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Dr. Miller Speaks with MUSG Senate, Club Sports Recommendation Approved

MILWAUKEE- May 6, 2010- Dr. L. Christopher Miller, vice president for student affairs, discussed issues regarding the release of Dr. Jodi O'Brien, former candidate for dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, with the MUSG senate on Thursday night. Dr. Miller encouraged senate members and all university students to attend a discussion forum to be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the AMU ballrooms.

“Pieces of scholarship were not reviewed when offered the position, then once reviewed were found to be in disagreement with Marquette values,” said Dr. Miller.

Dr. Miller also stressed that the release of Dr. O'Brien as a candidate was not due to discrimination: “It is not a part of who we are,” said Dr. Miller. “That is not the case.”

Due to this occurrence, senator Billy Doerrer introduced a recommendation stating that university officials be more honest and transparent in their hiring rationale for future candidates.

Senator Doerrer said that students were not given the proper amount of information that should have been available to them, while other senate members said that the recommendation should be postponed until more information is disclosed during the discussion panel on Tuesday. Despite the motion to postpone, the recommendation passed with a vote of 16 to six, with two abstaining.

Senate also passed a recommendation focused on increasing the amount of fans at club sporting events by providing shuttle buses to events. The amount of shuttles given to each club sport event will be decided by and paid for by the Marquette Athletic Department on case-by-case basis. The legislation passed by a vote of 23 to two.

A resolution regarding the placement of Marquette University banners around Norris Park also passed with a unanimous vote. Norris Park, located between 18th and 19th streets and Kilbourn Avenue and State Street, will be used by students for recreational and club sports activities.

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The senate also approved a \$4,500 allocation to the men's club hockey team. Funds will cover the costs of coaching, referees, conference and registration fees. The allocation passed with a vote of 23 to one.

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The Marquette University Student Government was developed in 1882 as the governing body of the Marquette community. Its goal is to identify, understand, actively address and represent students' needs, concerns, and interests through acts of leadership and service which reflect Catholic, Jesuit ideals and contribute to the betterment of the Marquette University community.

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