

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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: Senator Bartholomew, Senator Falfel

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

- a. None

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

- a. October 21, 2019- The minutes were approved as redistributed
- b. October 28, 2019- the minutes were approved as distributed

***V. Student Concerns***

- a. In South there is a concern because the swipes for the doors by the elevator lounges are not working, if there were to be a fire, would firefighters be able to get in?
  - a. They are currently working on resolving the system errors to fix these concerns. They will be following up and letting us know.

***VI. Officers Report***

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

- a. No report

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

- a. Don't forget to vote tomorrow! Next Monday there will be a Veteran's day service and there will be a luncheon in Suites on Main South at 12 and a Ceremony at 1 PM.

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

- a. No report

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

- a. Open house is coming up again. Senators please sign up if you wish to attend, it can be counted as office hours. This Wednesday is social equity! Please dress business professional and be there by 6:30-6:45. They held their 2<sup>nd</sup> presidential sustainability meeting. President Shepherd gave a report on what was discussed at the sustainability forum from last week. She would like to introduce Jenn Graham, director of Reslife.

- i. She is here to discuss dining and housing concerns with the students present.
- ii. Question #1- one of the main concerns is the supply chain issues at Starbucks. There seems to be a supply shortage. During sustainability open forum, they discussed the ridiculous amount of plastic used in our dinning locations. We would like to see a non-negotiable need in our future contracts for more sustainable options.

- 1. In Gemmell and Starbucks they are working to go straw less. They currently don't honor discounts for reusable items like they do at other stores.

- iii. Question 2- ID quality has gone down.
  - 1. The new printer wasn't laminating properly, but students who were affected by this can come and grab a new ID.
  - 2. The processing is able to print out the ID, but is not able to add your old information currently.
- iv. Question 3- Is there any way for there to be a wider variety of low carb, healthier options for the dining hall? They are just hoping to have a higher level of fruits than they currently do.
  - 1. They try to rotate daily, but she can bring this concern up.
- v. Gemmell- they had the meatless option. It is no longer an option now.
  - 1. She will look into it.
- vi. The bananas at Gemmell are constantly brown.
  - 1. They value quality of food in the dining facilities and they encourage us to alert staff if food quality is unsatisfactory.
- vii. Noodle station doesn't get cleaned between orders at Commons. This brings upon an allergy concern.
- viii. Times that commons closes at Friday and Saturday. Is there a way to extend hours or is there options to help?
  - 1. It is in the contract, we are bound to that time, but the university is aware of this concern and they are working on a solution.
- ix. Is there a way to adjust the meal swipe gapping that occurs?
  - 1. This comes up a lot, and they are looking to do block plans for next year. They have also changed to less meals more flex, which is a popular option.

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

- a. No report

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

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$125,783.77
- ii. Capital Fund: \$347,722.03
- iii. Senate Budget: \$29,718.45

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

- a. No report

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

- a. No report

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

- a. We had our trustee retreat Thursday and Friday. Meetings that we had revolved around three main points; trustees want to get more involved, they are working to make a promotional video to explain the council, and the council wants to work to make a student message for state redesign. They want students to advocate for their passhe story/clarion story.

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

- a. Faculty senate met today. Chief Hendershot addressed parking for the faculty. Professors do pay for parking at other university. \$1,200 a year per professor was the cheapest at other universities. It would be too much of a hassle or a union issue according to those in charge. Staff and faculty have two unions. Where do the funds come from to pay for the lots? It all goes into a budget.

**VII. Representative Committee Reports**

**I. Clarion Call**

- a. No report

**J. Panhellenic Committee**

- a. No report

**K. Interhall Council**

- a. We got 14 acts for our talent show! We have one MC confirmed named Zach. We have finalized Patty and Jodi Strausfer as judges. We are having the hip-hop and dance team as intermission acts. Our shirt design is complete and will be given out to the first people in line. Our fundraiser is going well and we are still selling chocolate if interested.

**L. UAB**

- a. Events for this week is Open Mic Night, Pages Matam- CUnited, and Step Afrika!- CUnited.

**M. ABLE**

- a. No report

**N. BSU**

- a. No report

**O. LGBTQ**

- a. No report

**VIII. Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Appropriations Committee- Treasurer Pletcher**

- a. Moniqua and I are looking to have a group come in soon.

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

- a. Social Equity is this Wednesday, please come between 6:30 and 6:45. Event starts at 7. Business professional. The meal will be large and has variety for all types of diets.

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

- a. Finalizing student in need scholarship. This will launch next week. Academic council IRB is cracking down on research projects. Please don't use google or google groups for surveys. We have resources through Clarion for these projects. All required paperwork is found online. Tippin is partially open, offices are being moved in. Hoping to have open house in the spring.
- b. The university is working on piloting an accelerated Bachelors to Masters of Library Science Bloomsburg.

- c. Common hour open forum will be November 15<sup>th</sup> 2PM in suites on Main North theatre.

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

- a. My committee will be working on a starter kit for new RSO to make sure they can be successful on campus. Met with one group this week, hoping to see the special Olympics to come to Clarion.

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

- a. No report

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

- a. We had our safety walk last week, that was partially canceled due to rain. Hoping to point out and survey the campus on our own to make sure that we have concerns to send to John Massa.

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

- a. No report

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

- a. FB Senator Spotlight reached 700 people. Chairs please send me information to post to better utilize our social media accounts.

**I. AD HOC COMMITTEE- Campus Outreach**

- a. Quick meeting after this meeting. We will be tabling next Thursday. Referring back to the concern of religion, Jim Gyger contacted us and said, The University doesn't promote religious holidays, but we do promote events on campus. So, If an organization is holding a religious based event, that is what will be promoted, not that religion specifically.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

- a. Secretary Krupa motions to table the free menstrual product proposal. Senator Engelmann Seconds.
  - a. She will be meeting with Amy Salsgiver and Chad Thomas this week to discuss the future of the proposal. Thomas Crissman was able to create a QR code that can be used on our acrylic boxes to send students to our survey about the program.
  - b. 1 abstention- motion carries.

**X. New Business**

- a. none

**XI. Open Forum or Announcements**

- a. Model UN dine to donate will be Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the brewery. Just need picture of poster to have part of your order go towards their NYC trip.
- b. Please remember to vote tomorrow!

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Custer, Seconded by Senator M Weist. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.