

MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, October 8th, 2009
7:30 PM - AMU 227

1. **Call to Order and Invocation**
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM
 - B. Invocation given by Legislative Clerk Katherine Ranft
2. **Roll Call**
 - A. 22 Senators present
3. **Forum for Concerned Students**
 - A. No concerned students
4. **Presentations**
 - A. Dr. Jeff Janz – Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
 1. Invited to join the table by LVP Tandez
 2. He has been on staff for a week
 3. He knows a lot about MU
 4. He grew up about a mile away and has been connected to MU for a long time
 5. His responsibilities are in flex
 6. He works with Advisor Dr. Jon Dooley
 7. He works in all areas of student affairs
 8. Roots are in student leadership for the last 30 years
 1. He worked the last 18 years at UW-Whitewater
 9. Worked and lived in the region his whole life
 10. Welcomes any questions
 11. Please feel free to visit his office on the fourth floor of the AMU
 - B. *Period of questions*
 1. No questions
 - C. Elizabeth Lynch – Student Advocate
 1. Invited to join the table by LVP Tandez
 2. Welcome
 3. Update on student committees
 4. Looking for a Junior on the Health Advisory committee
 5. Freshman is needed to sit on the student safety board
 1. Need paragraph of eligibility by next Monday if you are interested
 6. Update on meetings
 1. Tobacco coalition
 1. Goal is wellness not to eliminate smoking
 2. Promote 20-25 feet rules
 3. Inform students
 7. Committee report form is now available, online, thanks Matt Weiss
 8. Parking committee and Late Night committee have already used this
 9. After you meet with committee please give your report online, check inbox for this information if you are on a student committee
 - D. *Period of Questions*

1. Senator Jorgensen – What has been done about the upcoming change to ban indoor smoking in WI
 1. Student Advocate Lynch – This issue was not discussed at the first meeting but the committee is collecting statistics of who smokes, where, etc.
 1. A representative from the Annex attended the first meeting and talked about how banning smoking is affecting them but there has not been too much detail discussed to date
2. No more questions
3. Advisor Dr. Dooley – Senators, try to work with Student Advisor Lynch and connect your work in student committees to Senate standing committees, recognize that standing committees are related to issues students are addressing in other committees. Use Liz as a resource.

5. Officer Reports

President

Henry Thomas

- This is a busy week – President Thomas and EVP Stopka has met with a lot of people
- Talked last week about the creation of a survey to see the efficiency of MUSG and talk to the student body about goals they want to see accomplished
- All MUSG survey committee consists of each committee chair and the Executive board
- The survey will have information on topics and they will be putting out the survey next week and collecting them through November, this is good information that is created by us for the use of MUSG
 - This can happen every 2 years to have up to date data
- In an effort to be more transparent MUSG will be creating an all MUSG outreach committee
 - Still deciding on makeup and chairmanship of this committee but we will send people out to different student groups, but this will see how we can better serve different groups
 - This will let us be more proactive and engaging
- EVP Stopka, President Thomas and off-campus senators, did an off campus ride/walk
 - This developed the idea of the exchange a light bulb program, this is green, it will involve students and faculty.
 - Students who live in darker spots off campus
 - Students save money by keeping there porch lights off
 - MUSG will go door to door to switch out there light bulb with cheaper, energy efficient light bulbs, and get people to turn on there lights and remind them they are part of a community
 - These bulbs will be provided to the student cheap or for free
 - There are three options for light bulbs that will be cheap to supply
 - DPS is supplying the door hangers, we will supply the ground work
- Hopefully you are enjoying the AMU MU radio, we look forward to collaborating with them more, and increase listenership

Executive Vice President

Stephanie Stopka

- SOA information session was held last Friday

- Next info session is on Friday November 6th
- Please inform anyone who may be interested about this meeting so we can give them information and help with funding for their events
- Last Monday EVP Stopka and President Thomas had lunch with most of the DPS Department to talk about the current state of safety on campus and we have now established a solid line of communication with DPS
- Today met with more DPS officers
- Marquette University will be working with a new text provider
 - They want to make sure the system is working, this will be going out to everyone who is signed up
 - We will ask senators to record if and when they get the cell phone message as a test.
 - Please tell everyone you know to sign up for this so if there ever was an emergency we can get the info out
- Campus safety walk is coming up please tell EVP Stopka or President Thomas if you're interested
- J-walking patrol, be safe and tell people to be safe – MPD may be on campus so do not J-walk

Communication Vice President Lauren Lakomek

- Thank senators who turned in work orders for out of office posters
- The web profiles were due a while ago, they will all be posted next week, please get forms in ASAP
- The Communication Department and the rest of the Executive Board is trying to push communications about the Father Wild forum
 - President Thomas emailed the Deans of every college to get the information out
 - We are working to get big easels to inform people about the forum
 - The PR team is also asking students questions on the street – there will also be video of questions at the forum in case things get slow
 - There is a prize portion of the evening, MUSG is not eligible to win
 - The top prize is an iPod
 - Tell your friends
- PR director is working hard to get the e-list working, sign up for the MUSG e-list, tell your friends, you will get an email on Sunday nights telling you about upcoming events

Financial Vice President Jonathan Giel

- It is important to continue to educate constituents about the SOA process
- There is a deadline at 5p.m. tomorrow for the next funding period
- New SOA members will meet right after this to discuss meeting times
 - Hopefully the committee can meet Wednesdays
- Any large allocations will be presented next Thursday
- Stress the importance of the budget committee
 - There will be open nominations to the Budget Committee from the floor
 - If you want to get involved please apply for the committee

Program Vice President Erin Shawgo

- Green Week committee keeps meeting
- Program board commissioners are planning next semester

- Let them know any speakers, etc. you want to see
- Fright Fest sold out yesterday
 - Word of mouth helps a lot thank you
- Saturday night is the After Dark casino night in MU Place
 - Nice prizes stop by to win, BINGO!
- October 15 is At the Intersection of Sexuality and Religion dinner series
 - Good Food, Good Conversation
- Diversity-Apple Day, comparing apples to humans
- This Week at the Varsity Theatre – Public Enemies
- Next week at the Varsity Theatre - Transformers 2

Advisor

Dr. Jon Dooley

- Please use the paper of programs PVP Shawgo gives out each week and share them with your hall council or student council
 - It is an expectation that you will always share upcoming programs
- Get to LVP Tandez if for some reason your college council isn't meeting, or if you haven't met with them please tell LVP Tandez
- Student Leadership Summit flyers handed out
 - Topic: Challenge of Leadership
 - Time: 1 – 430 p.m.
 - Open to all students involved in Students Leadership roles or students who see themselves getting involved in the world
 - Tell your roommates, tell your organizations, tell your friends
 - Its free, no cost to participate, register online
 - Interesting and provocative afternoon
 - Questions about the summit – contact Advisor Dr. Jon Dooley

Parliamentarian

Stacey Barnum

- New Business item A
 - No applications for the Budget committee
- New Business item B
 - Each candidate needs 12 votes

Legislative Vice President

Adam Michael V. Tandez

- New senators have received binders, stickers coming next week
- Returning senators without MUSG binders or if yours is lost let LVP Tandez know and he will replace it for you
- If you are absent from a meeting or a committee meeting let LVP Tandez or your Committee Chair know either via phone call to Committee Chair or blank absent sheet to LVP Tandez on his door to let them know you will not make it
- Last week you signed up office hours
 - 2 sheets on LVP Tandez door, one has everyone's office hours listed so you know when they are in the office
 - The other is a sign-in sheet, this will be replaced every week please sign in when you get to the office and sign out when you leave
- 3 sheets at your desk
 - Committee assignment sheets
 - 2 applications to the SOA committee
- Some things may be moved around on committees, as of right now this is who involved with what

- New business item B, use the applications as a reference – there will be a vote on the candidates
- The budget committee is EXTREMELY important to the organization, we will be opening up to floor nominations
- Flip flop the two items in new business – we will start with SOA committee
- This will give residential senators time if they want to be nominated to the Budget Committee
- If there are no nominations or acceptations of nominations – this will be the most important point of old business for the next meeting

6. Committee Reports

- A. Academics – Chairman Ciccone
1. Met at 630 p.m. tonight in the MUSG conference room
 2. Went over outreach
 3. Stressed that you need to meet with people before acting on legislation
 4. Writing and sponsoring legislation was discussed
 5. Absences discussed
 6. Exchanged phone numbers with the whole committee
 7. Availability was covered to set meeting times
 8. Biggest goal for next week – every one is bringing in 10 issues and compile a list and try to complete them all
- B. Student Life – Committee Chairman Pappalardo
1. Met at 7p.m. this evening
 2. Went over a lot of the same things as Senator Ciccone and the Academics Committee
 3. Will be meeting on Mondays -- don't be shy contact the whole committee with anything that comes up

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

- A. Senator Pappalardo – AMU Advisory Board met on Tuesday evening
1. Updates – they have added outlets in the Brooks Lounge and 2nd floor seating area
 2. Brooks Lounge attendance is way up
 3. 2 years ago they were going to add more storage space and rearrange the rest of the space, they got the first phase and didn't do the rest – they are going to be sending out surveys about the AMU and Sodexo satisfaction – keep your eyes open for that
 4. Computers in the AMU in the area right by US Bank it's a green light go!
- B. Senator Peterson – Continuing AMU update
1. Traffic is way up in the AMU, they are excited
 2. Excited about single source recycling
 3. They will make sure garbage gets to recycling if it can be
 4. They are looking into more space for Student Organizations to meet
 5. Old Administrative Offices may possibly be used for Student Organizations
 6. Varsity Theatre looks GREAT
 1. New paint job looks fantastic
- C. Senator Ovbiagele– along with Former Senator Nick August and Megan Janni will be meeting with Jim McMan next week - if you have any suggestions about 24 hour study space, please contact him, if you want to attend you are more then welcome
- D. No more reports

8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from October 1st, 2009
 - 1. Minutes approved
 - 2. Minutes submitted as is

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- A. Election of 2 new Residential Senators to the Student Organization Allocation (SOA) Committee
 - 1. *Each candidates needs 12 votes for approval*
 - 2. EVP Stopka introduces committee
 - 1. Meets every few weeks, right after funding period deadlines
 - 2. At meetings the committee will go over applications that highlight why they think they need the money, they are stewards of the money
 - 3. Discuss and debate the option to fund each request
 - 4. Currently on the Committee:
 - 1. Senator Wirtz
 - 2. Senator Ovbiagele
 - 3. FVP Giel
 - 4. Programming Assistant Weiss
 - 3. *Period of Introductions*
 - 1. Senator Jorgensen –
 - 1. In reference to Question #1 – just to elaborate, it is past involvement with SOA, for 2 years
 - 2. Part of allocations of Student Activity Fee Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 3. This is a passion of her, she has been part of organizations that have applied for SOA funding and she has seen how much it can positively or negatively affect an organization to get or not get funding and she has seen people who have not filled out the application correctly as well
 - 4. Before she re-ran to be a senator, she had been asked to help fill out an organization to assist with funding
 - 5. Goals - impartiality
 - 1. This has been previously done by student life survey, she would rather seen what students want
 - 2. She does want to fund something that will affect the entire campus rather then 75 kids
 - 3. All about a well written application
 - 6. She works at an office on campus
 - 7. And is involved with a sorority but she has the time to meet with the committee
 - 2. Senator Halunen–
 - 1. He is a freshman and wants to get involved with student life and become immersed in student life, he wants to know about organizations and Marquette as a whole
 - 2. He has some relative experience helping with his father's business dealing with taxes and has experience seeing where money goes but he promises he won't take the position

lightly he will be reliable and fair voice in the committee and be fair

4. *Period of questions*

1. Senator Pappalardo – What is your philosophy for funding the three different categories of events?

1. Senator Jorgenson –

1. On Campus: Proponent of on campus events

2. Off Campus: She wouldn't say she doesn't want to fund off campus events, but she wants to make sure that each event can effect the greatest number of students

3. Club Sports: Club sports have the largest requests but they need the most money. Some students believe club sports do not need the money as much but the two semester funding is the best way to accomplish this

1. Within pool of money it all depends on what they need

2. Senator Halunen –

1. On Campus: He favors on campus events because it involves more students and he thinks it's hard to get people to events as is. They are worth taking a hard look at

2. Off Campus: Be more selective with off campus events, as they affect less then the whole campus

3. Club sports: They need a budget and they are offered for a reason and the competition that is provided from other schools is good. Club sports addresses a whole new level to the student experience – he likes clubs sports, they are cool by him

1. He would be completey fair with club sports

5. No more questions

6. *PPT Teddy Carlson please escort senators out of the room*

7. *Period of Debate*

1. Senator Simoncic speaks in favor of both candidates

2. Senator Pappalardo speaks in favor of both candidates

3. No further debate

8. *PPT Teddy Carlson please escort candidates back into the room*

9. *Vote by Ballot*

1. You can write both names or one name of whoever you would like to be elected – they need 12 votes each to be elected

10. Congratulations to Senator Jorgenson and Senator Halunen who are now both members of the SOA committee

B. Election of one new Residential Senator to the Budget Committee

1. *Floor Open for Nominations*

1. Senator Pappalardo nominates Senator Engler

1. Senator Engler accepts the nomination

2. Senator Frank nominates Senator Gorman

1. She is not present to accept the nominations so it cannot be accepted

2. *Period of Introductions*
 1. Senator Engler -
 1. Organized, responsible freshman
 2. She has worked with budgets before and she understands the importance of a budget
 3. She is a fast learner and is happy to help MUSG in any way possible
3. *Period of Questions*
 1. Senator Praxmarer – What are your time commitments?
 1. Senator Engler – writes for the MU Journal, one story each week
 2. Senator Praxmarer – What do you study?
 1. Senator Engler – Journalism
 3. No further questions
4. *PPT Teddy Carlson escorts the candidate out of the room*
5. *Period of debate*
 1. Senator Pappalardo speaks in favor of Senator Engler
 2. No further debate
6. *PPT Carlson escorts the candidate back in the room*
7. *Vote by ballot*
 1. 12 votes to be elected
8. Congratulations to Senator Engler, being appointed to the Budget Committee

11. Announcements

- A. Senator Simoncic – Wants to meet with the Student Organization Committee right after the meeting
- B. Senator Kimes – Spaghetti Dinner at Kappa Sigma, \$5 on October 14
- C. Senator Jorgenson – Triangle Fall Fest: this Saturday
- D. Senator Healy – Health and Health Sciences Scrubs sale, ends tomorrow
- E. Senator Ciccone – as seen in the MU news briefs, RHA host a discussion, please attend
- F. PVP Shawgo – BSO fashion show dancers needed, Art Club is painting pumpkins next Wednesday, and attending the Warhol exhibit next Sunday
- G. FVP Giel – SOA committee please meet after this meeting in the office
- H. President Thomas – any interest in safety, sustainability and outreach committee – please contact President Thomas. Want to get involved? Let President Thomas know
- I. Survey Committee meet after Senate
- J. Advisor Dooley – MU experience retreat – Halloween weekend: 30th through 1st especially for Juniors and Seniors, spiritual experience – sign up now in Campus Ministry
- K. LVP Tandez – Nurses Association, hosting clothing sale, please contact Senator Yohn

12. Adjournment

- A. Motion to Adjourn by Senator Shanker
- B. Motion seconded by Alexandra Engler