

MUSG Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2009
7:30 PM – AMU 227

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

A. Excused Absences: Stuart Dongre, Benjamin Neary

III. Forum for Concerned Students

A. Danika Rahn

- i. PETA filed complaint against Marquette for animal abuse
- ii. Brought down last evening.
- iii. No senators brought questions to offer the bill
- iv. Only 1 of 5 use living animals at medical schools
 1. Use non animal programs. Computer based.
 2. Computer programs give students live opportunity for students to navigate
- v. To test all functions in inhumane animal would die in experiment. So online programs would provide more
- vi. To assist biology department, should implement software program
- vii. Implementing ethical educational programs to biology department
- viii. Want to ask senators to support ethical research on campus

IV. Presentations

V. Officer Reports

President

Raymond Redlingshafer

- A. Budget committee met this evening
- B. Mark calendars for February 24: Father Wild Forum
 - i. Senators should be there
- C. Earth day: environmental sustainability
 - i. If questions should contact Ray
- D. Father Wild gave brief layout about economic and recession
 - i. Marquette University is at good spot at this time
- E. Space committee: space for students in campus
- F. Assistance of Student Affairs Search process ending soon
- G. Contacted by UWM: there is a website started in Milwaukee.
 - i. Asking BKbid.com.
 - ii. Site for selling college textbooks. Free to join up.
 - iii. Put books online.

Executive Vice President

Kathleen Blaney

- A. Election packets available Tuesday.
 - a. Due: February 27.
- B. Senior speaker process closes tomorrow

Communications Vice President

Katy Klinnert-Leukam

- A. Voice Day: thanks everyone for spreading the word
- B. Looking for PR assistant and photography assistant
- C. Updated facebook site: places programs

Financial Vice President

James Schott/Jonathan Giel

- A. Proposal club sports
- B. Entering period for starting up budget for next year

Program Vice President

Claire Anglim

- A. Program board commissioner applications due: Monday at 5pm
- B. Encourage to meet Erin.
- C. Movie February 6 and 7 at 10pm: The Secret Life of Bees

Advisor

Dr. Jon Dooley

- A. Out of office next week: conference
- B. Reminder when sharing information, do have senate lists to send messages. LS-MUSG@marquette.edu
 - a. Member only list
 - b. If working on legislation, could share electronically
- C. When legislation coming forward, often don't see legislation Thursday night. Advises to send legislation to him before hand to be more effective in advising the information.

Legislative Vice President

Jason Rae

- H. Peggy Bloom: Presentation on Assessment
- I. Engineering seat available
- J. Available Saturday: Marquette Women vs Connecticut game
- K. Office: mailboxes
 - i. Have mailboxes to give messages to one another
 - ii. Contact information sheets to allow others to reach for questions

VI. Committee Reports

A. Academics Committee

John Kristan

- i. Met last night
- ii. 2 bills: Recommendations
 - 1. Printer Maintenance
 - 2. Concerns regarding animal practices
- iii. Didn't have time to go to recommendation 4: take up next week

B. Business and Government

Thaddeus McGuire

- i. Met Tuesday
- ii. Amendment #2
- iii. D2L

C. Student Life Committee

Adam Michael Tandez

- i. Handicap accessibility
- ii. Senator Ladwig: Safety issues on campus
- iii. Recommendation #5: common cents
- iv. Concerns regarding animal practices

D. Student Organizations

Henry Thomas

- i. Organizing meeting to finalize student organizations
 - 1. For any concerns they might have and get name of MUSG
- ii. Legislation: working raising SOA process of \$15,000 to student group. Focusing on club sports
- iii. Senators Dongre and Schott: Print wise proposal
- iv. Senator Schott: U-Pass
 - 1. UWM. Have sticker on student ID.
 - 2. Thought it would be easier. Asked union station.
 - 3. Set up meeting with Todd Vicker

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

- A. Senator Doerrler: saw that there is lot of ideas in the Senate binder
- B. Senator McGuire: Met with Arts and Science student council.
- C. Senator Gates: Should put names on the legislation that people are working on.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from January 29, 2009
 - i. Approved as they stand

IX. Old Business

- A. Recommendation #4 – Encouraging Default Double-Sided Printing
- B. Motion: Senator Tandez
- C. Second: Senator Mulligan
- D. Bringing back when have more information

X. New Business

- A. Proposal from MUSG Budget Committee
 - i. Motion: Senator McGuire
 - ii. Second: Senator Judy
 - iii. Rational: FVP Giel
 - 1. Shall we reallocate the money to club sports?
 - a. If yes, how much?
 - b. What process will we use to distribute the reallocated money?
 - 2. Deserve \$3,850 dollars
 - 3. Short of allocation period so decided to move allocation and readjust to \$5,000
 - 4. Reviewing period 2 of club sports
 - 5. Want to effectively distribute the funds
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Senator Doerrler: Point of Information: did we already vote for original funding? Is adding this funding, do we have to vote again?
 - a. No. Just attending to financial procedures.
 - 2. Did this have to pass unanimously?
 - a. Yes
 - 3. Senator Franklin: are you taking money out of the reserve fund and not non-club organizations?
 - a. No instead of having money sit there, so we made it more effective to put it to use to this organization.
 - 4. Senator Franklin: is it fair to move money from one place to another?
 - a. Didn't take politics into consideration
 - b. If money doesn't get out, then take out of reserves.
 - 5. Senator Thomas: would it roll over to next period?
 - a. Yes it would. If have rough estimate of what is requested and percentage.
 - 6. Senator Thomas: why are you taking back to SOA and not back to budget?
 - a. Going back to appeal process would require amending the budget. Many have season going on now, so need to know budget now. Need to know budget issues at this time.
 - 7. Senator Thomas: will they be able to fund things that already happen or allocating money from now on?
 - a. Most groups have activities for upcoming future, so don't know. There are activities happening after deadline. So safe to allocate funds.

8. Senator Doerrerr: is there any thought of allocating more money will affect SOA allocations for the future?
 - a. It should only be a onetime incident approach. We felt as budget committee the money should still go to the club, \$3,850
- v. Debate:
 1. Senator Tandez speaks in favor. Commend Senator Ciccone, Kristan and FVP. Happy with job put together.
 2. Senator Ciccone speaks in favor because clubs need money quickly. Since already reviewed application then know what they need for club sports.
 3. Senator Thomas speaks in favor because believes students money and deserve it.
- vi. Proposal Passes: 25-1
- B. Amendment #2 – A Place of Their Own
 - i. Rational: Senator McGuire
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Senator Doerrerr: what do you think this adds to the University?
 - a. Giving senators possibility to stand out and students will know who senators are.
 - iii. Debate:
 1. Senator Tandez:
 - a. Believes in Therefore clause: “east entrance...Health Sciences”
 - b. Seeks to amend this
 2. Senator Doerrerr: move to previous question
 - a. Second: Senator Thomas
 - iv. Passes Unanimously
- C. Referendum #1 – Care for Academic Needs of Students
 - i. Senator McGuire: Ombuds for students to voice academic and personal disputes with Marquette University faculty
 1. Want to know how students felt for MUSG pursuing this
 2. Piece legislation that MUSG passed but haven’t received any update
 3. Want to know if valuable thing to pursue and proactively do our jobs
 4. If should pursue, then will do.
 - ii. Questions
 1. Senator Franklin: will there be any propaganda for students to understand?
 - a. Plan to advertise for student reactions and want to get as many students involved
 2. Senator Franklin: how many students are you looking for to keep on?
 - a. Can’t look at this now. Future to make educated decision.
 3. Senator Doerrerr: was there any thought of redundancy of confidential and impartial student concerns?
 - a. Redundancy actually is well written so want to keep this.
 - b. Point of second thing is defining ombuds.
 4. Senator Doerrerr: is there any thought of administration or discussion?
 - a. Definitely vague. So students will take yes or no referendum.
 5. Advisor Dooley: is your intent a short summary with this referendum?
 - a. Yes.
 6. Advisor Dooley: is bottom line meant to be in the proposal?
 - a. Yes
 7. Senator Doerrerr: when do we have to approve this for elections?
 - a. 10 class days before election

- iii. Debate:
 - 1. Senator Doerrerr moves to postpone this legislation
 - 2. Second: failed
 - 3. Senator Doerrerr speaks against legislation because worked on last year.
 - a. If got referendum that looked like this, then would send it back because it is misleading. It would rarely received well by legislatures.
 - b. Wants to favor if identifying current situation of Ombuds. Wants more work to get working on.
 - 4. Senator Kristan speaks in favor because don't feel to write this without being bias. It's fair way for students having their concerns without students to conflict with confidentiality.
 - 5. Senator Thomas speaks in favor. It is important. It is yes or no answer. Administration has to hear us. Get voices of students heard though this vote.
 - 6. Senator Doerrerr speaks against because there isn't enough research
 - 7. Senator Thomas speaks in favor. Students care about student government and read the definition of Ombuds.
 - 8. Senator Barreras moves to previous question
 - a. Second: Wells
- iv. Senator Doerrerr move to amend referendum whereas clause 5 and 4 and current language with citation mentioned
 - a. Second Thomas
- v. Dooley: should include the text of 4 and 5
- vi. Question of amendment:
 - 1. Senator Thomas: what do you think this would benefit?
 - a. Senator Doerrerr: feels it's a fair shot to the ballot
 - 2. Senator Tandez: will you be an author of this?
 - a. Yes only if allowed
 - 3. Senator Wells: when voting online can students op to not vote if too long?
 - a. Yes
 - 4. Senator Ali: what will students gain from faculty only benefiting them?
 - a. It will put voice to student
- vii. Debate on amendment:
 - 1. Senator Kristan speaks in favor. It is clearer.
 - 2. Senator Thomas speaks in favor
- viii. Passes unanimously
- ix. Senator Thomas wants to move previous questions
- x. Referendum 1 passes unanimously

D. Recommendation #5 – Common Cents

- i. Rational: Senator Simoncic:
 - 1. Pay for laundry. People don't have Marquette cash and complaining for people looking for quarters. Want every residence hall to have change machine in the laundry room.
 - 2. Putting logic in structuring.
- ii. Senator Doerrerr:
 - 1. Long process to do laundry. Thinks this is perfect example for constituents having a problem with.
- iii. Questions:
 - 1. Senator Dixon: lot of other schools have one big fee and do as much laundry for all year. Do you think we can do that?

- a. Not at this time. We need to find first step so can solve the problem immediately.
 - b. Feels that this is smaller issues.
 2. Senator Mulligan: do you think it would be more effective if go through RHA?
 - a. Something that is possible.
 - b. It is under our jurisdiction to do so, but no problem going to RHA to pass this
 3. Senator Simoncic: Hall improvement committee...need to take a step forward
 4. Senator Gregory: could we install Marquette cash stations on Marquette halls so can use another method?
 - a. Yes. But who can maintain them?
 5. Senator Doerrerr: this is something we can deal now and address the issue.
 6. Senator Kristan: do we know how much of the service to the machine?
 - a. Many residence halls have change machines. It is not our scope to going out to buying machines. Don't really know.
 7. Senator Mulligan
 8. Senator Ali: would the authors be open amend to a change machine or Marquette cash machine?
 - a. Yes would be fine
- iv. Debate:
 1. Senator Thomas moves to amend the Therefore clause: ..."install change or Marquette cash machines in the" ...
 - a. Second: Senator Simoncic
- v. Questions on amendment:
 1. Senator McGuire: would that solve the problem? Some people do not have Marquette cash. If don't have Marquette cash then what?
 - a. Do not have the set amount of people in not having a Marquette cash
 2. Dooley: saying that maybe if call and should get clarification to solve the problem.
- vi. Debate on amendment:
 1. Senator Ali speaks in favor because gives resident halls flexibility.
 2. Senator Thomas speaks in favor because it answers questions people have at resident's halls.
- vii. Vote on amendment
 1. Motion passes unanimously
- viii. Senator Judy: moves to postpone recommendation 5.
 1. Motion passes

- **Announcements**

1. Senator Thomas: putting legislation on table to help authors
2. Senator Ali: Lebanese night tomorrow
3. Senator Simoncic: leaving to leadership conference and collecting pop cans
4. Senator McGuire: Meet business and government and academic needs
5. Senator Judy: Mr. Omega Man coming up on Sunday
6. Senator Tandez: interested on legislation on concern of animal practices, should contact him
7. CVP Leukam: Slow food: need feedback

- Have final candidate for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences...talk to her
- 8. FVP Schott: encourage constituents to apply for period 6 funding.
- 9. FVP Giel: ask Budget committee and SOA committee to meet
- 10. EVP Blaney: HIV emersion weekend applications extended until tomorrow night. Sign up office of community service 3rd floor
- 11. President Redlingshafer: meet with authors of referendum
- 12. Advisor Dooley: SUMMIT is this Sunday

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion: Senator Wells
- B. Second: Senator Ali
- C. Meeting adjourned 9:05pm