

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

February 24, 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

Absent: Vice President Bumoskey

III. Additions to the Agenda

There are no additions to the agenda.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were approved as distributed.

V. Student Concerns

- Senator Barrett- The service window at Becht can sometimes be perceived as impersonal and difficult to use because of the glass separation.

VI. Officers Report

A. Vice President of Student Affairs – Dr. Fenske

- Reminder that tomorrow there will be a session at 7PM in Marwick Boyd with Chris Mosier- the first openly transgender athlete on team USA.
- Dining rates are being worked on for next year. Hopefully, Dr. Fenske will be able to present it at the beginning of March. No matter what type of plan we pick for next year, there will be an increase due to the inflation of the cost of food. The idea currently being investigated is the elimination of meal plan time zones.
- Thank you for feedback about the title IX survey!
- Mark your calendars for late night breakfast on April 27th 9-10:30. Have a good spring break!

B. Advisor's Report- Mr. Shaffer

- Campus fest announced their performer list last week with Tory Lanez as the main performer. This event will be held in Tippin.
- UAB has a number of students attending the NACA conference in Colorado. They are looking to find new ideas for homegrown events across campus.

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

- Budget round tables will be coming up on March 11th! Organizations are reminded that they need to have representation at the round tables to get funding for next year.
- The next CSA board meeting will be this week, Wednesday February 26th at 6:30.

D. President's Report- President Shepherd

- a. Our next meeting will be on March 9th following spring break.
- b. Our Guest Speaker- Dr. Dale
 - a. They are progressing with the financial sustainability planning process- PASSHE has been working on widespread financial sustainability plan. Dr. Dale has previously served on that committee for PASSHE. Their group plan was finalized in October and Clarion University worked over Christmas break to establish a preliminary draft about our financial sustainability. This plan will have a 5-year look out. The criteria that was looked at in this draft includes;
 - i. Enrollment
 - 1. They are hoping to stay flat at best with enrollment. Our online enrollment is stable, and our graduate program has seen growth.
 - ii. Revenue
 - 1. Most of our revenue comes from state funding and tuition. Our university also has money coming in from the Summer Camps that we host during May-August. The projected income we are expecting for this upcoming summer, in regard to the summer camps, is \$155,000.
 - 2. Our reserves were not rebuilt from our spending during the last ten years, so we do not have that cushion. In comparison to nine other universities, they were able to pull from reserves, which we do not have.
 - 3. The university has decided to not fill the VP of student success position due to our financial constraints.
 - 4. We typically gain \$80 million per year and use approximately \$86 million, which leaves us with a deficit of \$6 million each year.
 - 5. A common concern is that the university will be laying faculty off to help with our financial concerns, but they want to reassure us that is not the case.
 - 6. The financial sustainability taskforce for Clarion University will have two Student Senators sitting on the task force (one of the Students is Senator Mason). They will begin working on the second draft of our sustainability plan, is due in May. Following that, their final draft will be due in the fall.
 - 7. Things we can do to help with our financial predicament. As faculty retire, we are trying to fill that position with the staff we already have instead of hiring more people. Dr. Dale feels we need to realign the number of positions on campus. Their mission, no matter the financial decisions made, is to keep intact the core academics, the quality of programs sustained, to keep a positive attitude, and to remaining financially liable. Campus involvement is very important in this process. They want to ensure that they keep the campus safe, clean, and nice.

iii. Retention

1. we lose 24-25% of students during their first year at the university. The university is hoping to improve these numbers.
- b. They are continuing to work on Venango campus. They are looking for a new dean position to work with student programs. They are now trying to increase workforce development programs at the branch campus.
- c. The Council of Trustees meeting had a wonderful turnout!
- d. Questions/Concerns
 - i. Are we working to link the system calendars between the PASSHE schools?
 1. Dr. Pam Gent thinks that they can still accommodate students even with slightly different calendars.
 - ii. Are we looking into make financial aid usable for the winter and summer class sessions?
 1. They are working on it. However, some of its limitations are federally mandated.
 - iii. Senator Shepard wants to congratulate the university on their work with Venango campus on workforce development as it is a great idea.
- e. Dr. Dale wants ideas on how to communicate our financial sustainability ideas with the student body. The suggestions given were to
 - i. Talk in student classes
 - ii. Prepare a video that is emailed out and placed on social media.
- f. Reminder that the university is rolling out a virtual suggestion box.

E. Vice President's Report- Vice President Bumoskey

- a. No Report

F. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pletcher

- i. Large Item Capital Balance: \$70,910.67
- ii. Capital Fund: \$347,722.03
- iii. Senate Budget: \$8,754.11

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

- a. No report

H. Secretary's Report- Secretary Krupa

- a. Student Senate would like to congratulate Trustee Zuzzio on his acceptance to Pennsylvania University's master's program for the fall!
- b. Student Senate will be implementing a "clock in" system in our office to track our office hours, schedule meetings, and set up tasks to be completed. This will be implemented following spring break.
- c. Today was the first day of tabling for the "Swipe Away Hunger" event on campus. Our goal was to have 200 donations in three days' time, and we were able to have 212 in our first day alone. We will be tabling tomorrow and Wednesday.

I. Student Trustee's Report- Trustee Zuzzio

- a. Thank you to everyone who attended the trustee meeting. 11 students (9 senators) were in attendance.
- b. Things spoken about at the Trustee meeting include:
 - i. They are in phase two of the system redesign.
 - ii. Two groups have been made that includes students to prepare for middle state accreditation.
 - iii. While our online program enrollment is flat, we are #38 for our online program nationally!
 - iv. Talked about how student athletes have better enrollment retention than non-athletes.
 - v. Mental health services on campus, which includes the new walk-in method, has been quite successful! They were concerned about being overbooked and having long waiting times, but they have been very proficient at handling the flow.
 - vi. Meal plan rates are under negotiation.
 - vii. Affordability of textbooks has been discussed but nothing concrete yet has been decided.
 - viii. We have a ½ chance of getting a student to come here if they tour the university.
 - ix. The university is looking to implement a financial aid chat bot.
 - x. Suhr library got a renovation. It is now an industrial training center for students and the library.
 - xi. The next trustee meeting will be in April. Trustee applications are due on March 8th.

J. Faculty Senate Report- Senator Skunda

- a. Faculty senate met today, Len Cullo and Dr. Dale gave the presentation about the financial sustainability plan.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

A. Clarion Call

- a. No report

B. Panhellenic Committee

- a. No report

C. Interhall Council

- a. Interhall Council held a basketball Tournament that had six teams participate. We think this was a very successful event and helped spread our name across campus.

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. No report.

B. Student Relations Committee- Senator Mason

- a. Thank you everyone for your help with WINGO. We had a turnout that was a little smaller than winter, but it still was a great turnout.
- b. Our focus is now on Reinhard awards.
 - a. We will be voting soon on senator of the year, rookie of the year, and chair of the year.

C. Academic Affairs Committee- Senator Skunda

- a. Senator Boyle and I met with Dr. Gent.
 - a. They brought up retrenchment, but she assured us that this is not on the table. They shared student and faculty concerns that they have collected. They discussed open educational resources and enforcing that the due date teachers must have their book choices submitted. The university wants to encourage faculty that they do not NEED to include a book in their curriculum.
 - b. They discussed holding a forum with her and she felt that a forum was a good idea to clear the air.
 - c. There is no current timeline for the students in need scholarship.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee- VP Yost

- a. No report.

E. Student Facilities Committee- Senator Bauer

- a. They are planning to have a meet with Chartwells and are going to be looking over the concerns that were submitted at tabling this week.

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

- a. Met with the Safety Committee last Friday. They made suggestions for the next safety walk including to get issues from students beforehand.
- b. They want to ensure that Commuters know that they have lockers. They are looking to do another safety walk for March or April.

H. Community Relations Committee- Senator Boyle

- a. CU Day of Service is March 15, 2020. Come Together Clarion is April 18 on Sixth street between Wood Street and Main Street. There is currently a form online for the Neighborhood Star Awards and for RSOs/RUOs to register to host an event. The CU Engaged committee will be hosting a CU Engaged social media this week. I have brought registration forms and absentee applications for everyone to fill out. I also brought pledge cards for everyone to kick off the CU Engaged social media campaign.

Social Media Committee- Senator Hollamby

- b. He appreciates everyone's help with the Wingo social media contest. The senator spotlight is Senator Engelmann.

I. AD HOC Committee- Campus Outreach- Senator King

- a. They tabled last week and had 57 complaints. If you would like to have more information about the concerns, please contact Senator King.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

XI. Open Forum or Announcements

- a. Female Senators- please be working on your assignments for the Menstrual Product Proposal. It is essential that we do not fall behind.
- b. Committee Chairs, please send Monique for committee report.
- c. Reminder that Senators who signed up for tabling at Swipe Away Hunger will be tabling tomorrow and Wednesday.
- d. Our CSA board meeting is Wednesday at 6:30 in Gemmell 246.
- e. YDSA will be hosting a democratic debate watch party Tuesday at 8PM in Founders.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator King, seconded by Senator Hollamby . Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kaitlyn Krupa