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**MUSG SENATE ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL CLUB SPORTS FUNDING  
PASSES OMBUDS REFERENDUM AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

MILWAUKEE (February 6, 2009) The Marquette University Student Government Senate approved the MUSG Budget Committee's proposal to allocate \$5,000 to Club Sports organizations during their Feb. 5 meeting, as well as passing two additional pieces of legislation.

Passing 25-1 via roll call vote, the new Club Sports allocation adjusts the Student Organization Allocation budget lines and redistributes the funds from the non-club sports line, allowing the SOA committee to reconsider all Club Sports funding requests from Period 2 and distribute the additional \$5,000.

According to the proposal submitted to the Senate, the Budget Committee is confident that the additional allocation is appropriate and will not negatively affect the allocation process for non-club sports.

The Senate also passed Referendum #1, "Care for Academic Needs of Students," effectively adding a question to the MUSG spring election ballot to poll students on their opinion of expanding the university's Ombuds position.

This referendum follows last year's legislation that sought to encourage the university to expand this position. After receiving no university response, the Senate will add the following question to the spring ballot:

"Should Marquette University expand the role of the Office of the Ombuds to include confidential and impartial outlets for students' academic concerns?"

Finally, the Senate passed Amendment #2, “A Place of Their Own,” which amends the organization’s constitution to include a specific campaigning location for College of Education Senate Candidates, and postponed Recommendation #5, “Common Cents” that would have requested that the Office of Residence Life install change machines or Marquette Cash Stations in each residence hall laundry facility.

The Senate will reconvene next Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in AMU 227.

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