

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2000

I. Call to Order

- A. President Mason called the meeting of the Fall 2020 semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:30.

II. Roll Call

- A. Absent: Senator Joseph, Senator Minus, Senator Shepard, and Senator Yost

III. Additions to the Agenda

- A. There are no additions to the agenda.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. The minutes were approved as presented.

V. Student Concerns

- A. Make sure you reach out to professors if you're having problems with your classes. If that doesn't help, please reach out to the Student Senate so that we can get you into contact with other people that can help you.
- B. Some students have complained about the seemingly lack of basic training that some professors have had in regards to Zoom. Dr. Fenske explained that they'll work to send out another training session that professors can attend.
- C. The internet connection has been extremely poor in the Suites on Main residence halls, particularly during popular class times.
 - 1. VP Boyle brought up the issue of students getting kicked out of synchronous classes during tests. In that case, should professors allow them to make up the tests asynchronously?
 - 2. If a student is kicked out of a class over Zoom, you must let your professor know because they will not always be able to tell if you were kicked out.

VI. Officers' Reports

A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske

- 1. The pandemic situation is still being monitored on campus. There hasn't been a spike yet from Labor Day weekend, but it could come so students should remain careful.
 - a) 15 students have been tested and they have all been negative.
 - (1) The students are being extremely helpful and compliant with quarantining and whatnot.
 - b) 3 tests are still out, and waiting for results.
 - c) With off campus partying, concerns have been addressed.
- 2. The basketball hoops behind Suites on Main South are being used as an area to take off masks so new signs are going up to remind people to wear their masks and to social distance.

3. Focus is starting to shift to Spring semester planning. If Clarion can make it a few more weeks, it will be easier to make some decisions towards reopening for some courses to be offered face to face.

B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer

1. Students seem to be developing through the 4 E's. Some students will be meeting with Sarah Zerfoss for education on COVID policies.
 - a) If students continue to break protocols, then policies will have to be updated for how to deal with them..

2. A new RSO and RUO FAQ was sent out.

3. Sarah Zerfoss is working with the President's Leadership Academy.

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

1. CSA is working with student organizations to implement creative programs for students to attend and keep them entertained.
2. The CU Movies on Main attendance has been a bit low. This weekend is Spanish Heritage weekend. If you're bored and have nothing to do, check out the movies!
3. CSA will be having a Board of Directors meeting in the near future.

D. President's Report - President Mason

1. Please keep up your business casual attire for the meetings.

2. Board of Student Government Presidents (BSGP) Updates

- a) President Mason attended the meeting last week.

- (1) BSGP voted to freeze dues for the Fall semester. These dues go toward a conference, but since it is virtual this semester, they chose to freeze them.

- (2) There was a lot of discussion about racial and political tension.

- (a) Other schools have been focusing on educating the faculty to trickle down to the students, so Clarion may be attempting to follow.

3. Make sure you check on your friends and family during this pandemic. Mental health is important, and it would help make this whole situation easier by checking up on each other.

4. Wash your hands and wear your masks!

E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle

1. A committee survey sheet will be sent to the new senators. Please turn them in by Friday.

2. The RSO and RUO Survival Guide will be sent out to the senators soon to hopefully be voted on next Monday.

- a) If you see any typos, please email VP Boyle!

- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
 - 1. The Clarion Call's supplemental requests paperwork was approved and finished.
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
 - 1. VP Engelmann met with his committee this last week. The majority of the focus for this semester will be charters.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
 - 1. If you are a new senator, please accept your membership on CU Connect!
- I. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
 - 1. The Trustee meeting is at 4:00 this Thursday. Please reach out for the Zoom link.
 - 2. Reach out to Trustee Krupa and President Mason about any concerns you may have because they meet with Dr. Dale once a month.
- J. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
 - 1. Dr. Dale discussed the integration with Cal U today during the Faculty Senate meeting.
 - 2. Due to the lack of funds, faculty size will be decreasing from 237 to 187. While there is a concern of growing class size, budget issues make the decrease in faculty necessary.
 - a) As of this year, Clarion has \$5.6 million in deficits. With the faculty decrease, Clarion would be up by \$186,700.
 - b) This decrease would be a line by line cut, not just academic.
 - c) The decrease is essential because the Chancellor wants the schools to have the same ratios of faculty to students from 2016, when there were a lot more students enrolled.
 - 3. The University was given \$1.4 million for resources of technology and precautionary measures to keep the campus safe. There is talk of getting more backpack sprayers to put in classrooms.
 - 4. With planning for the Spring, the faculty are planning for face to face classes just to be prepared.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

- A. Clarion Call
 - 1. None.
- B. Panhellenic Committee
 - 1. Recruitment is currently in the works.
 - a) Last week there was a Meet the Sororities event, in person and over Zoom.
 - (1) There are potential members.
- C. Interhall Council

1. No report.

D. UAB

1. BINGO is Thursday, Glow Golf is on Friday in the Rec Center, and there is going to be Ice-O night.
 - a) The Ice-O night may be a concern as there is rarely any mask-wearing or social distancing at the truck.

E. ABLE

1. Meet the Members Monday is going on for social media. The Service Day Committee is looking at ideas for Service Day to follow guidelines.
2. The 9/11 event of chalking outside of Commons went really well.

F. BSU

1. None.

G. LGBTQ+ Affairs

1. None.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski

1. Treasurer Zavinski explained to the new Senators the role of the Appropriations Committee.

B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona

1. No report.

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang

1. Committee members should be on the lookout for contact from Senator Spang.
2. At the Provost meeting, there were plans for Spring reopening and an issue for a MATH 112 class is being addressed.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann

1. No report.

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

1. Posters will be sent out by the end of this week about goals for this committee.

F. Community Relations Committee - Senator Windt

1. The main focus this semester is on the Good Neighbor Program.
 - a) This now has a Clarion email and social media pages.
 - b) A CU Connect page is in the works.
 - c) The Clarion website page for the GNP is being updated.
 - d) CA's will be emailed for starting Good Neighbor nights with the residents.
2. The next committee meeting is on Wednesday at 1:00.

G. Public Relations Committee - Senator Hollamby

1. There will be a poll on GroupMe soon for committee members to meet.
2. There will be a few welcome posts going out soon for the new senators.
3. Senator Hollamby wants to start up the Senator Spotlight again.

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. None.

X. New Business

- A. None.

XI. Open Forum or Announcements

- A. The CU Engaged Coalition is hosting a Constitution Day Essay Contest. Students received an email about this from Dr. Fenske. There are three prizes for the winners of gift certificates to the bookstore.
- B. Please go check out Wednesday's Women, VP Boyle and Trustee Krupa's podcast!

XII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Treasurer Zavinski. Seconded by Senator Hollamby. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.