

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2019

***I. Call to Order***

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

***II. Roll Call***

- a. Absent: Dr. Fenske

***III. Additions to the Agenda***

- a. There are no additions to the agenda.

***IV. Approval of the Minutes***

- a. The minutes were approved as distributed.

***V. Student Concerns***

- a. Secretary Krupa brought up a concern she spoke to Chartwells about. Two students brought forward pictures of molded food that they had at Eagle Commons and Gemmell Food Court. The Facilities Committee will update us on the situation after they have had their first meeting with Chartwells.
- b. The President of Interhall Council brought up a social media concern. The Snapchat in question "Clarion Crackheads" is being investigated through the conduct office because of inappropriate behavior being posted. CAs on campus are aware of the situation and are available to talk if more information is known.

***VI. Officers Report***

**A. Vice President of Student Affairs – Dr. Fenske**

- a. No report

**B. Advisor's Report- Mr. Shaffer**

- a. Constitution Day will be September 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be advertisements of the event on social media. The League of Women Voters will be assisting with tabling for this event to encourage students to register to vote.

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

- a. Congratulations on our Senate recruitment and congratulations to the new senators! Round tables will be this week and all organizations are expected to come or make an appointment.

**D. President's Report- President Shepherd**

- a. Welcome to new senators! This was the most competitive election we've had in recent history. I had a meeting with Dr. Dale this past week and spoke about her upcoming goals for this year and plans for coming to our retreat. Her goals for senate this year are to focus on environmental sustainability. She would like to

see us work on starting another campus clean-up day. The Den on campus has closed permanently. This area will remain vacant. Dr. Dale is working on getting Stephens and Moore hall up to safety regulations. There will be a roll out opening for Tippin at the end of September. Graduation for this semester will still be held in Marwick Boyd Auditorium. Student Senate will hold another car election for Dr. Dale's new female companion car. There will be a BSGP conference call this Thursday (most likely to vote on new officers). Student Senate's retreat will be September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Dale will be doing a one hour presentation for us. We will be holding an Applebee's fundraiser on September 12 from 11AM to 9PM. The university is looking for a new Ernie the Eagle. This is a paid position and they are looking for more than one person to work. The size of the costume is ideal for people who are 5'8-6'2. If interested, please contact Barb Funk.

**E. Vice President's Report- Vice President Bumoskey**

- a. Welcome to everyone! Please turn in your committee preference sheets. Committee Chairs please look at your committee binders for updates with duties for this semester. Please add your new members to your Groupme once they are announced.

**F. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pletcher**

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$126,710.40
- ii. Capital Fund: \$323,305.06
- iii. Senate Budget: \$30,546.06

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

- a. My whole first year was challenging in Student Senate but advancing your involvement will help make everything easier. We will be having organizations coming in soon for approval.

**H. Secretary's Report- Secretary Krupa**

- a. Office hours are back to two hours a week. If anyone needs help preparing anything for the retreat, please ask me for help.

**I. Student Trustee's Report- Trustee Zuzzio**

- a. The first trustee meeting will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Venango Campus. The next meeting will be in November at Clarion Campus. Over the summer, I attended the all boards meeting in June. There they looked over the guidance of the university and the budget. In July, the Council of Trustees had their general meeting at Clarion Campus. There has been an increase in student population this year. There was a 14% increase (800 people), which resulted in the largest freshman class in ten years. They voted to freeze tuition rates for the upcoming school year. Similarly, Clarion university froze housing rates for the upcoming school year. We hired four new tenured professors. I will be going to Slippery Rock University tomorrow for the western regional conference. There we will be talking about how to improve the student trustee selection and involvement overall.

**J. Faculty Senate Report- Senator Skunda**

- a. I attended the first faculty senate for this school year. Dr. Hartly is now the interim associate provost. He is looking to renew and revamp the five-year program. Dr. Gent was unable to attend the meeting due to an event in Harrisburg. Dr. Laura Delbrugge, the new Dean of Arts and Sciences, wants to work on the relationship between the faculty and student body. Venango is working on phase one of revamping and renovating the library. Last spring, faculty senate passed a resolution on the open book resources.

## ***VII. Representative Committee Reports***

### **A. Clarion Call**

- a. No report

### **B. Panhellenic Committee**

- a. No report

### **C. Interhall Council**

- a. Tyler Krow, current Vice President of Interhall, wanted to talk about the goals for Interhall for the semester so far;
  - i. We are continuing our parking advocacy to reduce price for students
  - ii. We are trying to get more members
  - iii. We are focusing on our goal to revamp the hall councils to make them more involved and have more opportunities for students to voice their concerns
  - iv. We are excited to continue our close relationship with Student Senate and hope to start working with other organizations this semester.

## ***VIII. Standing Committee Reports***

### **A. Appropriations Committee- Treasurer Pletcher**

- a. Round tables will be this Wednesday at 1PM and 6:30 PM at the SOMN CU theater. If you are available to help sign clubs in, please see Treasurer Pletcher.

### **B. Student Relations Committee- Senator Mason**

- a. Student Relations is the committee that runs WINGO, Social Equity, and the Reinhard Awards. My committee will be working on the November 6<sup>th</sup> Social Equity dinner preparations.

### **C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda**

- a. Faculty Senate is the advisory board for the president. This committee attends Faculty Senate. Just as Student Senate is the voice of the student body, Faculty Senate is the voice of the faculty. All proposals for curriculum changes go through Faculty Senate.

### **D. Rules and Regulations Committee- VP Yost**

- a. This committee takes care of potential clubs on campus. They explain the rules, regulations, and guidelines to making a constitution. You work on editing by laws and helping potential clubs. The potential organizations then come and presents their club to Student Senate and we vote for them to be recognized or not.

**E. Student Facilities Committee- Senator Bauer**

- a. We will be working on the molded food problem presented earlier in the meeting and will be setting up our first facilities meeting of the year.

**F. Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Concerns Committee- Senator Friguglietti**

- a. Our committee will be working towards more environmentally sustainable options for this school year. Earlier this year, Senator Friguglietti attended an alcohol training course that she hopes will be useful for her committee this year.

**G. Community Relations Committee- Senator Boyle**

- a. Our big focus in this committee is the Good Neighbor Program. The purpose of the Good Neighbor Program is to become involved in the community and encourage students to be mindful of their surroundings/neighbors. Our other big focus is Come Together Clarion, which is an event that occurs in the spring. This is an event to bring the students and community together.

**H. Social Media Committee- Senator Bitner**

- a. The purpose of social media committee is to promote our organization and create flyers/banners to spread information to the student body.

***IX. Unfinished Business***

N/A

***X. New Business***

N/A

***XI. Open Forum or Announcements***

- a. Please vote for homecoming court!
- b. Model UN meets tomorrow night at 7:30.
- c. Interhall meets at Thursday at 6 PM.
- d. Geo club meets Wednesdays at 5 PM.

***XII. Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Skunda. Seconded by Senator Friguglietti. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.