

A) Questions:

- a. Senator Elizondo: the two items they are talking about is chocolate and coffee?
 - i. Yes and the tea as well**
- b. Senator Kouhel: if we have products that aren't fair trade and some that are isn't that an issue? Contract with Sodexo is coming up, will this be in the conversation for that?
 - i. It would be hard for us to transfer everything to a fair trade university. Although that is the ultimate goal this is just a starting point to spread awareness about the issue. It would expand if people were willing to make it a larger issue on campus.*
 - ii. I don't know if that will be part of the conversation, but I'm sure it has been since they have been in contact with Sodexo while working on the fair trade issues*
 - iii. President Whelton: Marquette will be collecting bids from other companies for vending as well**
- c. Senator Elizondo: what are the future propositions they are planning to bring to the table?
 - i. They want to bring in more fair trade food options. I don't know what that would entail but they are looking to get local produce, which could serve certain areas. They want fair trade apparel in the spirit shop as well.**

B) Debate:

- a. Senator DiVittorio: speaks in the affirmative*
- b. PPT Manjee: speaks in the affirmative*

C) Voice Vote: passes unanimously

12. New Business

A. Introduction: Amendment #13 – Communications Department Restructure

- 1. CVP McClanahan: PR, creative, and multimedia – this would take away the titles and they would all become communications instructors. All it would do is change the title, and they would supervise a team of assistants. Directors would be hired based on leadership abilities not just tactical skills. We are trying to communicate more holistically, this new structure would divide up projects for each of the three “teams” so that everyone is consistently doing work on behalf of the entire organization. It would help with the commitment of each assistant as well. This structure is a lot like how things work in the real world. If you have questions or concerns come talk to me!*
- 2. We'll add a third furthermore clause by next week too*

A) Questions:

- a. *Senator Elizondo: possibility for learning and collaborative work to educate and hire the best talent?*
 - i. *I haven't talked about training. It's something we could explore. We look for people who are a bit more experience when they come in, but we can look into it.*

~~B. Introduction: Resolution #10 Reserve Fund Allocation for Neighborhood Cleanup~~

13. **Announcements**

- A. *Senator DiVittorio: hunger clean-up is coming up so go make your groups!*
- B. *Senator Elizondo: this Saturday is the Women's Leadership Conference – guys are welcome as well! Sign in and register through MIL. 8am – 5pm, you have until Wednesday to register*
- C. *Senator Jaroor: Carpenter on March 28th, race to the top. \$10 for tickets, prizes and drinks! Money will go to Hunger Task Force. 10am – 1pm*
- D. *Senator McNerny: St. Baldrick's is on Saturday! Tomorrow is Sobleman's night from 4-10pm. Wednesday coffee house 7pm 1st floor AMU. Big shin dig on Saturday 12-4pm and Evan's Scholars house – free food, haircuts, and entertainment! Raffle tickets on sale all week in the AMU*
- E. *Senator Touhy: looking for performers to perform at Mug Monday*
- F. *President Whelton: Thursday 5-630pm in Henke Lounge social justice coalitions building workshop going on. If you are interested it's open to everyone, vegetarian dinner will be provided*

14. **Adjournment**