

# MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, March 6, 2008

7:30 PM – AMU 227

## I. Call to Order

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

## II. Roll Call

## III. Forum for Concerned Students

## IV. Presentations

- A. *At Marquette* Handbook – Erin Lazzar, Assistant to the Vice President
  - i. New handbook will be wider and thinner
  - ii. Academic calendar will be included
  - iii. More white space for writing

## V. Officer Reports

President

Brock Banks

- Safety issues
  - A. Will meet with Senator Polyak and DPS officials tomorrow morning
  - B. Safety Forum will be Monday at 7:30
  - C. Safety Forum posters are available to hand out
- Provost interviews begin Monday
- Environmental Sustainability Task Force is meeting on Monday

Executive Vice President

Sara Soriano

- Primary election polls close at 10:00 tonight
- Press conference at 2:00 tomorrow
- Final election is March 27
- Inauguration is April 1
- Senior Speakers Commission is narrowing down the list to the final three candidates
- All-university committee representative applications are available and due March 28
- MUSG Recognition Reception is Tuesday, April 8
- SOA Period 7 deadline is March 28

Communications Vice President

Jillian Mertz

- CVP applications are out

Financial Vice President

James Schott

- No report

Program Vice President

Claire Anglim/Matt Robinson

- "I am Legend" film this weekend
- Program Board commissioner applications are available
- Talib Kweli concert this spring
- Frank Warren of Post Secret will speak this spring

Parliamentarian

Kathleen Miskovsky

- Item A requires 21 votes

Advisor

Dr. Mark McCarthy

- Remind others of safety issues
- Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland) will be speaking April 1

Legislative Vice President

Jason Rae

- Senator Patrick Prendergast is the new senator for Schroeder Hall
- The report under new business is not amendable

## **VI. Committee Reports**

A. Academics Committee

John Kristan

- i. Passed legislation regarding textbook ISBN numbers

B. Business and Government

Jonathan Giel

- i. No meeting this week

C. Student Life Committee

Ray Redlingshafer

- i. Met with "Empowerment" student group

D. Student Organizations

Drew Craig

- i. Brainstormed safety forum questions and commuter lounge

E. Budget Committee

James Schott

- i. Passed reserve fund portion of Ad-Hoc Committee proposal

## **VII. Council & All-University Committee Reports**

A. Senator Toigo

- i. Read a letter from a constituent about student safety concerns

B. Senator Doerrer

- i. Met with DPS Chief Rickard

- ii. Chief Rickard proposed a new LIMO route running on Wisconsin and Wells

## **Approval of Minutes**

C. Approval of Legislative Minutes from February 28, 2008

- i. Minutes approved as submitted

## **VIII. Old Business**

## **IX. New Business**

A. Proposal 1 – Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Funding of Student Activities

- i. Moved by Senator Doerrer, seconded by Senator Matthew

ii. Rationale

1. Senator Jorgensen

- a. The SOA Committee's budget is stretched thin each period

- b. More funding is needed for the SOA budget

- c. Separating club sports from student organizations would improve the SOA process

2. Senator Ladwig

- a. There has been an increase in service and social justice organizations that ask for a large amount of funding

3. Senator Hohns

- a. There has been a 61% increase in the number of student organizations

- b. SOA Committee cannot adequately support so many organizations

4. Senator Pappalardo

- a. Club Sports teams have to ask for travel expenses because there is not enough room on campus to hold events
  - 5. Senator Matthew
    - a. Inflation needs to be accounted for in SAF increase
    - b. Purchasing power has decreased
  - 6. Senator Pappalardo
    - a. The reserve fund should be used since unused SOA funds were deposited into the reserve fund
    - b. Marquette's SAF is the lowest of comparable Jesuit schools
    - c. In MUSG's survey, the majority of students agreed that the SAF should be increased
    - d. Club sports should be separated from the process for efficiency and comparability purposes
    - e. Organizations should not be allowed to apply for the same event more than once since that undermines the appeal process
- iii. Questions
  - 1. Senator McGuire
    - a. How much interest revenue will we lose from the reserve fund bill?
      - i. Legislative Clerk Smith: the decrease in interest revenue will be more than offset by the increase in SAF revenue
  - 2. Senator Emerson
    - a. Why increase the minimum SOA budget to 35% of SAF revenue?
      - i. Senator Pappalardo: the best way to give the SAF back to students is through the SOA process
      - ii. Senator Matthew: the proposal is to increase the amount of real dollars going to SOA, but the Program Board will benefit as well from the increase
  - 3. Senator Leukam
    - a. How did you arrive at the reserve fund figure and the SAF figure?
      - i. Senator Matthew: there will be a gradual increase over three years for budget management purposes
      - ii. Senator Pappalardo: the gradual increase will aid the SOA process without overly taxing the students for it
      - iii. Senator Jorgensen: the SAF cannot be raised until 2009, so the reserve fund has to be used until then
    - b. How do you respond to students who think the SAF is already too high?
      - i. Senator Pappalardo: There will always be a minority of students who choose not to participate. This proposal helps the majority of students who do participate in student organizations and programming.
      - ii. Dr. McCarthy: Around 85% of students are involved in a student organization
  - 4. Senator Lefeber
    - a. How many students are involved in club sports (as opposed to student organizations)?
      - i. Dr. McCarthy: An estimated 10% of students are in club sports
  - 5. Senator Emerson
    - a. Why not separate service groups from the SOA process?

- i. Senator Matthew: Funding to service organizations sometimes overlaps with other student organizations
    - ii. Senator Jorgensen: The Ad-Hoc Committee did not want to interfere with the SOA Committee to that extent
  - 6. Senator Kristan
    - a. Did you discuss the importance of funding on-campus events?
      - i. FVP Schott: we are trying to encourage more organizations to apply for on-campus events
      - ii. Senator Pappalardo: The SOA Committee has been nearly fully funding on-campus event requests
    - b. Did you discuss where the remaining 65% of the SAF revenue will go in the budget?
      - i. FVP Schott: SOA and Program Board will see most of the increase in revenue
  - 7. Senator Polyak
    - a. Why isn't the SAF amount set as a percentage of tuition?
      - i. Senator Pappalardo: MUSG could lose some control of its budget if this were to happen
      - ii. Legislative Clerk Smith: The Ad-Hoc Committee was advised that setting the SAF as a percentage of tuition could lead to a loss of MUSG's budgeting and accounting responsibilities
  - 8. Senator Craig
    - a. What will the breakdown in funding be between student organizations and club sports?
      - i. FVP Schott: The budget committee will determine that amount
  - 9. Senator Mulligan
    - a. Why is this one piece of comprehensive legislation as opposed to two separate pieces?
      - i. Senator Pappalardo: The Ad-Hoc Committee determined that a single piece of comprehensive legislation would be the most effective since everything within the recommendation is inter-connected
  - 10. Senator Redlingshafer
    - a. Have you considered turning club sports funding over to Rec Sports?
      - i. Senator Pappalardo: MUSG should be responsible for allocating the students' money
- iv. Debate
  - 1. Senator Doerrer speaks in favor
    - a. Marquette has the most club sports and the lowest SAF
    - b. MUSG is matching the students with our use of the reserve fund
  - 2. Senator Giel speaks in favor
  - 3. Senator Leukam speaks in favor
  - 4. Senator Phillips speaks against
    - a. Constituents did not support this proposal
    - b. SOA is a "broken welfare" system
    - c. Increase in funding could lead to mismanagement
    - d. MUSG should make student organizations more accountable and self sufficient
  - 5. Senator Pappalardo speaks in favor

6. Senator Matthew speaks in favor
    - a. Student organizations should be more accountable, but MUSG should have more resources to be able to match their funding
  7. Senator Jorgensen speaks in favor
  8. Senator Lefeber speaks against
    - a. Constituents are not comfortable with increased funding going to club sports
    - b. Constituents would like to see the increase go to on-campus events
  9. Senator Shah speaks in favor
  10. Senator Kristan speaks in favor
  11. Senator Craig speaks in favor
    - a. Students already pay high dues or contributions
    - b. MUSG should be able to match their commitments
  12. Senator Neugent moves to previous question
    - a. No second; motion fails
- v. Roll Call Vote
1. Motion passes 22-5

B. Senator Polyak moves to Committee of the Whole, seconded by Senator Mulligan

- i. Roll call vote passes
- ii. Rationale
  1. Senator Polyak
    - a. Students do not feel safe on campus
    - b. This legislation does not assign blame
  2. Senator Redlingshafer
    - a. This legislation is not an attack on DPS or administration
    - b. MUSG recognizes the concerns of students
    - c. An immediate response is important
- iii. Questions
  1. Senator McGuire
    - a. Why didn't you wait until the safety forum on Monday before writing this legislation?
      - i. Senator Redlingshafer: this legislation does not propose a solution, but simply states that students are concerned and MUSG supports those concerns
    - b. Senator Muratore
      - i. Point of information: what are the facts of the event?
        1. Senator Polyak described the event
  2. LVP Rae
    - a. Could the authors explain the rationale behind the therefore clause? What is the overall objective? What would you like this to accomplish?
      - i. Senator Redlingshafer: we want the legislation to go to DPS and administrators, not to criticize, but to raise concerns
      - ii. Senator Mulligan: this provides a voice for the concerns of the students
  3. Senator Kristan
    - a. What was the original wording of the legislation?
      - i. Senator Polyak: The current legislation has been toned down from the original version. Blaming DPS or the administration is not going to solve this problem. This

legislation is simply meant to voice the concerns of students, not to attack or blame.

4. Senator Pappalardo
  - a. Do you think that safety was an issue before this occurrence?
    - i. Senator Mulligan: Safety has always been an issue, but it is more important after these events
  - b. Do you think that DPS was concerned about safety before this?
  - c. Do you think that this can be addressed during the safety forum on Monday?
  - d. If safety was a concern before, then why are we proposing this legislation at this time?
5. Senator Craig
  - a. Since we are having the safety forum for the student's benefit on Monday, what does this legislation accomplish beyond that?

iv. Debate

1. Senator Matthew moves to amend the Therefore clause to "let it be resolved that MUSG and the student body will not stand for violence perpetrated against any member of the community or any of the communities surrounding."
  - a. Rationale
    - i. Senator Matthew: this is a stronger conclusion, yet does not assign any blame to DPS or administration
  - b. Questions
  - c. Debate
    - i. Senator Pappalardo speaks in favor
    - ii. Senator Craig speaks in favor
  - d. Roll Call Vote
    - i. Motion Passes
2. Senator Craig moves to previous question
  - a. Roll call vote on motion to previous question
    - i. Motion passes

v. Roll Call Vote on Motion to Rise

1. Motion passes

X. Resolution #6

- A. Moved by Senator Leukam, seconded by Senator Mulligan
- B. Rationale
  - i. Senator Redlingshafer: Thank you for passing this legislation
- C. Questions
- D. Debate
- E. Roll Call Vote
  - i. Motion passes

XI. **Announcements**

- A. Senator Doerrer: Unhappy with the way things were handled tonight
- B. Senator Pappalardo: Happy Easter
- C. EVP Soriano: The office is a campaign-free zone, and keep maintaining professionalism in Senate
- D. President Banks: I agree with EVP Soriano.

XII. **Adjournment**

- A. Moved by Senator Ali, seconded by Senator Polyak
- B. Meeting adjourned 9:51 PM