

# MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, December 4, 2008

7:30 PM – AMU 227

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**Unexcused Absences:** Taj Sharani

**III. Forum for Concerned Students**

A. Student concerned with LVP actions: not approving of actions

**IV. Presentations**

**V. Officer Reports**

President Raymond Redlingshafer

A. met with tribune senator board with issues regarding MUSG

B. Went to Avenue West meeting with security from broad levels and discussed issues of burglary and crime in the area

C. Tomorrow at 11 will be looking at a space in News 12 Wisconsin building and Marquette can use for student space. Will look at space in Marquette area

D. Have board of trustees meeting this coming Wednesday

*Executive Vice President Kathleen Blaney*

A. Selected senior speaker: Emily Rodier

B. Interviews for new receptionist

C. Met with climate commission: if have any suggestions how event should be run should me he know

*Communications Vice President Catherine Klinnert-Leukam*

A. Hiring photography assistant, art assistant and PR assistant

B. Need updated office hours in order to promote

C. Can submit new request for posters

D. Working with MU TV for commercials: made agreement for looking for business to look at movie opportunities

E. Updates and revision to the website

F. Doing service Sunday on January

*Financial Vice President Sarah Soriano*

A. Confirming new FVP

B. Looking for financial office assistants

*Programs Vice President Megan Guilfoyle*

A. last program of semester be December 9: After Night breakfast

B. PVP applications now out should encourage to apply

*Legislative Vice President Abraham Thomas Matthew*

A. Sign up for office hours for spring 2009

B. Two open seats: the off campus senate seat and open business and government chair

C. Stating apology to student community. Really sorry about the actions that night and not consistent as a role as a leader. I didn't mean to harm or intimidate anyone. It was meant as a joke. Is deeply sorry for that. There was an error on the report. I did not grab the tribe reporters arm. I am open to talk about the issue. I understand that the penalty decided tonight is not fair and there are more constructive ways to going about it such as counseling of any sort. I am open to ideas. Three weeks out of the office will not do me

any good and I am deeply apologetic and I have different ideas. I understand being suspended without pay and be in office in order to be efficient. This wouldn't get in the way in the operations of the Government. It is up to you to decide what will be.

*Parliamentarian*

*Christopher Mermigas*

- A. 28 present senators
- B. Recommendation 2 and 3: need majority of seated senate
- C. Bill 1: needs a majority of the present

*Advisor*

*Dr. Jon Dooley*

- A. Need a presentation from Peggy Bloom
- B. Spring undergoing accrediting body that grants universities to give degrees to students. The crediting body found Marquette didn't have a robust accrediting body. There is a self study report online to recognize to look how majoring is performing.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

- A. Academics Committee Jon Kristan
  - i. Thank the academics committee for the work this semester
  - ii. Urging senators to keep a figure on ground on feel about Monday and Wednesday classes
- B. Business and Government Jonathan Giel
  - i. Bring before piece of legislation.
  - ii. Spring semester there will be additions: overnight visitation, studying abroad, etc
- C. Student Life Committee Adam Michael V. Tandez
  - i. Recommendation #3: Monday, Wednesday classes
  - ii. Recent major snow: there is improper shoveling.
  - iii. Should snow complaints to committee members
- D. Student Organizations Paige Jorgensen
  - i. Approved the linguistics club.
  - ii. Congratulate Senator Thomas who is taking the new committee chair.

## **VII. Outreach, Council, and All-University Committee Reports**

- A. Senator Brinker
  - i. Had meeting for safety concern issues on Marquette Community
    1. talked about how to spread public safety information for people moving out of campus
    2. talked about export lots of community service but need neighborhood clean up idea implemented around Marquette University
    3. teams of business leaders to invest on community
    4. Noris park issue and well street meeting
- B. Senator Barreras
  - i. Beginning of the new semester will be attending RHA meetings
  - ii. Will be discussing the overnight policies
- C. Senator Jorgensen
  - i. Vendor committee met this week to work on issues on US bank
  - ii. If want to view how BookMarq scored on survey should discuss with Senator Jorgensen

## **VIII. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from November 20, 2008
- B. Approved as they stand

## IX. Old Business

## X. New Business

### A. Recommendation 3 – “Bring Back Monday/Wednesday Classes”

- i. Motion: Senator Tandez move to approve recommendation #3
- ii. Second Motion: Senator Woelfel
- iii. Introduction:
  1. Senator Stopka: Started it because lots of complaining from students. They stated the issues are vague. It is better to state that students are upset about this decision. Believes that students and teachers have a right to state their decisions about taking out Monday and Wednesday Classes.
- iv. Questions:
  1. Senator Brinker: What was the rationale?
    - a. They are trying to save money and cut costs. But this greatly affects student’s lives and work.
    - b. Clarification: Dooley said it projected a lack of space so can’t continue to operate without additional classroom space.
    - c. Senator Thomas: states that students aren’t happy with the decisions
  2. Senator McGuire: why did you address this problem to academic senate?
    - a. Because it is up to the student body to make the decision. The teachers are bringing this up as well because they feel a similar situation.
    - b. The decision was made and the academic senate brought it up because they weren’t consulted.
  3. Senator Polyak: What is the widespread disappointment with this?
    - a. Can’t give number. But there were lots of students that they have talked to that are upset with the decisions.
    - b. Senator Stopka: This affects lots of students and brought up in different classes. It is going to affect upper classmen because of jobs more. So there are lots of unhappy students.
  4. Senator Schuster: Were those students ok with increased costs?
    - a. Senator Stopka: It’s not a question of increased costs. The university can do something else to decrease costs. This is more or less that people are upset about it.
  5. Senator Barreras: Were the constituents you asked freshman mainly?
    - a. Senator Thomas: it would affect everyone. It affects a variety of people.
  6. Senator Jorgensen: Where they open to reevaluating?
    - a. He didn’t sound that he was open to reevaluation.
  7. Senator Jorgensen: Did you talk to any administration about cutting costs?
    - a. There are other ways around the issue of cutting costs but this would be the easiest way to eliminate the M, W classes.
  8. Senator Barreras: if the recommendation is not so much about changing M, W classes but about seeking input, then why was the recommendation about bring back M, W classes?
    - a. It was written wrong.
- v. Debate:

1. Senator Tandez: speaks in favor of the recommendation because it seems isolated to Monday and Wednesday classes. This piece of legislation is letting administration know that this is going to be a problem in the near future. This recommendation goes a long way in needing to talk to the students first.
2. Senator Kristan: speaks in favor of the recommendation
3. Senator Wells: speaks in favor because have several Arts and Sciences students. Students were not consulted and not even asked and should get administration to look at input
4. Senator Polyak: speaks against legislation because it does not address the goal
5. Senator Ali: speaks in favor of legislation because the academics are not completely away from evaluating the piece of legislation.
6. Senator Meyer: speaks in favor of legislation
- vi. Friendly amendment to legislation title: Evaluation of University of Decision making process for Monday and Wednesday Classes
- vii. Senator Polyak moves to amend the title of legislation
  1. second motion: Senator Polyak
  2. New amended title: Evaluation of University Decisions making process as it pertains to Decision making process
- viii. Senator Schott: moves to amend to remove the Therefore clause
- ix. Questions:
  1. Senator McGuire
  2. Senator Franklin: what is the rational behind the amendments?
  3. Senator Brinker: could you be open to less radical amendment to the therefore clause?
    - a. Senator Schott: would agree with this because it would reflect the main point of communication of M, W classes
- x. Debate
  1. Senator Giel: speaks against the amendment
  2. Senator Thomas: speaks against the amendment
  3. Senator Schott: moves to resign the amendment for senator Brinker to propose the amendment
  4. Senator Shuster: speaks to move the amendment to be sent to the committee
    - a. Senator McGuire seconds the motion
  5. Senator Barreras: speaks in favor to move the amendment to sent back to the committee
  6. Senator Ciccone: speaks against to send back to the committee
  7. Senator Stopka: speaks against sending back to the committee because we spoke with every single student body and see no changes to see to this and bringing back to committee doesn't make any sense
  8. Senator McGuire speaks favor to move the amendment to the committee because should be more focused for the therefore clause.
  9. Senator Woelfel: speaks against sending back to committee because it will waste more time for academic senate and it is fine the way it is
  10. Senator Wells: speaks against the committee and needs to act on it now and administration will take less seriously if postpone.
  11. Senator Barreras: speaks positive about legislation
  12. Senator Polyak speaks in favor of moving back to committee

- 13. Senator Tandez: speaks against sending back to committee in order to act now but not passing it because this is a ongoing problem for concerned students
    - 14. Senator Kristan: moves the previous question in order to send it back to committee
  - xi. Senator Wells to move previous question
  - xii. Motion passes 25-3
  
- B. Confirmation of a Financial Vice President
  - i. President Redlingshafer
  - ii. Senator Giel: Finance and Information Tech major and sees as a valuable opportunity in the field of finance. This is very unique and wants to learn for this in order to learn the Finance from this.
  - iii. Questions:
    - 1. Senator McGuire: do you have any time constraints?
      - a. Have 18 credits next semester but is backing out in other organization to make room
  - iv. Debate:
    - 1. Senator Tandez: speaks in favor for appointed Senator Giel because he is very dedicated in this organization and is a hard worker
    - 2. Senator McGuire: speaks in favor for Senator Giel because always striving to do more. He is a finance major and IT major
  - v. Vote by ballot:
    - 1. 24-2-1 Senator Giel confirmed
  
- C. Recommendation 2 – “Prudent Implementation of Textbook Identifying Information”
  - i. Motion: Senator Jorgensen approve recommendation 2
  - ii. VP Matthews: President Bush signed a higher opportunity of the law that college book stores needed to process for more affordable books. Essentially this recommendation is asking to implement cheaper books as cheaper as possible for student community. Furthermore clause states that like how you are doing but do it more practical to save more money for books.
  - iii. Senator Tandez: would want to have it down before July 2010.
  
- D. Questions:
  - i. Senator McGuire: is it reasonable to add for this implementation?
    - 1. Yes I believe so because they did in 2009 but wasn't feasible until 2010 deadline.
  
- E. Debate
  - i. Senator Schott: speaks in favor of this recommendation because wants to make textbook prices more affordable
  - ii. Senator Simoncic: speaks in favor of this recommendation because parents are upset as well as constituents because they didn't get an outlet to find a cheaper way of textbooks
  - iii. Senator Wells: speaks in favor of this recommendation
  - iv. Friendly amendment: Higher Education Reauthorization Act
  - v. Motion passes 24-1
  
- F. Election of a Academic Senator to the SOA Committee
  - i. Senator Stopka
    - 1. very interested in this position because done different things in being a treasurer. Wants to help out students
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Senator Tandez: do you have anything that may intervene?
      - a. Have various things and credits but able to manage

2. Senator Jorgensen: what are your thoughts of reducing the budget of MUSG?
  - a. I believe that were it is set out now is a good amount and anything higher should be talked about.
- iii. Debate:
  1. Senator Simonic: speaks in favor in Senator Stopka because she is good for the position and would be responsible to be on the committee.
  2. Senator Tandez: speaks in favor of Senator Stopka. She is hard working and had experience in this field.
  3. Senator Kristan: speaks in favor of Senator Stopka because always contributes to debate
- iv. Vote by ballot
  1. 23-3 Senator Stopka confirmed
- G. Bill 1 – Suspension of Legislative Vice President Matthew
  - i. Motion: Senator Jorgensen
  - ii. Abe steps down, Ali steps forward
  - iii. Senator Mulligan: Confirm the decision of President Redlingshafer to remove Abraham Matthew from the office of Legislative Vice President.
    1. Motion Second: Senator Parreno
  - iv. Move by roll call vote: Senator McGuire
    1. Motion Second: Senator Meyer
  - v. Voice vote fails
  - vi. Secret Ballot used
    1. 12-11-2
    2. Motion fails
    3. Senator Stopka: move to bring the Suspension of Legislative Vice President Matthew
    4. Roll call
      - a. 16-7-1

## **XI. Announcements**

- A. EVP Blaney
  - i. Tobacco coalition: it is being formed because senate passed legislation. It is the desire for health services.
- B. Senator Giel:
  - i. Senator Government chair now open
- C. Senator McGuire
  - i. Repeat to VP Matthew that nothing like that should be repeated
- D. Senator Shuster
  - i. Went to the library to check the pass of the legislation
- E. Senator Woelfel
  - i. Invite to triangle fraternity for pancakes for Habitat for Humanity
- F. CVP Leukam
  - i. Thanks Jorgensen
  - ii. Congratulates everyone for the food drive
- G. Dooley
  - i. Abstained does not count as a vote and motion is approved.

## **XII. Adjournment**

- A. Meeting adjourned 10:35pm