

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 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 7:32.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Absent: None.
- 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. There is an electrical box on the side with wires hanging out of it by Reinhard Villages.
- VI. Officers' Reports
  - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
    - 1. The results from the integration survey came in. They will be attached in the minutes email.
    - 2. There are two fact sheets about integration that will also be attached in the minutes email. These are welcome to be shared among anyone.
      - a) There is one on the benefits for students and one on the naming of the new university.
    - 3. There is a mental health day on Friday, April 2nd in response to students communicating that they are in need of a break during the semester since there is a lack of Spring break.
  - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
    - 1. There has been an uptick in BART referrals this month, probably due to the lack of Spring break.
      - a) If you're worried about anyone, please send in a BART.
      - b) Counseling services are available for walk-ins and over Zoom.
    - 2. There has been an increase in the use of the LiveSafe app due to the push from the Wellness Center.
  - C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
    - 1. It is the time of the year for budgets! More information on this will be in Treasurer Zavinski's report.
  - D. President's Report - President Mason
    - 1. BGP will be wrapping up the year soon. It is going to be a transitional time as a lot of members are seniors.

2. Dr. Dale will be at next week's meeting. If you have questions, please email Secretary Robinson
- E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle
1. Transition binders are due Monday, March 29th as a rough draft. The final copy is due the second week of April.
    - a) These are for chairs and executive board members!
- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
1. 10 Student Senators completed the CSI escape room with the fastest completion time of the evening!
  2. Middle States Working Group 7 has been meeting to review the recommendations from the steering committee, and I have prepared a conclusion for the committee regarding the efficiency of Clarion University's leadership, governance, and administration focusing on strengths, challenges, and recommendations.
  3. The commencement committee met to further organize the virtual and in-person events. If you have any questions or comments please reach out to Taylor Boyle or Treasurer Zavinski.
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
1. The constitutional review subcommittee is meeting this Wednesday at 3:00.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
1. Senator D. Custer resigned two weeks ago.
  2. Secretary Robinson has been reaching out to student governments at other PASSHE schools to hopefully gain light on what kind of programming has worked best for them. Once there are responses, everybody will be updated.
    - a) Hopefully, this information can be spread to other organizations on campus who are looking to do more events and programming.
  3. Per the Student Senate Constitution, elections are to be held during the 12th week of the semester, which is coming up soon! Advertising should start soon.
    - a) Applications: April 5th at 8:00 am until April 9th at 8:00 pm.
    - b) Elections: April 12th at 8:00 am until April 16th at 8:00 pm.
  4. APSCUF has reached out and wants everyone to know that the scholarship deadline has been extended to Friday, March 26th at 12:00 PM.
    - a) There are six \$500 scholarships given out to currently enrolled CU students.
    - b) The scholarship can be accessed here:  
<http://www.apscuf.org/universities/clarion/>

- c) Completed applications can be sent electronically to Jan Walters ([jwalters@clarion.edu](mailto:jwalters@clarion.edu)).
    - 5. The Middle States Standard II group is not meeting this month. The only thing left to do is submit the final draft.
    - 6. If anybody is interested in being secretary next year, please reach out! Executive Board elections are coming sooner than you think.
  - I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
    - 1. Jim Geiger presented Golden Eagle Gateway at Faculty Senate for a platform where students can connect with alumni.
      - a) There are social media links/posts, a directory, posted job openings from alumni, etc.
  - J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
    - 1. The new student trustee announcement is tentatively next Monday, March 29th.
- VII. Representative Committee Reports
- A. Clarion Call
    - 1. The Clarion Call published edition 8 on issu.com last Thursday.
    - 2. Because of midterms, they are giving writers and editors a mental health week, and there will not be another edition until April.
    - 3. On social media, the Call posts polls, meeting times, and editions for the public to be able to interact.
    - 4. They are working on updating their website.
      - a) [clarioncallnews.com](http://clarioncallnews.com)
  - B. Panhellenic Committee
    - 1. No report.
  - C. Interhall Council
    - 1. Elections will be held for the next year soon.
    - 2. They are making goodies for Easter.
    - 3. They are working on quarantine gift bags for students who are quarantined.
    - 4. They are looking for advice from CA's on what they wish they knew before coming to college.
  - D. UAB
    - 1. Programs this week:
      - a) Yoga and Zumba on Monday and Wednesday, the same as every week.
      - b) Stand Up Comedy on Wednesday at 8:00 with Michael Palascak.
  - E. ABLE
    - 1. No report.
  - F. BSU

1. No report.

G. Allies

1. No report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski

1. The Senate, AMA, NSSLHA, sponsored career development event will be April 10 in the Gemmell MPR. It will be a hybrid professional development event focusing on resume critiquing and free headshots for all Clarion Students.
  - a) There will be registration.
2. The Student Senate Fun Day will be April 24 in the Gemmell MPR. There will be information presentations on Senate, provided lunch, and team-building activities. The appropriations committee is asking the student relations committee to plan the events.
3. Mandatory budget roundtables for recognized student and university organizations will be held via Zoom:
  - a) Monday, March 22, at 4:00pm
  - b) Tuesday, March 23, at 3:30pm
  - c) Thursday, March 25, at 5:00pm
  - d) Friday, March 26, at 10:00am

B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona

1. Senator Wrona has reached out to other RUO's and RSO's about the Reinhard Awards, but has not yet heard back from any.
  - a) All information about the awards has to be submitted by April 1st to Pages, so if anybody is a part of other organizations, please encourage them to participate because their information has to be in by March 31st.
2. Senator Wrona is going to send out an RSVP for the awards for senators. Please complete this by March 26th.
  - a) [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfvypmmdLLOzbwp3jlypSfCbYDimiahC5fWPbGN8cB3F37EA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfvypmmdLLOzbwp3jlypSfCbYDimiahC5fWPbGN8cB3F37EA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang

1. Senator Spang met with the bookstore manager about the ideas for what to spend the extra Follet money on. She suggested looking on the bookstore website for estimates on some of the items for students in the Act 101 program.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann

1. The Rules and Regulations committee moves to recognize BLM as an organization.
  - a) Discussion:

- (1) The primary purpose of the organization is to educate the campus and community on Black Lives Matter. While the campus seems like a diverse and accepting place, the community does not always seem that way, so they are hoping to build a bridge of connection with the students and the community.
- (2) How will this be different than clubs and organizations under Minority Student Services?
  - (a) There is hope to hold events, and to donate any profits to organizations that support Black Lives Matter. Hopefully, there will also be events held for the community as well as students. They would like to have more conversations that are directly linked to issues of Black Lives Matter.
- (3) The term “controversial” is used in the purpose statement of the constitution. Will there be more of a hope on compromise rather than controversial?
  - (a) This may have been included in a way to not silence issues and individuals. The purpose is more to have an understanding conversation rather than to prove sides of an argument.
- (4) How many members are there, and what are the plans for recruitment?
  - (a) There are currently five individuals participating actively in founding the organization. It has been difficult to recruit this semester, but the main plan will be to use mass emails and flyers.
- (5) What is the purpose in not including first semester freshmen?
  - (a) Anyone is welcome to general members, but for students to become true members will need to be second semester freshmen. This may be subject to change.
  - b) In order to form an organization there needs to be seven members. Because of this, the motion will be tabled until the club is able to get their member numbers up.

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. CU Day of Service is being moved to Saturday, April 17th.
  - a) There is the possibility working with businesses on Main Street to do a Clarion cleanup.
2. Come Together Clarion is officially going to be Saturday, April 17th at Zacherl Farms.

H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Joseph

1. The committee has decided to do an “easter egg hunt” for a giveaway on socials. Senators will have to be willing to participate in a video, and gift cards will be given away to individuals who find a logo in the video, similar to what UAB has done.
2. This week’s Senator Spotlight is Vice President Boyle!
3. The committee will be posting about the Student Senate, NSSLHA, AMA, and Career Center’s headshot and resume event to advertise soon.

IX. COVID-19 Updates

- A. The Taskforce has been pushing posts regarding St. Patrick’s Day and other things with COVID policies.
- B. Dr. Dale sent out a video last week about being cognizant of your actions over weekends.

X. Integration Updates

- A. None.

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. None.

XII. New Business

- A. None.

XIII. Open Forum or Announcements

- A. Eagle Ambassadors is hosting Pets and Popcorn with the President. It will be a relaxed chat with Dr. Dale at 7:00 on Wednesday.
- B. The Student Senate Spy Museum event is on Monday, April 5th at 4:00.
- C. Wednesday will be the final cutoff date for any auditions for the Drag Talent Show.

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Custer. Seconded by Senator Barboza. Meeting adjourned at 8:29.