

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2020

- I. Call to Order
  - A. President Mason called the meeting of the Fall 2020 semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:33.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Absent: Senator D. Custer, Senator Portis
- 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. Students are concerned about faculty and staff not wearing masks around campus. This will be addressed with a possible reminder to faculty and staff about how they must be worn.
- VI. Officers' Reports
  - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
    - 1. Integration was approved by the Board of Governors so committees are being put together. Dr. Dale will be visiting a future meeting to talk about this.
    - 2. There are 9 positive COVID cases on campus. These students are being taken care of and their needs are being met while in quarantine.
    - 3. Spring planning is still in the works.
  - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
    - 1. Staff is getting into contact with their counterparts from Edinboro and Cal U to get comfortable with each other due to the integration.
    - 2. Please be cautious when off campus. Sometimes there can be some unfortunate circumstances that happen and we want students to make good choices.
    - 3. The Resource Room has a video to target alumni to be financial donors. There is a donor who is willing to match up to \$10,000 for donations.
  - C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
    - 1. Mandatory Roundtables have started. All organizations must attend!
  - D. President's Report - President Mason
    - 1. Please make smart choices for yourself and the people around you, especially with everyone going home soon with finals week approaching.
    - 2. The dining vendors presented to students last week for student input. It went really well. No decisions have been made yet.

3. At the meeting with the chancellor, there was talk about integration and whatnot, but no decisions have been made.
- E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle
1. No report.
- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
1. Middle States group VII is working on writing their narrative for the steering committee. Treasurer Zavinski wrote about Student Senate and Faculty Senate for it.
  2. The CSA Appropriations Committee came to a consensus for the Student Activity Fee for next semester. It will be sent to the CSA board and then Dr. Dale for approval.
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
1. VP Engelmann is working on signatures for charters. He is waiting for a response from Pages for it.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
1. Middle States working group II met last week. Not much has changed as the main course of action at the moment is simply finishing the report for the steering committee.
  2. You'll be receiving an email on Tuesday morning about the Town Hall so please respond!
- I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
1. Trustee Krupa will be relaying information to Senator Spang about the Town Hall for Senator Spang to present at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
1. There is a Middle States open forum that you can attend on October 26th at 11:00. Meeting ID: 984 9957 2092 Passcode: 631891
  2. There is a Student Facilities Town Hall on Tuesday at 7:00.
  3. The Academics Town Hall was last week.
    - a) Advising was a huge issue that was brought up. Students feel as though advisors don't work with them well, there are sometimes issues with advisors not actually knowing about courses and then having to stay for another semester to complete their necessary courses.
      - (1) There is a Student Complaints form that you can fill out if you have problems with your advisor.
        - (a) <https://www.clarion.edu/current/student-complaints.html>

- b) There is Bart form to fill out for when there is a student of concern. Students want something similar for faculty if they notice something seems off.
- c) Students feel like there are issues with faculty that are tenured because sometimes it seems like they don't abide by the same rules and expectations.
- d) A lot of students feel as though there is an issue with faculty not wanting to take the extra step into learning about online forums and better teach their students.
- e) For every class, the amount of work after a class is supposed to be doubled. However, with synchronous classes, professors are having lectures over Zoom and then uploading more required lectures for the students. Students are simply overwhelmed by the extra amount of work due to being a synchronous class.

## VII. Representative Committee Reports

### A. Clarion Call

- 1. None.

### B. Panhellenic Committee

- 1. They are having a fundraiser with Applebees.
- 2. Fired Up is the 26th.

### C. Interhall Council

- 1. They are planning on having Clarion's Got Talent this Friday at 7:00. The theme is 2000's!

### D. UAB

- 1. None.

### E. ABLE

- 1. None.

### F. BSU

- 1. None.

### G. Allies

- 1. None.

## VIII. Standing Committee Reports

### A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski

- 1. The appropriations committee has been working on the CSA budget roundtables that will take place this week. There will be four roundtables to reach the maximum number of organizations, and the times are:
  - a) Oct. 19 (Mon) @ 2:30pm
  - b) Oct. 20 (Tues) @ 3:30pm
  - c) Oct. 22 (Thurs) @ 4:00pm
  - d) Oct. 23 (Fri) @ 11:00am

2. All organizations must register on CUConnect before attending, and attendance is mandatory for all organizations wishing to receive a budget as the information reviewed is vital to our Clarion organizations.
- B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona
  1. No report.
- C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang
  1. The committee has to meet this week to talk about the Students in Need Scholarship so please look at the GroupMe and respond!
- D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann
  1. VP Engelmann received a constitution from a professor about a new club for women in tech.
- E. Student Facilities Committee - Senator Barboza
  1. The committee met last week.
  2. There will be a Starbucks gift card giveaway from this Friday until next Wednesday and there will be another one before Thanksgiving break.
  3. They're thinking of doing polls on Instagram for students to have an easy way of getting their complaints to the committee.
- F. Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Concerns Committee - Senator Barrett
  1. No report.
- G. Community Relations Committee - Senator Windt
  1. The Good Neighbor Pledge is posted on our social media and we have had a few people sign it so far
  2. The first Good Neighbor Night is tomorrow at 8 with Katie's residents.
  3. The next committee meeting is Wednesday at 1:00 pm.
- H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Hollamby
  1. The Senator Spotlight this week is Senator Joseph.
  2. Posters are being posted on social media for the Town Hall meetings.
  3. Advertisements for anything should be forwarded to the committee! We welcome the work!
- IX. Unfinished Business
  - A. None.
- X. New Business
  - A. None.
- XI. Open Forum or Announcements
  - A. This Thursday is a Presidential Debate and CU Engaged is holding a watch party. The ID is on Instagram.
  - B. Today is the last day to register to vote for PA! Please register to vote!
  - C. Vice President Boyle is going to give a presentation about all of the hard work she has done with voter education at the next trustee meeting.
- XII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Barboza. Seconded by Senator S. Custer. Meeting adjourned at 8:21.