

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes
February 10, 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

- a. Absent: none.

III. Additions to the Agenda

- a. None

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. The minutes were approved as distributed.

V. Student Concerns

- a. Secretary Krupa- if students see posters on the bulletin boards around campus that are not approved by Barb Funk (they will be stamped with approval) please take them down and contact Barb (bfunk@clarion.edu).
- b. Senator Barrett- Can we investigate adding a greenhouse on campus somewhere?
 - a. We can contact the Presidential Commission on Sustainability to discuss this idea with them, but it will be logistically difficult due to the Pennsylvania climate and to find volunteers to care for the plants.

VI. Officers Report

A. Vice President of Student Affairs – Dr. Fenske

- a. Before the end of the semester, new signage will be placed around campus to help instruct people where to go when they are visiting. Dean for workforce development search is continuing and they will have two interviews this week and two interviews next week. Open swim is happening at Tippin Monday-Thursday from 8:30-10PM. A survey about communication will be sent out soon. Don't forget that on February 25th an athlete from team USA will be talking about "breaking barriers" and their path to being the first transgender athlete for team USA in Marwick Boyd.

B. Advisor's Report- Mr. Shaffer

- a. Gemmell survey about the old bookstore space is closed out. Gemmell advisory board will review the information and make a plan based on this data. Another survey in regard to Greek Life (why/why not people choose to participate in Greek Life) will come out in March. The search for a new head of Greek Life continues.

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

- a. No report.

D. President's Report- President Shepherd

- a. Reminder to attend the student open forums in 107 Eagle Commons from 5:00pm – 6:00pm to discuss the position of associative vice president of student success.
- b. Guest Speaker- Dr. Gent

- i. Suhr library at Venango had a soft opening recently.
- ii. There are fences around Moore Hall while it is made handicap accessible. The same modifications will be occurring in Stephens Hall in May. The Department of general services in Harrisburg is who funded the money for these revisions.
- iii. The university is working including more workforce development degrees (certificates, badges, and associate degrees) into Venango campus.
- iv. Center for teaching excellence reimagined for professors will be starting next semester. This will be a resource to help professors learn how to improve their teaching strategies.
- v. There was an initiative at faculty senate for open educational resources and a decrease in the use of computer access codes.
- vi. Faculty have been learning about online security and internet protection.
- vii. Common hour forum showed that they need to reconvene and have more discussion to make this movement a success. On Friday they decided to implement a subgroup to discuss how this change will affect labs for certain majors and practice schedules for athletes. The Common Hour may be something that they can implement into the spring semester of 2021.
- viii. The university is inviting Steven Shoo, psychology teacher of the year on metacognition techniques, to do a workshop with faculty on teaching techniques. They are also partnering with Cornel about teaching in diversity.

E. Vice President's Report- Vice President Bumoskey

- a. No report

F. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pletcher

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$77,117.17
- ii. Capital Fund: \$347,722.03
- iii. Senate Budget: \$19,519.20

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

- a. Will start revising the new RSO/RUO policy based on the comments provided.

H. Secretary's Report- Secretary Krupa

- a. We have received a lot of donations this week and we are very thankful. Secretary Krupa will be revising the distribution of work for the proposal and will explain the changes at our next meeting.

I. Student Trustee's Report- Trustee Zuzzio

- a. The next Council of Trustees meeting is Thursday February 20th at 7PM in Tippin 209/210. The Trustee position is open on CU Connect until March 8th at 5PM. The diversity open forum was a big success and we as students need to work on closing the gap between the university and the community by being less judgmental of those who live here.

J. Faculty Senate Report- Senator Skunda

- a. Faculty Senate held their bi-weekly meeting today. Pierce talked about the general education assessment and her role in advising it.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

I. Interhall Council

- a. We are in the process of planning Chillin and Grillin. Our basketball tournament is on Wednesday, February 19th at 6PM in the Rec. We are selecting shirt designs for Chillin and Grillin. Gave money to CA Cassidy for “The Newley wed Game: Roommate edition” event. They also donated to the CU Menstrual Fund. They are deciding if they want to participate in Little Sibs Weekend.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee- Treasurer Pletcher

- a. She will be sending her committee instructions on helping with the RSO/RUO survival guide.
- b. Appropriations committee moves to allocate \$2500 to BASIC for their trip to Puerto Rico this spring break
 - i. “Send Relief” is the name of the program they are working with. While there, they are going to be doing service projects to help those in need.
 - ii. The organization has already done a lot of fundraising and been helped by the local churches. They are hoping that each student will only have to pay approximately \$200 for the trip.
 - 1. Senator Felfel- what does it take to be a part of your organization?
 - a. They have open bible study on Mondays, and they are open to any person from any religious background in joining their organization.
 - 2. Senator Zavinksi- How will your participation in this trip better help Clarion University?
 - a. Through their service, they will learn skills in helping other people and spreading the word of God.
 - 3. Where in Puerto Rico will you be located?
 - a. We are forty minutes away from the airport, and we'll be staying with a Church community.

4. Motion carries.

B. Student Relations Committee- Senator Mason

- a. Wingo will be next Friday. Those who are interested in helping shop for this event can plan on shopping early next week.

C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda

- a. They will be holding a meeting sometime soon.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee- VP Yost

- a. His committee needs to review the newest submitted constitution by Friday at 2PM.

E. Student Facilities Committee- Senator Bauer

- a. The request to put a crosswalk light near Tippin is going through a reviewing process by PennDot. Trustee Zuzzio recommends suggesting to Chief Hendershot the idea of having a cross walk guard placed in that area during high traffic events such as commencement and games.

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

- a. This committee will be meeting tonight to discuss improving the safety walk for Clarion campus. They will also be talking about ways they can improve our campus health and environment.

G. Community Relations Committee- Senator Boyle

- a. No report.

H. Public relations Committee- Senator Hollamby

- a. This committee updated the board this week and decided that they will be hosting a Wingo social media contest next week. They will announce the three winners at Wingo. Carley is our Senator Spotlight of the week.

I. AD HOC COMMITTEE- Campus Outreach- Senator King

- a. Their committee did not table this week due to issues with submitting a space request. They hope to table next week.

IX. Unfinished Business

none

X. New Business

none

XI. Open Forum or Announcements

- a. All in campus challenge has a meeting tomorrow.
- b. Senator Hollamby thinks we should look into doing a fundraiser for Relay for Life where we do a chain of maple leaves (like chain of hearts) for our team (Team Canada).
- c. There is a blood drive on Thursday, February 13 in the Gemmell MPR from 1-5:30PM.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator King, Seconded by Senator Bauer. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaitlyn Krupa