

MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, September 10th, 2009

7:30 PM - AMU 227

- 1. Call to Order and Invocation**
 - A. Senate is called to order at 7:35pm, September 10, 2009

- 2. Roll Call**
 - A. 15 of 19 Senators Present

- 3. Forum for Concerned Students**
 - A. No concerned students

- 4. Presentations**
 - A. Dana Mills – Director of Student Health Services
 1. Mr. Mills joins at the table, as invited by Legislative Vice President Tandez
 2. Acknowledges the strong interest in influenza, especially H1N1
 3. Pass around 2 hand-outs: Influenza Preparation Update and Information from Student Health Services
 4. Current situation with influenza
 1. H1N1 is most visible
 2. One case on campus is being resolve, with full recovery
 3. No more testing after initial confirmation of H1N1, except in extreme cases
 4. H1N1 is now acting like seasonal influenza
 5. Publicity is a factor, but H1N1 acts like the normal flu
 6. Cases resolve on their own without medication
 5. Message for students: GET VACCINATED
 1. 10 seasonal vaccination sites on campus through student health services
 1. 3000 doses available
 1. SHS* has given out 300 -500 in the past
 2. They are prepared to get more if the interest is there
 2. Seasonal vaccinations dates are in the handout
 1. Seasonal Vaccine is different from H1N1 and is not free
 1. Costs \$25
 2. “Shoo the Flu”
 1. Visiting nursing associates on campus to administer
 2. H1N1
 1. Comes down to the Federal Government
 1. Being trial tested now
 2. Estimated to be available in mid-October

* SHS refers to Student Health Services

1. In reality it will be available after that
3. To get access we must go through the Milwaukee health department
2. The vaccine has to be taken in two parts
 1. Taken 3 weeks apart
 2. Will be offered for FREE
 3. SHS does plan to administer the vaccine on campus
3. Mass vaccination clinic on campus for students
 1. 18-24 yr olds are the target group for the vaccine
4. They will continue to partner with the City Health Department to administer this
3. To prevent contamination
 1. Wash your hands
 2. Cover your mouth when you cough
 3. Sanitize your living environment: soap and water does best
 4. Avoid people who are sick
4. If you are sick
 1. Isolate yourself as much as possible
 1. On Campus
 2. At your Permanent home
5. Symptoms
 1. Fever over 100°
 2. Coughing
 3. Soar throat
 4. All typical flu symptoms
6. If you experience severe symptoms, or have any other medical conditions please seek help
6. Flu season is starting earlier – so let teachers know if you will be absent, students be understanding of professor absences
 1. Faculty is asked to adjust their attendance policy to adhere to H1N1
 2. Faculty is also only allowed 3 absent days – the H1N1 strand usually last 5 – 7 days so they may also experience additional absences
7. Watch the situation – Health Services is watching as well, and they will let us know if there is other things to do to help prevent influenza

B. QUESTIONS:

1. Senator Doerrler – What medium are you using to get dates out to the general student body (in reference to the vaccination dates)? No one knows how, when, where to get vaccine.
 1. SHS is partnering with Office of Marketing Communications
 2. Currently targeting Freshman and Sophomores via mail (dorm specific)
 3. Information is posted in Residences Halls

4. News briefs are being used
5. All information posted on web site
6. Access TV slides are being used
7. The whole campaign has students as the audience
8. SHS is relying on Marketing Communications to figure out new ways to inform students and faculty
9. Donations are given away as incentives for students to get vaccinated
10. SHS is open to any ideas on how to get the word out
2. President Thomas – Some people get diagnosed with H1N1 off campus, what would you recommend these people do?
 1. SHS is willing to support in any ways they can to anyone if they are aware of the diagnosis, roommates, friends, etc. are best to help if you are diagnosed. If there is no one there to help you SHS can assist you
3. President Thomas – Do they need to make the university aware?
 1. If they need help, yes, but if they don't then it is up to their discretion to inform the university – they don't have to let MU know.
4. Advisor John Dooley adds – What needs to be done in terms of informing MU, and the city?
 1. SHS doesn't know unless the student tell SHS, this isn't a reportable illness, it doesn't go through case finding or anything like that – they will not continue to count and post the number of people affected, but students can self identify if they believe its necessary, it would be helpful.
 2. Reporting will not be as intense as last spring; the Health Department is treating H1N1 like seasonal influenza. However, they do want to know about the illness, so they can give advice, but it is not necessary. It would be nice to be aware of the number of people affected.
 3. There is an H1N1 hotline where students can report diagnosis as well, this is an advisory service but can also but used for reporting the illness
5. Senator August – What are your plans for isolation when it comes to roommates in the dorms? Are you suggesting they live somewhere else or be isolated in their room?
 1. SHS will ask the people involved (infected, and roommates of the one infected) what they would like to do.
 1. There are ways to isolate within the room, even with a roommate
 2. But there are ways to isolate said person on campus out of the dorms
6. Thank you for your time.

5. **Officer Reports**

President

Henry Thomas

- Hello! Welcome!
- Has been working hard with EVP Stopka all summer, meeting with people to represent MUSG and all students, for specific details please ask
- Meeting with Mike Whittow to make the campus greener
 - Single stream recycling is now on campus
 - We played a part in achieving this and it is a pretty big deal
 - We are now all single stream recycling
- We met with Kathy Lang – IT Services: expecting a big rush of slow Internet, discussing how to address Internet slowness
 - They are trying to keep up with the number of students who are bringing wireless devices – it takes time
 - In Residence Halls they are pushing for Ethernet cables but they want to change the access ports to be faster and for more devices,
 - For more IT information talk to President Thomas or EVP Stopka
- The New Wells Street median passed administration, This was a big feat for Financial Vice President Giel, all of MUSG and Rana, we are trying to plan a celebration
- General improvements in the AMU were discussed, including The Brooks Lounge, any suggestions forward the information to Todd Vicker, via the AMU advisory board

Executive Vice President Stephanie Stopka

- Welcome back!
- Excited to work on projects
- Lots of work on safety was done this summer.
 - It is a very serious issue on campus – stop by Vice President Stopka’s office to hear what is going on around campus
- Bike safety - EVP Stopka is looking for a senator to be involved with this committee, they need a student input please email EVP Stopka to get involved
- Met with Avenues West, to see how MU is playing a roll in that, safety-wise
 - Questions on this please see EVP Stopka
- New receptionist have all been trained and they are all ready to help in any way, they can help find things, introduce yourself and get to know them
- New elections
 - Primary – Wednesday, September 16
 - Final – Wednesday, September 23
 - Senators needed for
 - 1 - McCabe Hall
 - 1 - Mashuda Hall
 - 2 - Commuter Senators
- Liz Lynch is seeking a student advocate, please contact her with questions
- Please also contact Liz Lynch about getting involved in specific areas on campus
- Mandatory MUSG Retreat on September 27
 - All-day retreat
 - More information to follow

Communication Vice President Lauren Lakomek

- Welcome!

- Communications staff introduced – 7 staff members, Introduce yourself to them
 - There is candy in their office
- The office has already executed some creative ideas, everyone is excited, working with PVP Shawgo to get more promotional ideas
- The Voice will be passed out 1st day of October
 - Come help if someone asks you
- Working hard on web presence
 - Become a fan of MUSG on FaceBook (less then 60 fans now...)
 - Twitter is being utilized
 - Blogs:
 - The e board blogs twice a month, the link is active and live on different e-board members web pages
 - New posts this Monday
 - The web profiles will be updated – don't complain!
 - Make changes on the paper if you have them
 - (Hands out sheets to give information)
 - The new sheets to get a profile are due on September 17th
 - Please turn it in, they will make up a profile for you if you don't turn in the sheet, or say you would not like a profile
- Need a poster for your office? Come to the department, they will print a professional one up for you

Financial Vice President Jonathan Giel

- Welcome!
- Summer closed out the last fiscal year
 - Still working on Year End Statements
- Now operating in year 10.10
- Last yr we hit our budget PERFECTLY
- Introduce 4 office staff/assistance
- Tomorrow is SOA period 2 deadline for non-club sports at 5pm

Program Vice President Erin Shawgo

- Staff not here but they will be in the office so introduce yourself
- Fall semester is booked
- Looking for ideas for spring
- Successful first week
 - 450 + people at the annex event
 - 150 + people at everything throughout the week
- Program board meet and greet last night
 - 150 -175 people showed up
- Hosted by Diversity: Race, Class and the Environment - Tuesday September 15, in the ballrooms
- MU After Dark – Carnival: September 26, in Schroeder Field
- Collaborative Committee for Sexual Violence awareness week
 - Week of September 20th
 - Program Board is sponsoring the Spoken Word artist at the kick off event
 - Dasha Kelley speaking at 5pm

- Speakers Commission on the Program Board is co-sponsoring the key note speaker: Todd Denny
 - Speaking on sexual aggression: on September 24
- New bulletin board up – incorporate every, office photo caption contest, please participate

Advisor Dr. Jon Dooley

- Senators have not always been as tied into the college or Residence Hall they represent as they could be.
 - Contact college council president
 - Be a liaison to MUSG
 - Representation is key, be active
 - If you haven't made the connection do it soon
 - Advisor Dooley can give you the information or the name of who you need to contact

Parliamentarian Stacey Barnum

- Note: New Business – election of residential senators
- Majority vote is nine votes tonight

Legislative Vice President Adam Michael V. Tandez

- Welcome back!
- Two members approved and welcomed in LVP Tandez's office
 - Introduce yourself
- Welcome Senator Jennifer Healy – just got word today of her joining Senator!
 - Represents College of Health Science
- Item 10 -- two vacancies for residential senators to fill, voting on one candidate tonight.
- As mentioned in the first email, please maintain binders from last year – you will receive a new constitution, new information
 - There will be new binders for new senators

6. Committee Reports

- A. No committee reports

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

- A. None

8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Legislative Minutes from April 30th, 2009
 1. No changes, minutes approved as is

9. Old Business

- A. No old business

10. New Business

- A. Election of 2 Residential Senators to the SOA Committee

1. *Each candidate will need to receive an affirmative vote of the majority of the present Senate.*
 1. One senator – Senator Hastings
 1. Junior in the College of Health Science
 2. Schroeder Hall Senator
 2. Floor open for questions
 1. Senator Schott – What is your general philosophy for SOA committee?
 1. To be objective and try to be as fair as possible given what we have.
 2. Senator Doerrner – (directed at Advisory Dooley, and Executive Board Members) what’s the time frame between putting out applications and being selected on committee?
 1. Advisor Dooley - One week usually
 1. There is an SOA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, MUSG need to attend this meeting, so those elected will serve for one meeting, just so they have the representation to be able to vote, usually its more time is allowed
 3. No more questions
 3. Senator Hastings escorted out of the room by Senator Doerrner
 4. Period of debated
 1. No debate
 5. Move into vote by ballot –
 1. Senator Hasting escorted back into the room to vote (she is allowed a vote for herself)
 2. Senator Hasting has been approved for period two for SOA

11. Announcements

- A. Senator Doerrner - Academic committee to meet in the back after – one member of the Executive Board to join them to get new information
- B. Senator Ovbiagele – looking for opinions on how we could get a compromise on the cost of printing, black and white vs. color. Please ask him, or President Thomas.
- C. PVP Shawgo - After Dark Location correction -- West Town mall
- D. No more announcements

12. Adjournment

- A. Senator Ciccone moves to Adjourn
- B. Seconded by Senator Schott
- C. Meeting is Adjourned