

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2020

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:

Those Absent: Senator M. Wiest, Dr. Fenske

III. Additions to the Agenda

None.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were not approved as distributed. The following corrections were made;

January 25th is Admitted Student's Day

February 21st is Wingo

V. Student Concerns

- a. Tyler Krowe- At our Interhall meeting this week, the crosswalk by Tippin was brought up as unsafe and then an accident occurred the next day.
 - a. Student Senate Facilities Committee will contact Chad Thomas to discuss what can be done to ensure safety. Most likely Penn Dot will need to be contacted to install a crosswalk light.
- b. Senator Barrett- On Friday the dishwasher broke at Commons which led to plastic being used for student meals.
 - a. This plastic was a level six which is difficult to recycle.
 - b. Chartwells regional negotiations are occurring, and sustainability is on the docket to be discussed for change.
- c. Secretary Krupa- Have we seen any updates to the sustainability issues (i.e. recycling) in the dorms?
 - a. Frank Connelly is looking into why things are not being recycled
 - b. YDSA researched this problem and they concluded that the issue lied with the company, not the university.
- d. Senator Felfel- Pages says that they recycle, but there is a lot that could be done to make it more sustainable.

VI. Officers Report

A. Vice President of Student Affairs – Dr. Fenske

- a. No report.

B. Advisor's Report- Mr. Shaffer

- a. Reminder to take the Gemmell survey that Dr. Fenske sent out via email to determine the future of the old bookstore space. Reminder that Wednesday is the activities fair in Gemmell MPR. Last week for we posted the Greek life position.

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

- a. Budget season is coming so please remind other organizations that budget round tables are mandatory.

D. President's Report- President Shepherd

- a. President Shepherd had her monthly meeting with Dr. Dale. They discussed the Chartwells regional negotiations, safety concerns with the lighting and crosswalk around Tippin, and the plan to install a dog park in Reinhard. They also discussed succession planning because President Shepherd and Trustee Zuzzio will be graduating this semester.
- b. There will a diversity and inclusion workshop Wednesday, February 5th from 5-7PM in Gemmell 250-252. Jen Graham in residence life is looking at installing door swipes for the Suites on Main South's outside stairwell.
- c. Guest Speaker: Dr. Hartley
 - a. He is the Interim Associate Provost. His job is to help us have middle state accreditation. The federal government has a regional accreditation body that determines if universities are providing education that is up to standards. In the fall of 2021, the board will be coming to evaluate the programs of Clarion University.
 - b. In preparation for their arrival, committees will be created to improve the university. Topics these committees will cover next year; mission and goals, ethics and integrity, student expenses, support to students, educational assessment. Please encourage students to participate in surveys and open forums next year.
 - c. Question for Dr. Hartley
 - i. Will there be students on all committees?
 - 1. Currently, the plan is to have students on some committees, but not on ones that are uninteresting to students
 - a. Senate discussion concluded that the Senate, by and large, want to have students represented on all committees.
 - d. Dr. Hartley suggests that we use positive reinforcement to encourage good advisors to continue being good.

E. Vice President's Report- Vice President Bumoskey

- a. No report

F. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pletcher

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$84,955.27
- ii. Capital Fund: \$347,722.03
- iii. Senate Budget: \$19,551.70

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

- a. No report

H. Secretary's Report- Secretary Krupa

- a. Thank you for your help these first few weeks in helping with the menstrual product proposal. We are working on doing our first set of restocks and placing the rest of the baskets around campus. Please tell other organizations that we are accepting donations of products and money.

I. Student Trustee's Report- Trustee Zuzzio

- a. There is a tour of Tippin tomorrow from 5-6PM for interested students. The next trustee meeting will be February 20th at the lower level of Eagle Commons. The application for student trustee will open this Friday. Please contact Tree Zuzzio if interested and look at the application on CU Connect.

J. Faculty Senate Report- Senator Skunda

- a. Faculty Senate hosted its first bi-weekly meeting today. Faculty Senate will no longer be doing printed out agendas to be more sustainable. They discussed population trends for this region, which will be down in 2024. For that reason, enrollment will be down that year. We had 89% of students in the freshman come back for their second semester.
- b. Cal U has placed signs on either end of town. Dr. Dale has been in touch with their president on the situation. As of right now, we know Cal U outsources its marketing campaign.
- c. The area around Moore hall is fenced off while it is updated and made more accessible. They hope that the same updates to Stephen's Hall will be finished by the end of next semester.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

A. Clarion Call

- a. No report

B. Panhellenic Committee

- a. There will be a recruitment party tomorrow on SOMS from 5-7:30 PM.

C. Interhall Council

- a. Interhall Council is currently working on plans for a basketball tournament, pop-up events, and Chillin N' Grillin.
- b. They will be hosting a 3x3 basketball tournament on Wednesday, February 19th at 6PM at the rec center. The sign-up sheet will be out in the rec center on February 6th.

D. UAB

- a. No report

E. ABLE

- a. No report

F. BSU

- a. No report

G. LGBTQ

- a. No report

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee- Treasurer Pletcher

- a. The appropriations committee moves to allocate \$4,614.10 to Model UN for their trip to New York City. Their trip is scheduled for April 5th-9th.
 - i. At this conference, they are assigned a country (this year they are Zimbabwe) and different committees. 14 students will be attending this year. In their committees, they will discuss international issues and work towards potential solutions to world problems. Last year they received an honorable mention, which is amazing because we are the only state school that attends.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Senator Hollamby- What do you plan to bring back to Clarion from this conference?
 - a. We hope to bring back communication, teamwork and teambuilding skills.
 2. Senator Engelmann- Is this conference open to nonmembers of the club?
 - a. No, currently this conference is not open to outside students because of the preparation needed to participate. They did mention that the club is open to any student who wants to join.
 3. Senator Mason- Did your organization fundraise for this trip?
 - a. Yes. They did three fundraisers that equaled almost \$500.
 4. Senator Shepard- how much does it cost for your organization to attend this event?
 - a. \$10-12,000 because of the location of the conference and hotel being in Times Square.

iii. The motion carries with one abstention.

- b. The appropriations committee moves to allocate \$1,375 to Men's rugby for the purchase of their new jerseys. This purchase includes 25 jerseys (\$54.99 each) that will have a life expectancy of five years.
 - i. This organization was originally called the Taffurs, but they want to make sure that they represent their affiliation with the university.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Senator Mason- Did you look at other companies?
 - a. They looked at a few sources. But need to look through approved organizations to use the Clarion logo.
 2. Senator Boyle- Did your organization fundraise for this purchase?
 - a. Last year they fundraised with a video game tournament which brought in a low profit.

iii. Motion carries with a unanimous decision

B. Student Relations Committee- Senator Mason

- a. We have Wingo on February 21st and Reinhard Awards on April 15th.

C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda

- a. His committee met last Wednesday to discuss their goals for this semester and the students in need scholarship. They are discussing changing the scholarship to give a set amount of money to a set number of students.
- b. Senator Skunda and Senator Boyle will be having a meeting with Dr. Gent on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please let them know if you have any academic issues you would like shared.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee- VP Yost

- a. The Rules and Regulations Committee moves to recognize CU Cares.
 - a. This organization will work to raise money for nonprofits in and out of the community. They will do two fundraisers for each organization they advocate for. In February, they will be working with the Children's Home of Pittsburgh. The fundraiser they are preparing do is candy grams. They are also planning on making cards for the nursing home.
 - b. Questions:
 - i. On what basis do they choose the organizations?
 - 1. Members bring in ideas and they draw a name from a hat. This way they are free from bias.
 - ii. How many members does your organization have?
 - 1. They have 35 current members.
 - iii. How is this organization different than Circle K?
 - 1. They want to keep more involvement in the community.
 - c. **Motion carries with a unanimous decision**
- b. The Rules and Regulations Committee moves to recognize the Special Olympics College club.
 - a. This organization already exists in the Clarion community, but not within the University. Most of the people in the community who are interested in participating in the Special Olympics are adults with special needs. Most of those interested cannot afford to participate unless they gain support. This organization will work to support those participating and provide an outlet to young athletes in the community.

c. Motion carries with a unanimous decision

E. Student Facilities Committee- Senator Bauer

- a. Senator Bauer will be speaking to Chad Thomas regarding the safety concerns discussed in this meeting. On Wednesday, her committee will be meeting at 5:30 to delegate tasks for the menstrual product proposal.

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

- a. She will be scheduling a meeting with her committee and prioritizing their goals for February and March.

G. Community Relations Committee- Senator Boyle

- a. Come Together Clarion met two weeks ago. They finalized vendors and food trucks for their event. Promotional material will be coming out soon. The planning committee looking for members so if you are interested, or know someone interested, please contact Senator Boyle. The All-In Campus Challenge will be hosting an education tabling series for the promotion of primary elections with partners on February 5, 11, 19, and 25. On March 11th the League of Women Voters will be hosting a film night.

H. Social Media Committee- Senator Hollamby

- a. They will continue to advertise about the Student Trustee application. Senator Spotlight will resume next week.

I. AD HOC Committee- Senator King

- a. They will be meeting after this meeting to discuss tabling for this semester.

IX. Unfinished Business

N/A

X. New Business

N/A

XI. Open Forum or Announcements

- a. None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator King, seconded by Senator Engelmann. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaitlyn Krupa