

# Marquette University Student Government

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To Whom It May Concern:

This past fall, MUSG had unanticipated student activity fee revenue of \$18,000. The MUSG Budget Committee met to determine the recommended allocation of the funds, and the committee put forward a proposal to the Senate that would allocate money to multiple efforts, including distributing additional funds to the club sports allocation line.

According to the MUSG financial policy, a vote on unanticipated revenue requires affirmative votes from two-thirds of the seated Senate, which would equate to 20 votes. Unfortunately, on November 13, 2008, when this proposal was brought before the Senate for consideration, only 20 of the 30 senators were present at the meeting, requiring all of them to vote in the affirmative for it to pass.

The following members were absent from the meeting:

- Stuart Dongre (Straz Tower)
- Paige Jorgenson (College of Communication)
- Kevin Mulligan (College of Engineering)
- Benjamin Neary (Schroeder Hall)
- David Polyak (College of Engineering)
- Joseph Schuster (College of Arts & Sciences)
- Katie Simoncic (Abbottsford Hall)
- Stephanie Stopka (College of Business Administration)
- Adam Michael Tandez (College of Nursing)
- Katie Werner (College of Health Sciences)

Because ten senators were absent, the vote would have required all 20 senators to vote in the affirmative; however, when the roll call vote was taken, Senator David Franklin voted in the negative, and because only 19 senators had voted in the affirmative, the motion failed.

When the proposal was again brought before the Senate on January 22, 2009 to again attempt to allocate the unanticipated funds, the Senate wanted to be sure to give a significant amount of money to student organizations. Since the last funding period deadline was November 14, 2008, though, the Senate was left with no opportunity to provide club sports with any of the funds.

If you have additional questions, we encourage you to contact your representative senators or our office.

Sincerely,

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