

# MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

7:30 PM - AMU 227

**1. Call to Order and Invocation**

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:31pm
- B. Invocation given by Senator Pappalardo

**2. Roll Call**

- A. 28 of 29 Senators present

**3. Forum for Concerned Students**

- A. No concerned students present

**4. Presentations**

**5. Officer Reports**

President Henry Thomas

- Thanks to those who bowled with the Office of Administration
  - Administration has some good bowlers
- AMU: MU Radio – final MU radio meeting was held, from now on Mondays (5-7pm) MU radio will be broadcast in the AMU this will hopefully be broadened throughout the day rest of the day eventually—they put a lot of hard work into MU radio, this will hopefully increase listenership
- Executive Board and Advisor Dr. Dooley will be conducting a survey to assess the student experience
  - They will be surveying about various issues around campus, food, etc.
  - Please give any feedback to the Executive Board or Dr. Dooley, talk to your constituents, and we will have numbers to back up any feedback you are receiving

Executive Vice President Stephanie Stopka

- Thank you for attending the retreat, good team building and goal setting was done
  - Please fill out the survey that is in your MUSG mailbox
- New receptionist, please introduce yourself
- EVP Stopka and President Thomas met with Father Wild
  - Talked about the current state of the university, building projects, and plans, etc.
- DPS meeting approaching– please tell EVP Stopka any safety concerns
- Exciting! 2 new residential seats will be elected to the SOA committee next week
  - Talk to FVP Giel or EVP Stopka to get more info, this is a fun committee and great way to help out students
  - Apps due Wednesday October 7 at 5pm
- CFO Chuck Lamb came to the Executive Board meeting last week to give MUSG info on state of the University. We are in a positive standing
  - All of the Executive Board has information on this meeting, see any one of them if you are interest in seeing it

Communication Vice President Lauren Lakomek

- Matthew is sitting in the back, He covers MUSG in the Marquette Tribune, be nice to him
- Communications Office is working hard to tweek the way the office runs
- All 1800 copies of The Voice were passed out before Thursday – THANK YOU! That has never happened!
- As talked about on the retreat – the Communications Department will ask you to dedicate your facebook and/or twitter status for a day every once in a while if you are willing
  - Sign up sheet was passed around, please put your info down if you are willing to donate your status.
- MUSG currently has 204 facebook fans
- FACEBOOK DEMONSTATION
  1. How to add a MUSG as a fan
    - a. Go to the search bar
    - b. Search MUSG
    - c. Scroll down to the fan pages
    - d. Select the MUSG fan page, and click “Become a Fan”
    - e. The fan page is a great hub of information
      - i. Click on the “Events” tab to see what events are coming up
  2. If you are willing to dedicate you status:
    - a. Dedicate your status by saying “@MUSG” and it will tag MUSG in your status, this is a great way to promote MUSG
    - b. People can click on the link that is created in your status and see the MUSG fan page and become a fan themselves

Financial Vice President Jonathan Giel

- On the SOA application you will see there is 1 residential spot open on the Budget Committee, the committee will be formulating a budget for the following year
  - Senator Ciccone has previously sat on the budge committee, ask him, or FVP Giel if you have any questions
- Thanks to the Communications Department, now if you go to organization funding page on the website, there is a form box so you can ask question online, and it will send them directly to the Finance Department
  - This is great tool for communication between constituents and Student Organizations and the Finance Department
- SOA workshop for the next funding period will be held at 3pm tomorrow (Friday, October 2, 2009) in the AMU
- Applications for the next period of funding are due next Friday (October 9, 2009) at 5pm

Program Vice President Erin Shawgo

- After Dark carnival went well
  - 3 scooter/carts got stolen, if you see them around campus please report it
- Fright Fest tickets are on sale, the bus will be leaving at 430pm and be back by midnight
  - The tickets cost \$20
- Dead Man Walking will be shown on Tuesday, October 6, at 7pm in TWC 100
- In correlation with that, sponsored by Diversity, Sister Helen Prejean will be speaking in the Varsity Theatre on Thursday October 8

- After Dark Casino is looking for volunteers to be blackjack dealers, run the roulette tables, etc
  - Let PVP Shawgo know if you are interested in helping out
- Ice Age 3 is playing at the Varsity Theatre this weekend
- Public Enemies will be playing the following weekend, October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next week is centennial week
  - Food drive going on all week
  - Posters are with all the events for the whole week
- The first Green Week meeting was held this week – there was great representation from a lot of different departments and organizations
  - As always let PVP Shawgo know if you have any Green Week ideas.

#### Advisor

Dr. Jon Dooley

- There is a new staff member in the Office of Student Affairs, Assistant VP of Student Affairs, this is who Advisor Dr. Dooley will be reporting to
  - He is looking forward to meeting everyone
- Student Leadership Summit will be on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm
  - This year the Summit will be exploring the Challenge of Leadership
  - It will be held in the AMU
  - More information and registration will be coming up
  - This Leadership Summit is free to students
  - There is a MU v. MSOE basketball game – but please try to be at the Summit
- Assessment projects for the Division of Student Affairs may have data gathered about a particular issue you are already working on, if you are looking for information from students this is a good place to look
  - There is information available on a variety of topics

#### Parliamentarian

Stacey Barnum

- New Business Item A – the Election of a President Pro-Tempore
  - Majority vote needed to elect is 15 votes

#### Legislative Vice President

Adam Michael V. Tandez

- Welcome to Senators Lefeber, Konyn and Halunen. This is there first meeting.
- Next week you will have binders and stickers for said binders
  - Use these, every piece of paper you receive from the Legislative Office will be three hole punched
- If you have to be absent from a Senate Meeting there are bank yellow slips on his door please fill this out and place it in the envelope also on LVP Tandezs door
- Currently 16/29 senators have handed back committee preference sheets, if you haven't received one let LVP Tandez know, these are due today
- Committee Chair positions announced:
  - Student Life – Senator Pappalardo
  - Business and Administration – Senator Doerrer
  - Academics – Senator Ciccone
  - Student Organizations – Senator Simoncic
- The office hours sheet was passed around, please write down the time you are most likely to be in the office, there will also be a sign-in sheet on his door to mark that you served your office hours each week

## **6. Committee Reports**

- A. Senator Ciconne – Met with the Renewal Task Force and Dr. Peters, simply taking the phones out of the residence hall has saved \$100,000 for the University if you, or your constituents have ideas to save money contact Senator Ciconne
- B. Senator Ciconne – Also met with the Student Health Advisory Board, Student Health does not get a lot of input from students so please notify them or Senator Ciconne if you have any ideas, it will help a lot
- C. Senator Ovbiagele – The progress of the visitation policy was discussed last week, Senator Ovbiagele met with Jim McMan and RHA President Megan Janni to talk about concerns and ideas, they were receptive, the conclusion was reached that due to academic reasons, (finals, etc) they will look into opening more 24 hr study locations in dining halls
  - 1. Senator Ovbiagele encourages Residence Hall Senators to identify places in your dorms that may work for 24 hr study space
  - 2. the next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>, please contact Senator Ovbiagele if you are interested in attending this meeting
- D. EVP Stopka – The Alcohol Student Advisory Board, chaired by Brian Anderson, discussed the current alcohol policy, problem areas, and places that can be changed, and improved – the advisory board will be meeting next month please approach EVP Stopka with any ideas

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

**8. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - 1. Minutes approved
  - 2. Minutes submitted as is

**9. Old Business**

**10. New Business**

- A. Election of a President Pro-Tempore
  - 1. *A majority vote of the seated Senate is required in order to secure the position. The candidate must receive at least 15 votes to attain this position.*
  - 2. *Nominations from the Floor*
    - 1. Senator Doerrler nominates Senator Ovbiagele
      - 1. The nomination is accepted by Senator Ovbiagele
    - 2. Senator Pappaloardo nominates Senator Carlson
      - 1. The nomination is Accepted by Senator Carlson
    - 3. Senator Shanker nominates Senator Ryback
      - 1. The nomination is accepted by Senator Ryback
  - 3. *Floor opened to introductions from nominators*
    - 1. Senator Doerrler- Senator Ovbiagele has severed on the committee Senator Doerrler chaired, he has a lot of goals, and he wants to get his hands in all committees and be more active in MUSG
      - 1. Senator Ovbiagele – The senator is grateful to be a part of MUSG, he is proud to be a student leaders and to help the organization in being more effect, he would be happy to accept such a position. PPT will give him an avenue to participate in all issues, help senators and help the student

body; he has a passion to help more. His genuine passion and diligence will make him good at this position.

2. Senator Pappalardo – There are two main reasons he nominated Senator Carlson: 1. Great communication skilled, he gets his point across affectively and efficiently 2. He has a strong desire and dedication to the organization. Senator Carlson is very sincere and humble, and he has expressed his desire to be more involved, he has a lot of leadership experience including – Fraternity Pledge Class President, Secretary and Executive Board Member of O'Donnell Hall and is now serving as Business Senator, elected by his peers, he has a lot of skills to be an effective leader.

1. Senator Carlson – The President Pro-Tempore needs to be a good communicator between LVP Tandez and all of the Standing Committees, he has a lot of experience doing that as a Pledge Class President.

3. Senator Shanker – Senator Ryback wants to expand his role, he has the charisma for the role, he doesn't have as many past credential, but has been President of Commuter Student Association and involved in other committees and organizations in the past

1. Senator Ryback – Can bring efficiency to MUSG. Senator Ryback has worked to get commuters representation, he was President, he is always on time, and gets things done right.

4. *Period of questions (directed questions at all 3 candidates)*

1. Senator Jorgenson – This is a large time commitment – what does your weekly schedule look like?

1. Senator Ovbiagele – The Senator is taking 16 credits, and works 12 hours at the library each week, he writes for the Tribune once a week, and he attends weekly Senate meetings, the senator is done at 3pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 4pm on Tuesday and Thursdays.

2. Senator Carlson – Monday night free, almost all Tuesday free, Wednesday night free, Thursday nothing but one class and weekly Senate meetings, and Friday nights are free, on weekends he does have some Fraternity events, but willing to move his schedule around to accommodate

3. Senator Ryback – 15 credits, works 10 hours per week, done by 11am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 630pm on Tuesday and Thursdays but free from 1pm – 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursday as well.

2. Senator Fanelli – What do you think makes you more qualified then your opponents for this position?

1. Senator Carlson – He has strong, standing relationships with the new Committee Chairs and LVP Tandez, and he can effectively communicate between them

2. Senator Ryback – He works with different organizations, he gets things done right away and doesn't waste a lot of time.

3. Senator Ovbiagele – His opponents are qualified but if you put Senator Ovbiageles capabilities and passions to the test, for example he came into MUSG and got legislation passed in the first three weeks, he has the diligence. He has a past of

leadership, he was his high school student body Vice President, and he represented Nigeria in the United Nations Conference, he has had to interact with various people of all different backgrounds and his experience has given him the ability to manage effectively.

3. Senator Doerr - How would you describe the role of the PPT?
  1. Senator Ryback – The role is great, wants to get involved with MUSG and learn about the organization. He wants to get involved, he spent time looking through the constitution to try to figure out the exact role of the PPT, he doesn't know exactly what to do, but he want to learn about it right away to be more helpful in MUSG
  2. Senator Ovbiagele – The main tasks are to assist the LVP, attend all meetings of Standing Committees, and if need be, the PPT is required to vote in order to maintain the appropriate amount on legislation, the PPT also assists the LVP to stick to Senate procedures,
  3. Senator Carlson – To be LVP Tandezs eyes and ears in the Standing Committees, and if the LVP is absent, to fill in.
4. Senator Shanker – In 30 seconds, why are you running for the position of PPT?
  1. Senator Ovbiagele – To bridge any gap between the LVP and the Standing Committees, and help out and be able to make a stand in basic procedures, and to help in any avenue possible.
  2. Senator Carlson – To get involved more within the Standing Committees, without being a Committee Chair and get involved in all of the Committees.
  3. Senator Ryback – To expand his role in MUSG, if there is one thing he has it's time, he wants a chance to dive head first into MUSG
5. Senator Praxmarer – What's the hardest thing to overcome?
  1. Senator Carlson – Budgeting time, homework and committee meetings.
  2. Senator Ryback – The learning curve
  3. Senator Ovbiagele – He seconded Senator Carlson, we are all busy with commitments: allocating time with be difficult but all of us (Senators) assumed our positions to make sacrifices to help the student body
6. Senator O'Brien – What issue would you like to address?
  1. Senaotr Ryback – Issues have been taken a lot of time to resolve, he wants to quicken the meetings and get the meetings done and be more effective for students.
  2. Senator Ovbiagele – Want to be more effective in delaying information between LVP Tandez and the Standing Committees to make sure things are organized and to direct people, so LVP Tandez knows what he needs to know and to act as a bridge.
  3. Senator Carlson – If the question is looking for a specific issue, Sudexo – and food in the union, this is an ongoing

issue, he wants to continue to improve the food as much as we can.

7. *No more question*
5. *Candidates Escorted out by Senator Kimes*
6. *Period of Debate (max 3 in each direction for each candidate)*
  1. Senator Ciccone speaks in favor of Senator Carlson
  2. Senator Jorgenson speaks in favor of Senator Ryback
  3. Senator Pappalardo speaks in favor of Senator Carlson
  4. Senator Shanker speaks in favor of Senator Ryback
  5. Senator Peterson speaks in favor of Senator Carlson
7. *Candidates escorted back in by Senator Pappalardo*
8. *Vote by Ballot*
9. Congratulations to Senator Trent Carlson, who is elected as the new President Pro-Tempore

## 11. Announcements

- A. Senator Pappalardo - On Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is meeting with Todd Vicker, and the AMU Advisory Board, any comments, questions of concerns about the AMU please contact Senator Pappalardo
- B. Senator Pappalardo – Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm, MU Club Football will be playing Ohio State University – please come
- C. Senator Ovbiagele - Congratulations to Senator Carlson and to Senator Ryback for running
- D. Senator Jorgenson – next week is AXO DVA week
  1. AXO will be selling puppy chow
    1. Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> under the bridge until 2pm
    2. Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> in Lalumere Language Hall from 10am – 2pm
    3. Wednesday they have time reserved under the bridge but the usually run out by Wednesday
  2. They will be holding a Candlelight visual
  3. Dodge ball tournament next Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
    1. Please sign up your team of 6, great prizes, register the day of
    2. Event is being held at the Annex Court Area
- E. CVP Lakomek – At 6pm on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> – every executive board member will have a new blog up.
- F. PVP Shawgo – 9pm, Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> , free visor for all Casino Volunteers
- G. FVP Giel – family weekend is this weekend, take your family to events if they are here
- H. LVP Tandez – Needs Committee Preference sheets now.
  1. Residence Hall Senators: RHS meeting was tonight
    1. There is a forum October 12<sup>th</sup>, details to follow
    2. There are 25 names on office hours sheet, and 28 present Senators, please sign it
- I. President Thomas – New Committee Chairs see him after the meeting
  1. Father Wild forum is October 27 at 7pm, this is a great opportunity

## 12. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Senator Peterson
- B. Motion Seconded by Senator Pappalardo