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MUSG SENATE APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

MILWAUKEE (April 24, 2009) On April 23 the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year with a vote of 21-1 and focused their spending on campus events.

Next year's budget allocates more money than the previous year to the MUSG Program Board. This push is the result of feedback from a student survey conducted in the fall of 2007 that stated 95 percent of students wanted to see more events on campus.

The biggest source of revenue for the MUSG budget is the Student Activity Fee that will generate an estimated \$480,000 in 2010. In recent years, the amount of money from the Student Activity Fee allocated to the Program Board had decreased, while the amount of funds for Student Organization Allocation lines of the budget had increased 103 percent. Last year however, 68 percent of the funds given to Student Organization Allocation recipients resulted in off campus events.

College of Communications Senator Katie Simoncic spoke in favor of the budget saying that, "Giving money to the Program Board is the best use of the Student Activity Fee money because it guarantees that students benefit from on campus events."

Financial Vice President Jonathan Giel presented the budget to each of the MUSG standing committees this week and allowed senators to ask questions before the budget was brought before the Senate. Each committee unanimously approved of the proposal.

For more information on MUSG news and events, go to <http://musg.mu.edu> or visit the MUSG office, AMU 133.

The mission of Marquette University Student Government is to identify, understand, actively address and represent students' needs, concerns, and interests through acts of leadership and service, which reflect Catholic, Jesuit ideals and contribute to the

betterment of the Marquette University community.

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