

# MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7:30 PM - AMU 227

**1. Call to Order and Invocation**

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:32pm
- B. Invocation by President Thomas

**2. Roll Call**

- A. 14 Senators Present

**3. Forum for Concerned Students**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Officer Reports**

President Henry Thomas

- The executive office has been busy
- President Thomas and EVP Stopka are attempting to pick up where the last administration left off
- Working with Todd Vicker in the AMU
  - Beginning construction for new computers in the AMU
  - Todd Vicker is getting the funding, which is great
- Discussions are beginning on how to improve the Brooks Lounge
  - All Senators please talk to respective councils for ideas
  - Bring these ideas to the AMU advisory board
  - One idea was ice cream available in the Brooks Lounge
    - They are looking in to this
    - Pricing is the main point of interest
- President Thomas and EVP Stopka met with the President of MU Radio
  - Looking to expand the audience, and places to be heard
  - Again, working with Todd Vicker, to play MU Radio in Marquette Place, all The Brews and other common areas
- Next week President Thomas and EVP Stopka will be meeting with the Provost to talk about legislation and other ideas
  - Please bring any topics of interest and ideas to President Thomas and EVP Stopka

Executive Vice President Stephanie Stopka

- The Primary elections today went well
  - Results are posted on the door to the MUSG office
  - Final elections are taking place next Wednesday
    - We will passing out flyers on Wednesday to get the word out
      - Between 12pm - 3pm
      - Expect an email asking all of Senate to help out
- Retreat - Sunday, September 27 - Save The Date cards passed out before the meeting
  - The retreat is mandatory, RSVP ASAP

- President Thomas and EVP Stopka will be attending a lunch with Father Wild and a small group of Students next Wednesday
  - Students involved around campus will be meeting to discuss issues with Father Wild, the list is almost finalized but if you know of anyone who would benefit from this please let EVP Stopka know
- First major meeting with the Department of Public Safety is coming up, let EVP Stopka know if there's anything to bring up

Communication Vice President Lauren Lakomek

- Information sheets for web-site profiles are due today
- Please email CVP Lakomek photographs as soon as possible as well
- Communications Department recently had a great department meeting
  - The department discussed:
    - Perceptions of Marquette University Student Government
    - The strengths and weakness of the organization
  - Communications Department is working on bridging a gap between students and student government
- The Voice will be distributed the first day of October.
  - What you want to see?
  - New piece, A Day in the Life of a Senator
- Facebook event promotion
  - Invite your friends to events, and to be fans of MUSG on Facebook to better promote MUSG and related events around campus

Financial Vice President Jonathan Giel

- This week is the first SOA meeting for period 2 allocations
- The Financial Office will no longer handing out paper, from now on the office will be projecting via PowerPoint
- Summary of allocations are in each senators email right now
- Successfully allocated to 13 organizations
- Senate will hear more about one organization later in the meeting

Program Vice President Erin Shawgo

- Will be a few moments late to each meeting
- The Varsity Theatre will be showing My Sisters Keeper this weekend
- New times for showing weekend movies at The Varsity
  - 9pm Friday nights
  - 7pm Saturday nights
  - The Program Board thought this would be more conducive to student attendance
- UPCOMING Films to be shown:
  - Next Week: The Proposal, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds
- Next Saturday: MU Carnival
  - Free popcorn
  - Moon Bounce
  - Human Hamster Balls
  - Other Carnival evens
  - Saturday September 26 – 9pm
- Green Week is being planned for the spring
  - April 6 – April 10, 2010

- The committee will be meeting September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Please contact PVP Shawgo with any recommendations of Professors, Students or faculty active in the Green Scene who may want to participate
- There will be a Fright Fest trip to Six Flags this Fall – October 9th
- Planning a Paint Ball trip in December
- Annual Night of Chocolate will be held in December
- Tonight was diversity dinner and discussion
- Varsity Film Magnets were passed out at the Senate meeting, more available if you know anyone who wants one.

Advisor Dr. Jon Dooley

- To President Thomas: there is a communications department to help with flyers
- Centennial of Coeducation/Woman at Marquette University
  - There are a number of events coming up
  - Remind people in other organizations to of the upcoming events
  - Next Thursday 11:30am Centennial Prayer Service, free lunch
    - The Board of Trustees will be on campus
    - The event will take place outside of the Alumni Memorial Union
  - Lots of Events the week of October 5 – October 9
    - Food drive taking place all week, to support Milwaukee Hunger Task Force, dedicating a Statue of Mother Teresa
    - Sister Helen Prejean – October 8th
      - Dead Man Walking event
      - Event taking place in The Varsity – tickets available at Brookes Lounge
      - Sister Prejean will be receiving an Honorary Degree
  - There is a website with all of the Women’s Centennial events listed on it
  - All members of Senate should try to be at one or more events
  - mu.edu/woman100/events

Parliamentarian Stacey Barnum

- There is on item in New Business
  - Item A: Approval of SOA Applications for Period 2– majority is 11 votes

Legislative Vice President Adam Michael V. Tandez

- Next Thursday – the day after the general election for residence hall, off-campus and commuter senators – there will not be a formal Senate meeting, it will be a Senate training meeting
- There will be a lot of people new to Senate that will need mentors, so please be in attendance next week

## 6. **Committee Reports**

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

- A. Senator Praxmere – Met with her constituent Student Council last Monday
  1. Senator Praxmere is scanning interest for a College Student Council Kick-Ball Tournament to raise money for an undecided charity
  2. Let her know if you, and the Student Council for the College you represent is interested
- B. FVP Giel – Do not Park in Campus Parking Structures Illegally

1. They will ticket you three times before towing your car
- C. President Thomas – met with the Academic Senate, and is creating a committee to deal with IT issues with faculty and professors
  1. Working to get a more effective use of D2L and IT services in lesson plans
  2. This came out of Senator Ovbiagele’s recommendation from last semester
  3. This will work to get Marquette into the new age of technology

**8. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  1. No changes
  2. Minutes entered and approved as is

**9. Old Business**

**10. New Business**

- A. Approval of SOA Applications for Period 2
  1. *The recommended allocation amount may not be increased by the Senate.*
  2. *The recommendation must be approved by a majority vote of the seated Senate. (11 Affirmative Votes)*
  3. Senator Ovbiagele invited to present information
    1. SOA committee met Monday
    2. The event was organized by the IT Student Organization, it is technically an off campus event, but it is taking place “on campus” because it is being held at The Wisconsin Club
      1. It is a very exposure intensive event, provides students the opportunity to meet with people in the community
      2. The event is:
        1. Open to all ages
        2. Networking and communicating with professionals in fields of study
        3. This would be a great advantage to students
        4. The main reason we approved this was to get every student who is interested involved
  4. *Period of Questions* – any member of the SOA committee can respond
    1. Senator Gregory - Did the event have to be held at The Wisconsin Club or could it be held anywhere else?
      1. FVP Giel – we don’t know what the reason behind it being held at The Wisconsin Club
      2. Advisor Dooley – That event is going on during Women’s Week, and it would be hard to find place on campus for the event to take place
  5. Senator Ciccone – Is this event only open to Marquette University Students
    1. FVP Giel – yes.
  6. *Period of Debate*
    1. No debate
  7. *Roll Call Vote*

1. Passed unanimously

**11. Announcements**

- A. Senator Schott – This is Senator Schott’s last meeting, the Senator really enjoyed his time here, however he is not running for reelection in a residence hall but may choose to run in the future
- B. Senator Ovbiagele – met with Megan Janni – in regards to the visitation policy and how it can be improved, the Senator will be meeting with Jim McMan to discuss visitation in further detail
  1. Please give any ideas to aid this initiative to Senator Ovbiagele, President Thomas and EVP Stopka
- C. PVP Shawgo – PVP Shawgo is a Student Representative on the Centennial Celebration committee
  1. She has a calendar in her office of all of the events to check out
  2. if you have questions about events of the Centennial of Coeducation contact PVP Shawgo

**12. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to Adjourn by Senator Simoncic
- B. Motion Seconded by Senator Schott
- C. Meeting Adjourn at 7:57pm