

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021

- I. Call to Order
  - A. President Mason called the meeting of the Spring 2021 semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:30.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Absent: Senator Barboza
- III. Additions to the Agenda
  - A. Trustee Krupa added one under new business.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. Correction: The minutes from February 8th say Fall 2020 instead of Spring 2021.
- V. Student Concerns
  - A. None.
- VI. Officers' Reports
  - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
    - 1. The Clarion family experienced a tragic loss this past weekend. If you feel like you need to talk to someone, or you know someone who is struggling, please utilize the counseling services offered through the university.
    - 2. There will be a survey sent out about integration.
    - 3. The fees will not be sent out to the Trustees until around July this year because of all the fluctuations due to COVID-19.
  - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
    - 1. If you are concerned about yourself or others, please utilize the counseling services that are offered.
  - C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
    - 1. Please check out CU Connect, and encourage others to look at it. There are a lot of programs being offered for students.
  - D. President's Report - President Mason
    - 1. Dr. Gent, the provost, visited Student Senate to go over academic concerns, but also came to students with some questions.
      - a) Most students agreed that taking more than one or two online courses a semester would turn them off of continuing a program or going to the university.
      - b) Senator Custer asked if the university is going to become more lenient with the courses that are offered and substituted when Clarion integrates with CalU and Edinboro.

- (1) There will be a new curriculum that will be used, and students will not be in school for longer than they need to be to be able to graduate.
- c) Trustee Krupa asked about having faculty be given opportunities to learn about teaching in different environments when going through integration.
  - (1) Someone came in over winter break to teach faculty about teaching multimodal and online already. They meet regularly in small groups. Additionally, there are opportunities for professors to learn how to better their teaching skills. Unfortunately, these cannot be forced on to professors, but it is available.
- d) Secretary Robinson asked if there was a way to make it mandatory for professors to record zoom lectures, particularly due to a medical emergency or health condition, especially when the professor is not being compliant.
  - (1) Unfortunately, there is no way to make the recordings to be mandatory, but students should reach out to Ron Radakar and Disabilities Services to make accommodations.
- e) If students are having trouble with a professor actually teaching material and they do not use D2L, send your concerns to department chairs or Dr. Gent.
- f) There are rumors that the Psychology Department is basically going to cease to exist from Clarion.
  - (1) The Psychology Department will be one department among all three integrated schools. There will be professors at each campus though. However, there is the possibility of some retirements happening soon so Clarion is working on some contingency plans.
- g) Senator Barrett brought up the concern of taking an online class from one of the integrated schools while being at Clarion. Which school's policies are you supposed to follow?
  - (1) Essentially, there is a group working to figure out the best way to combine these sorts of policies like grading and recording during test-taking.
- h) VP Boyle wanted to know if advising is being kept in mind during the integration process.
  - (1) There is a working group that is focusing on advising and how to ensure student success.

- i) Since the curriculum will be changing soon with the integration, Dr. Gent said she will look into getting student input on programs and curricula.
    - 2. Please make sure you are interacting with your committee chairs. Points can be awarded if you do not interact.
    - 3. Please reach out to the counseling services if you need to.
  - E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle
    - 1. Please make sure you are interacting with your committee chairs.
    - 2. Chairs, please send your reports to VP Boyle and Secretary Robinson by 5:00 on Monday's!
    - 3. Committee assignments are being sent out with the minutes.
  - F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
    - 1. The CSA Board of Directors meeting will be this week. If you're interested in attending, please reach out. This is a good idea to attend if you are wanting to run for eboard.
    - 2. The CSA Appropriations Committee is scheduling a meeting next week to go over the feasibility of a Student Activity Fee Substitution Scholarship.
  - G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
    - 1. The constitution is set up on Google Drive now so the constitution review committee should start viewing it.
    - 2. Vice President Engelmann has received a more refined version of a constitution for a club, and the committee will be reviewing it.
  - H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
    - 1. The Middle States Standard II working group is meeting tomorrow morning to go over feedback of our first draft from the steering committee. Overall, we had good feedback.
    - 2. If you are interested in running for secretary next year, please let me know! I would be happy to talk to anyone.
  - I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
    - 1. No report.
  - J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
    - 1. Thank you to everyone that attended the Council of Trustees meeting! The next one is April 22nd at 4:00.
    - 2. The next PACT conference is on April 28th.
    - 3. If you are interested in Student Trustee, the application ends this Friday! It is on CU Connect.
- VII. Representative Committee Reports
- A. Clarion Call
    - 1. No report.
  - B. Panhellenic Committee

1. No report.
- C. Interhall Council
  1. No report.
- D. UAB
  1. No report.
- E. ABLE
  1. The Kids at Heart committee is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Event in Level A of Carlson Library. Sign ups are on CU Connect.
  2. ABLE is currently working on a virtual Come Together Clarion event.
- F. BSU
  1. No report.
- G. Allies
  1. Allies is asking for Student Senate to donate a basket for Drag BINGO.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
  - A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski
    1. There has been a lot of progress in both community events. The Starbucks gift card purchase is being processed. The American Marketing Association is joining Student Senate to host the career development event.
    2. The next meeting to go over these programs is this Friday at 12:00 PM.
  - B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona
    1. The committee worked on the infographic for where students can submit concerns.
  - C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang
    1. The committee is meeting tomorrow to go over how to spend some money from Follet.
  - D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann
    1. No report.
  - E. Student Facilities Committee - Senator Barboza
    1. No report.
  - F. Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Concerns Committee - Senator Barrett
    1. No report.
  - G. Community Relations Committee - Senator Windt
    1. The committee is looking into scheduling speakers for a webinar about sexual assault.
    2. The committee has started helping ABLE with Service Day and Come Together Clarion.
  - H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Joseph
    1. No report.
- IX. COVID-19 Updates

- A. The task force would like to help organizations provide an event for students to make the university community feel more connected.
  - B. There are weekly posts provided by the student taskforce about the cases on campus so keep an eye out!
- X. Integration Updates
  - A. No report.
- XI. Unfinished Business
  - A. None.
- XII. New Business
  - A. Trustee Krupa motions for Student Senate to donate \$100 to the Whitman family in lieu of flowers.
    - 1. Trustee S. Custer seconds.
      - a) **Motion passes unanimously.**
- XIII. Open Forum or Announcements
  - A. None.
- XIV. Adjournment
  - A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Treasurer Zavinski. Seconded by Senator Funk. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.