

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 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 7:31.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Absent: Senator Windt
- III. Additions to the Agenda
  - A. VP Engelmann adds one under unfinished business.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. The minutes were approved as presented.
- V. Student Concerns
  - A. Is there a chance for disposable masks, hand sanitizers, etc. for students?
    - 1. This can be brought up at the next Fall Reopening Team meeting.
- VI. Officers' Reports
  - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
    - 1. No report. (Note: Dr. Fenske is not a slacker.)
  - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
    - 1. No report.
  - C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
    - 1. No report.
  - D. President's Report - President Mason
    - 1. There is no meeting next Monday, April 5th.
      - a) The next meeting is Monday, April 12th at the usual scheduled time.
    - 2. Any senators with a Student Senate stole, let President Mason know if you would like it for your graduation pictures.
    - 3. Dr. Dale is here to talk about COVID, the mental health day, and integration.
      - a) COVID
        - (1) We have dealt with COVID for over a year now, and the university is following the state guidelines, CDC guidelines, and science with the process of reopening the university.
        - (2) Depending on what happens with any sort of surge, spread, or mutation, the university is going to open as much as possible, but there will be restrictions in regards to things like WINGO.

- (3) There will still be student involvement on all of the committees dealing with COVID.
  - (a) Student input is really important.
- (4) As much as Spring Break would have been lovely, it had to be cancelled due to COVID. A lot of students, faculty, etc. needed a day off because of the stress everybody has been under, so the university initiated the mental health day for Friday, April 2nd.

b) Mental Health

- (1) The priority of mental health is going to continue next semester as well. These adjustments to the new normal will be weird for everyone, so we want to push a focus to it.

c) Integration

- (1) The biggest concerns students have for integration are completion of programs, university names on diplomas, and programs being cut.
  - (a) There are students and other members on committees to cover all of this to make sure input is heard.
  - (b) The integration plans are to be presented to the Board of Governors soon.
- (2) One of the big things for integration is to revamp the pedagogical approaches to teaching. Traditional teaching is great for some, but students are adapting and are more engaged in other ways.
- (3) Integration would also allow for us to revamp student success programs. People need to be available for students and all of their questions on different issues when adjusting to college life.

d) Questions:

- (1) There have been concerns brought up specifically about the history department essentially going away at Clarion.
  - (a) Dr. Dale mentioned she would look into questions like this. Programs being reworked across the three universities are being thoughtfully done.
- (2) What will happen if there is a surge in cases next year?
  - (a) There will have to be a pivot to online, at least for a little while until cases go down.
- (3) How did the decision for the mental health day for this Friday get made?

- (a) Students emailed multiple people simply expressing the need for a break.
- (4) Could mental health days be set in future semesters?
  - (a) With the focus of mental health and wellness, that is definitely something that we will be considering.
- (5) Could we be more transparent to students about bathroom issues for commencement?
  - (a) There will actually be bathrooms at commencement with ADA compliance.

E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle

- 1. No report.

F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski

- 1. The joint CSA and Student Senate roundtables have been completed. The attendance was great, and there will be a video recording coming out this week. All budgets are due to CSA by the end of business Friday, April 2nd.
- 2. Middle States Working Group 7 continues meeting to discuss improvements to the governance, leadership, and administration document.
- 3. Student leaders met with the Chancellor on Friday to discuss system redesign, the pandemic response, and integration.

G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann

- 1. The constitutional review committee met recently. Hopefully, the constitution will be ready for everyone in a few weeks.
- 2. If you are interested in running for this position, please reach out!

H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson

- 1. 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.
- 2. If anyone is interested in running for secretary, please reach out!

I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang

- 1. Vaccines cannot be mandated because they're experimental.
- 2. Clarion freshmen enrollment is down 39%.
- 3. There was the idea to line up academic tracks with community colleges with four year long degrees.
- 4. There will be another round of funding through the CARES Act.

J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa

1. Frequently scheduled meetings with Kaitlyn may be missing her attendance due to her preceptorship.
2. Secretary Robinson has been elected as the next Student Trustee. Please include her in any meetings and emails that seem relevant to the position.
3. Senator Shannon is going to be the new leader of the Student COVID-19 Taskforce. If there are any meetings or emails regarding COVID, please include him!
4. The next Council of Trustees meeting is April 22nd at 4:00.
5. The PACT conference is April 28th.
6. Trustee Krupa is a part of the integration committee regarding the new name and whatnot. If you have any questions, please reach out!

## VII. Representative Committee Reports

### A. Clarion Call

1. This is the Call's mental health week for their staff.

### B. Panhellenic Committee

1. None.

### C. Interhall Council

1. None.

### D. UAB

1. There is a Rock Art event tomorrow night over Zoom.
2. Stuff-A-Plush was just held. The plushes are currently being handed out to those who registered.
3. UAB is working with the activities board for Cal and Edinboro.
  - a) All programs will be advertised on CU Connect.

### 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 will meet this week to complete the '21-'22 Budget. If you have any requests or questions, please reach out to Treasurer Zavinski.
2. Representatives from Student Senate, AMA, NSSLHA, and career services will meet this week to organize the career development event on April 10.
3. The Student Senate Fun Day will be April 24. More details coming soon.

### B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona

1. Aubrey has only received 12 Senate Reinhard Award RSVP's so please remember to submit those ASAP!

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)

2. Senator Wrona will be meeting with Rob Hoover to discuss the tech set up for the awards. The program information will be sent to PAGES on Thursday.
3. There is some participation from other organizations, but please continue to reach out!
4. The committee is also working on activities for the Student Senate Fun Day!

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang

1. The committee met last week to draft up an email about purchasing 18 Macbooks for Trio and ACT 101 to split. There will be an assortment of caps and gowns to rent out. There will be 3 TV's purchased as well.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann

1. No report.

E. Student Facilities Committee - Senator Barboza

1. The committee is working on surveys and forms to be sent out to students on social media for feedback on residence life, campus life, and facilities.
2. Senator Barboza wants to make mental health days part of each semester.

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

1. No report.

G. Community Relations Committee - Senator Windt

1. The committee is still working towards getting the renting rights document approved, and hopefully it will be available for move in time next semester.
2. Advertisements and the form for service day should be up sometime this week and the committee is still waiting to hear back from the local businesses who want to do a Clarion cleanup.
3. Come Together Clarion is looking for campus organizations to sign up and have a table and activity at the event.

H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Joseph

1. The software for the virtual easter egg hunt has been determined! The committee will be posting Senator Spang's senator spotlight video, along with Senator Joseph's. Each week we want to post 1-2 senators so we can use up as much of the budget as possible. Since the semester is coming to an end, there should be roughly 8 videos total so we can give away 15

dollar gift cards for each submission, and we also still want to have the giveaway at the very end.

- a) There needs to be at least 6 volunteers, and the videos need to be sent to the committee ASAP to be able to edit.
- 2. There will be posts about the Student Senate Fun Day, the headshots event, and elections on social media in the upcoming weeks.
- 3. Senator Wilcox is the senator spotlight!

IX. COVID-19 Updates

- A. None.

X. Integration Updates

- A. None.

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. VP Englemann would like to reopen the motion from the Rules and Regulations committee to be recognized as a student organization.

**1. Motion passes unanimously.**

XII. New Business

- A. None.

XIII. Open Forum or Announcements

- A. Reminder that there is no meeting next week!

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Shannon. Seconded by Senator Funk. Meeting adjourned at 8:21.