

Clarion University Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- A. President Vallies called order to the March 20th, 2017 Student Senate meeting at 7:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Absent: Senator Porter

III. Additions to the Agenda

- A. VP Welsh- one under new business
- B. Senator Fannin- one under new business
- C. Senator Schill- one under new business

IV. Approval of minutes

- A. The minutes were approved as read.

V. Officer's Reports

President Vallies yields the floor to Dr. Todd for a conversation about the academic calendar. He appreciates our feedback and opinions for the last calendar. They are now wanting the calendars three years ahead. There are some rules in the document given to us. They want us all to start on the same day and the time from fall to spring semester break cannot be more than 5 weeks and no less than three weeks. The last point would be final weeks and having 15 weeks of instructional period. This is considering the summer semester as well. Should winter break just be a winter break and cut out those winter intersession courses? Dr. Todd opens the floor to Student Senate to voice their opinion on the academic calendar.

- Cutting winter break to 4 weeks and having a winter intersession built into that 3 ½ weeks and offer those credit courses adapted to be done in 3 ½ weeks with out a struggle to students and faculty which will be parallel to Summer intersession 1.
- Having a three-day weekend for Martin Luther King Jr. day. If we shorten the calendar in any way they would be shortening the spring semester. Is there any history of taking Good Friday off and go for Easter to spend time with family? Stopped doing that across the state system. The only red flag is that there needs to be 75 instructional days including final exams.
- There can also be reading days built in during finals week so there are two days of finals and then one day with no finals and then an additional two days of finals.

- Possibly include spring break as an Easter break as well. Use this with caution because spring break can be floating very early or very late.
- Spring break being April 1st or April 7th.
- The faculty may have some questions about traveling and come back with their opinions because they do not have there off days as students do.

- A. Advisor's Report/Business Manager's Report- Shawn Hoke
 - i. Tomorrow from noon to 4 PM student's campus fest tickets go on sale. Students can get one free ticket with there student ID.
- B. President's Report- President Vallies
 - i. The mix off will be on Thursday. Please attend and wear Pirate gear if at all possible.
- C. Vice President Report – Vice President Welsh
 - i. If you signed up for the block party please come on Saturday.
- D. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Montue
 - i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$
 - ii. Supplemental Contingency Reserve: \$
 - iii. Capital Fund: \$
 - iv. Senate Budget: \$
- E. Vice President of Rules and Regulations- Vice President Kealey
 - i. No Report
- F. Student Trustee's Report – Trustee Green
 - i. The PAC conference will be Thursday, April 20th and the 21st.
- G. Secretary's Report – Secretary McCann
 - i. No Report
- H. Faculty Senate Report –Senator Skunda
 - i. Met today and discussed general education and making recommendations.
 - ii. Talked about accelerated masters program where you would be able to take graduate classes earlier.
- I. Board of Directors Report – Shawn Hoke
 - i. RUO Budget presentations began this evening and will be until Wednesday evening.

VI. Representative Committee Reports

- A. Clarion Call
 - i. Covering Clarion Proud movement
- B. University Facilities Planning Committee-
 - i. No Report
- C. Campus Governance Budget Committee- President Vallies
 - i. No Report
- D. University Technology Advisory Committee-
 - i. No Report
- E. Panhellenic Council
 - i. Getting ready for mix off.
- F. The University's 150th Planning Meeting- President Vallies
 - i. No Report

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee – Treasurer Montue
 - i. Her committee will be meeting after this meeting.
- B. Rule and Regulations Committee- Vice President Kealey
 - i. No Report.
- C. Student Relations Committee- Senator Henderson
 - i. Reinhard awards are April 26th at 7 PM. Deadline for nominations will be near the beginning of April.
- D. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda
 - i. No Report
- E. Committee on Rules, Regulations, and Policies – Vice President Kealey
 - i. No Report
- F. Student Facilities Committee-Caitlyn McNerny
 - i. Any dinning or housing concerns please bring them forward.
 - ii. Next meeting will be on April 22nd.
- G. Safety, Health, and Environmental Concerns Committee- Senator Porter
 - i. Still working on a date for Campus Saftey walk.

H. Community Relations Committee-Senator Rea
i. No Report

I. Website Management Committee-Senator Shepard
i. No Report

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. None

IX. New Business

- A. VP Welsh moves to allocate \$50 for the mix off. Seconded by senator Skunda. Motion carries with no abstentions.
- B. Senator Henderson moves to be excused from the meeting before break. Seconded by Senator Fryer. Had some medical issues with her family and had to pick her brother up. Motion carries with no abstentions.
- C. Senator Schill moves to be excused from last weeks meeting. Seconded by senator shepherd. Was in Pittsburgh for another organization. Motion carries with no abstentions.

X. Open Forum

- A. CRU is reporting back from a trip. The trip was great and it was very useful.
- B. Open Forum with Dr. Whitney about the system review. It will be March 28th at 6 PM. It is open to anyone so we will begin advertising for that.

XI. Announcements

- A. Eagle Ambassadors are putting on a philanthropy week through the Alumni office. Each class will have their own bucket where there will be donations. The winner of the class gets to throw a pie in the face to Dr. Whitney and Dr. Todd.
- B. Matt Shaffer has an open forum on Wednesday April 19th from 4 to 5 PM held with Dr. Fenske and the campus police as well. Dr. Fenske is buying pizza.

XII. Adjournment

- i. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Shepard. Seconded by Senator Rae. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Katherine McCann

