

Marquette University Student Government

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MUSG SENATE ADDRESSES STUDENT CONCERNS AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

MILWAUKEE (February 2, 2009) The Marquette University Student Government Jan. 29 Senate meeting addressed student concerns regarding the allocation of funds to club sports, welcomed new senators and Program Vice President, and approved this period's student organization allocations.

The Senate heard and addressed student concerns regarding the allocation of the unanticipated student activity fee revenue. The Senate heard from Allison Bresnahan, club volleyball President, who spoke on behalf of all club sports in expressing her discontent with the lack of funding club sports received from the unanticipated revenue.

In November, due to unanticipated student activity fee revenue of \$18,000, the MUSG Budget Committee put forward a proposal to Senate that would allocate money to many organizations, including club sports.

According to the MUSG financial policy, a vote on unanticipated revenue requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the seated Senate. When the proposal was brought before the Senate on Nov. 13, 2008, only 20 of the 30 senators were present, requiring all of them to vote in the affirmative for the proposal to pass. One senator voted in the negative, and as a result, club sports was unable to receive funding from the unanticipated revenue.

In response to the student concern, President Ray Redlingshafer said he and members of the

Senate will look into the MUSG standing financial policies and try to remedy this situation in the best way possible. Redlingshafer hopes to have an answer to the concerns by the next Senate meeting Thursday, Feb. 5.

The Senate also welcomed four new senators and a new Program Vice President. Katelyn Gregory filled an Off-Campus seat, Abigail Sosinski filled a Business and Administration seat, Nicole Gates and Jamey Dixon filled the College of Communication seats, and Erin Shawgo was approved by the Senate as the new Program Vice President.

The meeting also included Senate approval of the SOA allocations for period five for student organizations, for events taking place between Feb. 2, 2009 and May 3, 2009. The largest allocation of \$12,000 is for a proposed event featuring a speech by James Carville, co-host of CNN's crossfire. If the event is approved it will occur in March, and if not the funds will be reallocated accordingly.

A complete list of period five SOA allocations is as follows:

- Bayanihan Student Organization, Midwest Association of Filipino Americans- \$2,544.00
- Les Aspin Center Student Council, James Carville Speaker Event- \$12,000.00
- Marquette Radio, WMUR Sports Broadcast- \$2,616.82
- National Society of Black Engineers, 35th Annual NSBE National Convention- \$1,890.00
- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Speaker Magdalen Hsu-Li: Concert and Lecture- \$1,300.00
- Autism Awareness Society, AASH/CSSW Respite Day- \$1,200.00
- Italian Club, St. Joseph's Day Dinner- \$250.00
- Schoenstatt University Men, Annual Retreat- \$360.00
- St. Robert Bellarmine Society, Christopher West Workshop- \$500.00
- Association for Computing Machinery, MULUG Meeting and Guest Speaker- \$100.00
- Association for Computing Machinery, Meet and Greet Social- \$100.00

- Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Healthy Relationships Week- \$175.00
- Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter, ITE Alumni Brunch- \$100.00
- Human Resources Management Organization, HR Games- \$200.00
- Best Buddies, St. Patrick's Day Party- \$100.00

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