

MUSG Senate Agenda

Thursday, April 10, 2008

7:30 PM – AMU 227

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Forum for Concerned Students

- Students present for Women's Resource Center

IV. Presentations

V. Officer Reports

- President Raymond Redlingshafer
- Vice President of Student Affairs interviews
 - Will discuss safety with DPS Chief Rickard
 - Katy Leukam selected as CVP
 - Environmental Sustainability Task Force meeting upcoming
- Executive Vice President Kathleen Blaney
- Club Sports workshop held last night
 - All-university committee representative positions available
 - Will meet with Parents Association Board
 - Senior Week Applications available tomorrow
- Communications Vice President Jillian Mertz
- Tonight is her last meeting
 - New Communication Office staff should be announced last week
- Financial Vice President James Schott
- Provided handouts for budget and SOA deadlines
- Program Vice President Claire Anglim/Matt Robinson
- Will hold program board training this weekend
- Parliamentarian Kathleen Miskovsky
- Old Business Item A requires 15 votes
 - New Business Items A, B, and C require 16 votes
 - New Business Items D and E require 12 votes
- Advisor Dr. Jon Dooley
- No report
- Legislative Vice President Jason Rae
- Welcome to the new senators

VI. Committee Reports

- Academics Committee John Kristan
 - i. Passed piano legislation
- Business and Government Jonathan Giel
 - i. Held work session with administrators and local officials regarding Wells Street
 - ii. Wells Street legislation will be voted on tonight
- Student Life Committee Abraham Matthew
 - i. Double-sided printing will be less expensive next semester
 - ii. Passed gender resource center legislation
 - iii. Discussed campus beautification and Valley Fields
- Student Organizations Drew Craig
 - i. Met with Jenny Alexander to discuss vendors
 - ii. Discussed bus transportation and other expenses

- Budget Committee James Schott
 - i. Presented budget

VII. Council & All-University Committee Reports

- Toigo: met with the AMU advisory board. The top priority right now is basement renovations for practice space.
- Kristan: The Core Curriculum Review Committee discussed requiring placement of syllabi on d2l.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Legislative Minutes from April 3, 2008
 - i. Minutes approved as submitted

IX. Old Business

- Election of New Legislative Vice President
 - i. Rationale:
 1. Matthew: I would like to bring back outreach reports, introduce canvassing and brainstorming sessions, and actively pair senators who have interests in similar issues. Senate needs to have a greater sense of community; less politically divided.
 2. Giel: I would like to introduce committee head meetings, one-on-one meetings, and semi-monthly reports. Legislation should be finalized before hall and council reports on Mondays.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Phillips: What is your position on roll call votes?
 - a. Giel: Roll call votes are important but are not meant to be used in all situations.
 - b. Matthew: I supported the roll call legislation. Senate needs open communication between senators and their constituents.
 2. Leukam: Provide three examples of when a roll call vote should not be used.
 - a. Matthew: We should always have a roll call vote for legislation.
 - b. Giel: The Father Andy legislation or other "thank-you" resolutions.
 - iii. Debate:
 1. McGuire speaks in favor of Matthew
 2. Tandez speaks in favor of Matthew
 3. Fenelon speaks in favor Matthew
 4. Toigo speaks in favor of Giel
 5. Fenelon speaks in favor of Matthew
 6. Kristan speaks in favor of Giel
 7. Doerrer speak in favor of Matthew
 8. McGuire speaks in favor of Matthew
 9. Toigo speaks in favor of Giel
 10. Leukam speaks in favor of Matthew
 - iv. Secret Ballot Vote
 1. Matthew wins 15-10

X. New Business

- Confirmation of New Communications Vice President
 - i. Moved by Fenelon, seconded by Tandez
 - ii. Rationale:
 1. Redlingshafer: Katy Leukam impressed the committee with her ideas and enthusiasm.
 2. Jorgensen: Katy's application stood out from the rest.
 3. Leukam: I have a love for MUSG, public relations, and graphic design. I would like to further utilize the website for awareness and improve communication between MUSG and the student body.

- iii. Questions:
 - 1. Kristan: Highlight specific, obtainable goals.
 - a. Leukam: Improve advertising of events and make the office a more communicative environment.
 - 2. Kristan: How do you view your role as a member of the executive board?
 - a. Leukam: Increase awareness on the executive board; communicate better with students.
 - 3. Giel: How do you handle stress?
 - a. Leukam: I have always been a busy person, but have a high level of commitment. I find time to relax and maintain a balance between work and other commitments.
 - 4. Toigo: How can the communications department benefit students?
 - a. Leukam: We need to get more students aware of events and post more press releases and blogs. We need to find more outlets to advertise.
 - 5. Jorgensen: What is a threat to MUSG?
 - a. Leukam: MUSG is divided and needs to be unified.
 - iv. Debate:
 - 1. Kristan speaks in favor
 - 2. Doerrerr: Point of information: was the candidate selected unanimously?
 - a. Redlingshafer: no.
 - 3. Tandez speaks in favor
 - 4. Toigo speaks in favor
 - v. Secret Ballot Vote
 - 1. Katy Leukam confirmed as CVP
- Election of One Academic Budget Committee Member
 - i. Rationale:
 - 1. Giel: I have learned a lot about budgeting through business classes this year.
 - 2. Kristan: I have served two terms on the budget committee and have a strong understanding of the budget and the budgeting process.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Doerrerr: What are your thoughts on how to draft the budget in light of the new ad-hoc committee legislation?
 - a. Kristan: Students can be affected not only through SOA, but also through the program board.
 - b. Giel: Look at historical numbers and determine the right percentages to use.
 - 2. Doerrerr: Have you thought of adjusting program board funding?
 - a. Giel: Programming is important, but increasing program board funding would adversely affect other parts of the budget.
 - b. Kristan: Programming is a cost-effective way to reach a large number of students:
 - c. Giel: After Dark funding should not be decreased since so many students attend.
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. Doerrerr speaks in favor of Kristan
 - 2. Tandez speaks in favor of Kristan
 - iv. Secret Ballot Vote
 - 1. Kristan is reelected to the budget committee
- Election of Two Academic SOA Committee Members
 - i. Leukam moves for a five minute recess, seconded by Tandez
 - 1. Motion fails
 - ii. Rationale:
 - 1. Jorgensen: As a current SOA committee member, I take the allocation of funding to student organizations seriously.

2. McGuire: I see this role as serving the students the best I can.
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Tandez: What problems do you see on the SOA committee?
 - a. McGuire: Some students find the applications difficult to complete.
 - b. Jorgensen: Student organizations use outdated applications.
 - iv. Debate:
 1. Kristan speaks in favor of both candidates
 2. Ali speaks in favor of both candidates
 3. Leukam speaks in favor of both candidates
 - v. Secret Ballot Vote
 1. Jorgensen and McGuire elected to the SOA Committee
- Recommendation #11 – The Safety of Students on Wells Street
- i. Moved by Tandez, seconded by Woelfel
 - ii. Rationale:
 1. Ladwig: A median will be constructed on Wells Street to enhance student safety; this legislation asks the administration to support this project.
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Doerrerr: How many accidents happened on Wells Street?
 - a. Dooley: they did not count accidents.
 2. Doerrerr: How will this affect traffic?
 - a. Dooley: there should be no impact on traffic.
 3. Doerrerr: Why would the administration not support this?
 - a. Giel: Currently the administration supports the project.
 4. Hohs: Will parking spots be lost?
 - a. Giel: Spots will be lost during restrictive hours.
 5. Toigo: Will there be a break in the median to turn north on 14th Street?
 - a. Giel: Yes.
 6. Woelfel: Will the median be similar to Wisconsin Avenue?
 - a. Dooley: It may be similar with the exception of plants and trees.
 - b. Giel: The city would not be able to plant trees without breaking pavement.
 - iv. Debate:
 1. Phillips speaks in favor
 2. Ali speaks in favor
 - a. This will improve safety for commuter students
 3. Toigo speaks in favor
 4. Nadolski speaks in opposition
 5. Doerrerr speaks in favor
 6. Jorgensen speaks in favor
 7. Tandez speaks in favor
 - v. Roll Call Vote
 1. Motion passes
- Recommendation #12 – Gender Resource Center
- i. Moved by Giel, seconded by Polyak
 - ii. Rationale:
 1. Redlingshafer: The group Empowerment had an important role with this legislation which addresses an important issue on campus.
 2. Leukam: Marquette is one of three Jesuit universities that does not have a sexual violence resource center on campus. The GRC is gender-neutral.
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Phillips: What is aauw.org?
 - a. Dooley: the American Association of University Women.
 2. Jorgensen: Has this been addressed to the administration?
 - a. Leukam: this was addressed at the Father Wild forum.
 3. Kristan: Have we had any conversations with the administration regarding this?

- a. Leukam: No, other than asking questions of other organizations.
- 4. Kristan: Would it be a good idea to wait on this legislation to further talk with administration?
 - a. Leukam: Administration became aware of this during the Father Wild Forum. There is strong support for this legislation already.
 - b. Dooley: Marquette used to have a women's resource center, but I do not have information as to why it was discontinued. That would be a good issue to research in light of this legislation.
- 5. Jorgensen: is HAVEN affiliated with Marquette?
 - a. Dooley: Yes, it is a network created at Marquette.
- 6. Doerrer: Is the goal of this to have an office created?
 - a. Redlingshafer: we want a central location.
- 7. Doerrer: What is the next step?
 - a. Tandez: We need to communicate with the six groups and find a central location.

iv. Debate:

- 1. Jorgensen speaks in opposition
- 2. Kristan speaks in opposition
- 3. Kristan moves to refer to committee, seconded by Jorgensen
 - a. Rationale: This legislation supports a worthy cause, but more work needs to be done before voting on it and sending it to the administration.
 - b. Questions:
 - i. None asked.
 - c. Debate:
 - i. Craig speaks in favor
 - ii. Doerrer speaks in favor
 - iii. Mulligan speaks in favor
 - d. Roll Call Vote
 - i. Motion passes unanimously

XI. Announcements

- Leukam: Witnessed a class presentation on the E-Limo project and MUSG was given a large amount of credit.
- Doerrer: Sigma Chi's last derby day is tomorrow
- Giel: Mashuda Hall is hosting the Sophomore Shuffle tomorrow night
- Woelfel: IFC is hosting a cookout
- Werner: Health Sciences is hosting a veggie sale next week
- Blaney: Planning for Sexual Violence Awareness week is underway
- Dooley: Kristan, Pappalardo, Anglim, Mertz, Smith, Blaney, Mulligan, Giel, and Ray will be honored with OSD awards
- Toigo: Alpha Chi Omega will be hosting a cookout

XII. Adjournment

- Moved by McGuire, seconded by Ladwig
 - i. Motion passes
- Adjourned at 9:59 pm