

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021

- I. Call to Order
 - A. President Mason called the meeting of the Spring semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:30.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Absent: Senator Barboza, Senator Custer, Senator Funk, Senator Makar, Dr. Fenske
- 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 are concerns that there are chairs on campus in classrooms that are not big enough to fit some individuals.
- VI. Officers' Reports
 - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
 - 1. Fees for housing and meal plans will be reported at the next Council of Trustees meeting to be approved.
 - 2. While the COVID spikes are not as bad as at the end of last Fall to lead to closed study lounges and carryout meals, administration is carefully watching and figuring out the best way to handle the uptick in cases.
 - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
 - 1. The Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) is starting to review in-person student events to ensure safety guidelines with COVID are being followed.
 - C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Ms. Machokas
 - 1. Contrary to gossip, the bookstore is not closing. We have moved from Follet to a new vendor, eCampus, but they will not be starting until June 1st.
 - a) Rental books can still be sent to the campus bookstore.
 - b) eCampus will be handling textbooks for the summer sessions.
 - 2. In conversation with Follet, the Academic Affairs Committee requested to use remaining scholarship money for rental grad caps, laptops, and the likes, but they were turned down.
 - 3. There is an event through CU Connect that went out today about a Zoom Small Games of Chance session. This is a training presented by the State Police. If you're interested, please sign up!
 - D. President's Report - President Mason

1. Dr. Hartley is a guest tonight to talk about the accreditation process.
 - a) Clarion University is going through the Middle States accreditation, even if integration occurs, so the new “entity” will be accredited.
 - (1) Some senators are part of the Middle States working groups to be the student voice.
 - (2) The working groups have essentially completed the majority of the work. The executive committee is expecting final drafts from each group soon to bring down to a 100 page document to tell the narrative of the university and the students.
 - (3) In late October, there will be a visit from the chair to talk over the issues of the report, and then there will be a visit of about seven to eight individuals on campus to get a better sense of how the university is meeting its mission.
 - (4) The university is being accredited in the sense to tell everyone that we can produce students at rigorous levels so we deserve to be federally funded and recognized by the Department of Education.
 - (a) Accreditation for certain programs attract stronger faculty, and graduate schools and employers may prefer that students have gone through an accredited program. However, not all programs have accreditation, so it does not mean that they are useless.
 - (5) Senator Zavinski asked how do we accredit something (the integrated university) that is not already built?
 - (a) It's a step by step process. The Board of Governors has been educated on the meaning of accreditation, and hopefully the whole integration idea will be opened for public comment soon.
 - (6) Senator Spang asked if the programs will be the same for current students, but change for incoming freshmen the year we integrate?
 - (a) The learning outcomes will be identical to the year you commit/contract to the university. While course titles may differ, you will still receive your course catalog.

E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Boyle

1. No report.

- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Zavinski
 - 1. RUO and RSO budget recommendations have been completed and will go before the CSA Board of Directors for approval.
 - 2. The Chancellor held a meeting on appropriations of the State System. The Chancellor emphasized advocating to legislatures to provide more funding to the PASSHE system.
 - a) PA is ranked the 47th state in amount allocated to higher education.
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulation - Vice President Engelmann
 - 1. No report.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Robinson
 - 1. Elections are currently underway! Vote on CU Connect from now until Friday, April 16th at 8:00 PM.
 - a) <https://cuconnect.clarion.edu/submitter/election/start/478912>
 - 2. If you are interested in being the next secretary of Student Senate, please reach out. Also, if you would like to be nominated for an Eboard position, please let someone know as you cannot nominate yourself!
- I. Faculty Senate - Senator Spang
 - 1. Residence halls will be closed for the summer.
 - 2. 952 students are signed for housing for the Fall.
 - 3. Sophomores will be welcome at the orientation week next semester since many have not been on campus before.
 - 4. The bookstore will have a smaller presence on campus.
- J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Krupa
 - 1. There is a Council of Trustees meeting on April 22nd at 4:00.
 - 2. Trustee Krupa and Secretary Robinson are meeting with the trustees of Edinboro and CalU later this week.

VII. Representative Committee Reports

- A. Clarion Call
 - 1. The next issue will come out this Thursday!
- B. Panhellenic Committee
 - 1. No report.
- C. Interhall Council
 - 1. Elections will be on April 29th. Anybody can run for an Eboard position.
 - 2. Trivia night was last Thursday. Only three people showed up, but a prospective student attended!
 - 3. The virtual office hour will be changing.
- D. UAB
 - 1. No report.
- E. ABLE

1. The Kids at Heart Spring event, and CU Day of Service have been cancelled due to COVID.
2. Come Together Clarion will be virtual.
 - a) There is a baby drive around campus for this.
3. There will be a mental health speaker coming up.
4. The Ropes Course is hosting a speaker, a comedian, and a game show at different nights this week.

F. BSU

1. No report.

G. Allies

1. No report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Zavinski

1. The Career Development event was a success. We had 18 students in attendance, and they appreciated the workshops and free headshots.
2. The Student Senate Fun Day will be held April 24th from 10:00am-5:00pm. The event is awaiting final approvals and the completed schedule will be shared with attending Senators soon. Please register for the event on CU Connect.

B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Wrona

1. The Reinhard Awards are next Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00.
 - a) Senators should wear appropriate clothes.
 - b) Other organizations can have some attendees, but only 5 at the most.
 - c) <https://clarion.zoom.us/j/9648009805>

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Spang

1. Follet did not approve the recommendation to spend the extra money on grad caps and gowns, laptops, and televisions, etc. They will instead use the money to offset inventory purchase.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Engelmann

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee motions to approve the modification of ABLE's constitution, which will include a name change to LEAD.
 - a) Discussion:
 - (1) COVID has been a struggle for a lot of clubs, but it showed the weaker parts of ABLE. There is such a divide in age among the members, so we thought this was the perfect time to make a big change. The current sophomores of the group have been working since the beginning of the semester to go over the constitution and make a bunch of

changes as a whole. Details are still being worked on, but as a whole, but the idea is solid.

(2) Why is the name being changed to LEAD?

(a) This will signify a new transition of the club, but ABLE is also supposed to stand for advisory board. We have not operated as an advisory board. Instead, we want to highlight what we already do, which is training potential leaders. Committees will also be changing to leadership opportunities.

(3) Will events like Come Together Clarion still be a thing, and will Student Senate still be involved?

(a) We are not ruling out partnering with Student Senate or anything, but our main focus is to educate leaders. If we go forward with those events, then we will definitely still want to partner.

b) **Motion Passes with three abstentions.**

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. Come Together Clarion will be held virtually April 21st to 24th.

a) There will be free T-shirts, crafts, raffles, and activity workbooks.

2. The CTC Baby Supply Drive will be April 15th to 23rd.

3. CU Day of Service this Saturday is cancelled.

H. Public Relations Committee - Senator Joseph

1. The committee is posting videos for gift card giveaways this week, while also posting about elections.

2. There will be an upcoming post about the Senate Fun Day as well.

IX. COVID-19 Updates

A. The COVID-19 Student Taskforce will be pushing out more infographics and flashy posts since there has been a spike in cases.

B. Vaccines will be open in PA for anyone over the age of 16 coming up soon.

X. Integration Updates

A. None.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. None.

XII. New Business

A. None.

XIII. Open Forum or Announcements

- A. There is a virtual paint night with Eagle Ambassadors this Wednesday!

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Secretary Robinson. Seconded by VP Engelmann. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.