

Clarion University Student Senate
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

I. Call to Order

President Shepherd called the meeting of the spring semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:30PM.

II. Roll Call

Absent:

Boyle

Franke

Dr. Fenske

III. Additions to the Agenda

Senator Custer – 1 under new business

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

V. Student Concerns

A freshman nursing student had recently asked her professor if she could take her test in a paper format since she deals with dyslexia and already takes her tests with disabilities services. The teacher denied her request.

Lights have been out in Groust (in Reinhard Villages).

VI. Officers Report

A. Vice President of Student Affairs – Dr. Fenske

No Report

B. Advisor's Report- Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer reminds everyone to come out to Reinhard Awards on Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Gemmell MPR. Happy finals!

C. Director's/Board of Director's Report- Ms. Machokas

The final CSA board meeting was held last week. Ms. Machokas wishes to thank all the senators and graduating members for all their hard work!

D. President's Report- President Shepherd

Reminder that Senators are to arrive at the Reinhard awards at 6:30 pm. Reminder that May 4th is spring commencement and senators are required to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact Secretary Krupa and Matt Shaffer with your excuse.

Mr. Hendershot came to provide insight about the recent parking complaints on campus. Interhall Council provided information to Mr. Hendershot regarding their current survey about parking. Some Questions and answers from this evening are as follows:

Q- In regards to 15 minute parking spots, how often are they being checked on?

A- There is no person employed specifically for parking regulations on campus. However, there are some spots that are under surveillance and most are checked regularly.

Q- Would it be possible to assign parking based on class standing? (freshman, sophomore, etc)

A- While that is a good idea, this method results in more ticketing of younger students because they end up breaking the rules to get better parking anyhow.

Q- Why are there not more cameras in the parking lots for safety and ticketing purposes?

A- While there are projects in process to get more cameras, one camera costs between \$5,000-\$7,000. So it is more a money issue than anything else.

E. Vice President's Report- Vice President Bumoskey

If any of you are free tomorrow at 6pm and would like to participate in the Good Neighbor Program please email Vice President Bumoskey. This committee is small and really needs at least 3-4 more senators to step up and help.

Also, there will be a day two of the Good Neighbor Program that will be this Thursday at 4:30pm. Again if you are free and would like to participate it would be appreciated! I would also need 3-4 senators to help on that day as well.

F. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pletcher

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$104,652.11
- ii. Capital Fund: \$330,647.31
- iii. Senate Budget: \$13,026.33

G. Vice President Rules and Regulations Report- Vice President Yost

No Report

H. Secretary's Report- Secretary Krupa

There will be no office hours this week, but please remember to turn in your office keys before Friday, April 26th at 4:00 pm.

I. Student Trustee's Report- Trustee Zuzzio

The last trustee meeting of the school year was held last week. Discussed was Dr. Dale's True North Initiative (which can be found at the end of the minutes), the Dr. Dale Affect (hope for more donations to the university due to a change in leadership), and student costs. A statistic was announced that 35% of students are not buying their textbooks at all. Housing rates will be frozen and there will be a 5.75% increase in meal plans (increase is a result from a decrease in enrollment).

| Type of meal plan | price (2018-2019) | price (2019-2020) |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| unlimited supreme +250 | 2040 | 2143 |
| 12 meals + 500 | 1999 | 2085 |
| 19 meals +250 | 1942 | 2039 |
| 10 meals +250 ** | 1538 | 1612 |
| 14 meals +250 | 1883 | 1977 |
| 5 meals+250 ** | 1118 | 1168 |

**-- Off campus

J. Faculty Senate Report- Senator Skunda

Senator Skunda met with faculty senate today. Discussed was the past proposal of the Q and W Flags. The director of Student Success is looking to why Clarion students (specifically in their sophomore year) are dropping out in an increased rate.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

A. Clarion Call

No Report

B. Panhellenic Committee

No Report

C. Interhall Council

Interhall elected a new E Board for the 2019-2020 school year. As of today, Interhall's parking survey has already been taken 330 times. They will continue to table Wednesday and Thursday from 10-4. The results of their survey so far is as follows:

The majority of those participating are freshman and sophomores.
The majority of those participating (35.7%) live in Reinhard villages.
24% of those who took the survey park on campus without a parking pass.
Most students do not move their cars frequently during the day.
Most students say it takes 5-10 minutes to find parking on campus.
Most popular parking spots are SOMS, Gemmell, and shipping & receiving.
Main concerns are 15 minute parking, parking at Ralston, and parking lot maintenance.

D. UAB

No Report

E. ABLE

No Report

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee- Senator Custer

No report

B. Student Relations Committee- Senator Mason

Reminder that Reinhard Awards are Wednesday and those on this committee need to be there at 6 o'clock. General members arrive at 6:30 and doors open at 7.

C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda

All students in need scholarships are being processed by CSA.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee- VP Yost

VP Yost thanked his committee for working hard this semester. He expects two new clubs to come to our meetings in the fall in hopes to become affiliated.

E. Student Facilities Committee- Senator Krupa

No Report

- F. Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Concerns Committee- Senator Lopreiato
The Safety walk has been postponed to Wednesday, April 24th, at 4pm. The committee will meet outside the public safety office.
- G. Community Relations Committee- Vice President Bumoskey
Please refer to Vice President Bumoskey's report.
- H. Social Media Committee- Senator Bitner
Please send Senator Bitner your bio for senator spotlight for next semester. Our committee will be working on finishing the bulletin board for welcome week.
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. New Business
Senator Custer motions to move \$4000 to the Common Read Program, Seconded by Senator Skunda.
Discussion: It is the goal of the Common Read Program to provide each freshman student a book to better acclimate them to the university through events in and outside the classroom. This years book is *Falter* by Bill Mckibben, which deals with climate change. All professors will have the opportunity to implement the book into their curriculum.
The program would need \$15,000 to provide all 700+ incoming freshman the book. However, CSA can only provide \$4,000 due to a preexisting rule that limits their ability to spend money on activities of academic intent.
Senator Yost motions to suspend the decision. Senator Skunda seconds.
Discussion: Due to the preexisting rule, our contribution of \$4,000 would not be helpful to the Common Read Program.
- XI. Open Forum or Announcements
There will be Chillin n' Grillin this Saturday from 11-4 at the parking lots behind Commons.
The last movies on main for the semester will be held Thursday.
Reminder that Campus fest is this Friday and that there are still tickets available.
- XII. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Mason. Seconded by Senator Friguglietti.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.