

## Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

March 08, 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 7:32.

### II. Roll Call

- A. Absent: Senator Barboza, Senator Barrett, Senator Custer

### III. Additions to the Agenda

- A. Treasurer Zavinski adds one item.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. The minutes were approved as presented.

### V. Student Concerns

- A. The biggest COVID issue for the university seems to be how there are no repercussions for breaking policies. While they do have to go through modules and are on probation, it seems like there is no true enforcement of the rules. Additionally, the students that are breaking COVID policies, like guest violations, are repeat offenders.

1. Should judicial affairs be included in administrative COVID meetings to bring up these concerns?
2. Along with this, there also seems to be this idea of the falsehood of testing where students believe they are fine and can do whatever they want because they're being tested so often and there is surveillance testing. There is worry that this attitude will continue and lead to a possible breakout.

- B. There have been some issues with students gathering around tables while eating in Gemmell without staff addressing them.

### VI. Officers' Reports

#### A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske

1. The integration survey has gone out. About 1500 students from all three schools have filled it out.
2. The report for the Board of Governments will be a summary of recommendations for integration.
3. Shawn Hoke will be meeting about the structure of the Student Government Association with integration.
4. In April, there will be talk about fees and diversity, equity, and inclusion proposals.
5. Dr. Dale sent out the addition of a new option for an in-person commencement ceremony. It will be extremely modified.

- B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
  - 1. No report.
- C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
  - 1. There was a CSA Board meeting last week.
    - a) The final budget proposal was approved and is now waiting for Dr. Dale's approval.
  - 2. Budgets are coming up, as well as budget roundtables.
- D. President's Report - President Mason
  - 1. The next Student Senate meeting will be March 22nd at the usual time. Enjoy your week off!
  - 2. Keely Ritter, the Venango Student Senate, attended the meeting.
    - a) Over Christmas break, they worked with AVI to get a fresh food vending machine on campus since the cafe was closed for the semester.
    - b) Chartwells has been showing up twice a month for pop-up food events. Other organizations are helping pay for the meals so each student gets their meal for free.
      - (1) They sold 61 meals at the last one.
    - c) They are going to try to host a tie-dye event with Venango campus t-shirts.
    - d) They will be doing a co-sponsored event in two weeks. There will be a beach party in lieu of Spring Break.
    - e) The final event will be an awards ceremony to boost morale.
- E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle
  - 1. Clarion is officially a designated voter friendly campus.
    - a) Congrats to the library science department for having the highest voter participation rate this year!
      - (1) Now, other programs, try to beat them!
  - 2. Transition is starting in the conduct office since VP Boyle will be leaving this year.
  - 3. Conduct Board Training is March 18th and March 25th.
- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
  - 1. The CSA Board of Directors approved the Spring 2021 revised spend plans recommendation and the budget workpapers. These have been sent to Dr. Dale for approval.
  - 2. The CSA appropriations committee is currently evaluating options for the Student Activity Fee exemption with a focus on data mining.
  - 3. The commencement committee met and determined the modality for the May 8 event.

- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
  - 1. No report.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
  - 1. Senator Schwalm resigned from Student Senate.
  - 2. While student concerns are brought up at these meetings, if anyone has a concern about dining or residence life, specifically in Suites on Main, Corey Negley hosts two Advisory Hall Councils every month. The next one is this Wednesday at 6:00. If anyone is interested in going to voice a concern, please reach out to Secretary Robinson for the Zoom.
  - 3. If anybody is on or knows somebody who is on any of the Representative Committees listed in the agenda, please reach out to them. We would like for them to be able to give a report, whether during the meeting or emailed before the meeting.
- I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
  - 1. No report.
- J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
  - 1. The interview process for the new student trustee is currently happening. Student Senate will find out who is selected at the next meeting.

## VII. Representative Committee Reports

- A. Clarion Call
  - 1. None.
- B. Panhellenic Committee
  - 1. Recruitment is done. They got 36 people!
- C. Interhall Council
  - 1. They are posting new interaction things weekly for students, as well as planning for some Fall events.
- D. UAB
  - 1. UAB got an arcade machine for the rec center. There will be weekly challenges!
  - 2. There will be an in-person BINGO on Thursday. It will also have a virtual option. If you would like to attend, please sign up!
  - 3. There will be a virtual cooking event hosted by one of the members of Queer Eye. If you would like to attend, please sign up!
- E. ABLE
  - 1. None.
- F. BSU
  - 1. None.
- G. Allies
  - 1. None.

## VIII. Standing Committee Reports

### A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski

1. The NSSLHA/AMA/Senate sponsored career development event is going through serious planning and a date will be coming soon.
2. In the minutes email will be a Doodle Poll to determine the date with the Student Senate fun day.
3. The next appropriations committee meeting will be March 11 at 5:00pm.

### B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona

1. The Reinhard Awards will be Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 PM. It will be streamed, similar to last year, but there will be an in-person component with senators, presenters, and special guests being in the MPR. The capacity limit is 75, but it is unlikely the event will actually even bring in 50 people.
  - a) This is usually a required event for senators, but since not everyone is on campus, this requirement has been lifted. Senator Wrona will be reaching out on GroupMe to determine which senators will be in attendance.
  - b) For the senate awards, there will be a google forms voting document that is going to be sent out with the minutes email. Senators, please complete this form by March 29th.
  - c) Senator Wrona will determine how many senators will be in attendance through GroupMe.

### C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang

1. The committee, along with some tagalong senators, met last week to discuss what to do with the excess money from Follet under the guidance of Sandy. Senator Spang will soon be in contact with the bookstore manager to make arrangements.
  - a) One idea was to buy graduation caps and gowns for students to rent out.
  - b) There was also an idea for TV's in Commons for sporting events.

### D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee moves to recognize the Clarion Women in Tech as an organization.
  - a) Discussion
    - (1) The main idea of the organization is to lift women in the field of STEM and empower them for the workfield.
    - (2) Will there be an opportunity for funding for conferences and whatnot?

- (a) There is an opportunity to receive funding through the department and outside funding.
- (3) With voting for executive board members, will there be an opportunity for those nominated to give a speech?
  - (a) Yes, when nominated, they are able to give their spiel.
- (4) What conferences does the club have in mind?
  - (a) Women in Technology, Women in Science, and National Women in Technology
- (5) Do you expect to see an increase in membership once you gain traction to be able to receive funding from CSA?
  - (a) Yes, the department is already seeing an increase, so the club will hopefully also see an increase in participation.

**b) Motion passes unanimously.**

- (1) On International Women's Day!!

- 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. There are two confirmed sites for service day and my committee is reaching out to more this week. The date for Service Day is April 24th.
  - 2. The committee is working with LiveSafe to help post different graphics that they are creating and posting those to the Good Neighbor socials and forwarding them to the Public Relations Committee to share.
- H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Joseph
  - 1. The Good Neighbor Program has requested a few different things to post about ways to cope.
  - 2. The committee will be discussing how to spend the budget this week. A poll will be sent out on GroupMe. Committee members, please respond to this by noon tomorrow!
  - 3. The Senator Spotlight this week is VP Dante Engelmann!

**IX. COVID-19 Updates**

- A. The COVID-19 Student Taskforce is meeting with the student trustee from Edinboro for how to promote ways to be healthy during the pandemic.
- B. The Taskforce's events committee has a survey for students to take to determine a game for an organization-wide game night! It is up on CU Connect.

**X. Integration Updates**

- A. None.
- XI. Unfinished Business
  - A. None.
- XII. New Business
  - A. Ryan motions for President Mason and Dante Engelmann to receive their Student Senate graduation stoles early.
    - 1. Trustee Krupa seconds.
  - a) Motion passes.**
- XIII. Open Forum or Announcements
  - A. Reminder that there is no meeting next week on the 15th.
- XIV. Adjournment
  - A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Custer. Seconded by Senator Makar.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30.